

NEW SOUTH WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION - COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday 23 May 2007

Present: Alex Yezerski, Kim Morrison, Warren Lazer, Bruce Neill, Kim Neale,
Ken Storr, Judy Mott

Apologies: Julian Foster, David Beauchamp

1 Opening

The Chairman opened the meeting at 6.50 pm.

2 Confirmation of Minutes of 15 April

Motion: *That the Minutes for 15th April meeting be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.*

Moved Kim Morrison

Seconded Bruce Neill

The motion was carried.

3 Completed Tasks from Previous Meeting

Councillor	Action Items	Current Status
JM	Organise purchase of new table cloths.	Done
WL	Setup and chair FABC/NSWBA Merger sub committee.	Done
KM	KM to advertise forthcoming director positions.	Done
WL	Check calendar to see if there is a benefit to moving championship night from Monday to Tuesday.	Done
WL	Review if it is appropriate for NSW to contribute hands to the BAWA Simultaneous Pairs as the Bridge Laws prohibit the reuse of hands.	Done

4 Special Business

No special business was raised.

5 Correspondence

- Letter from St Vincent's Private Ladies Committee thanking us for the loan of 33 card tables for their card day Saturday 19th May. Tables all returned.
- Email from ABF relating to the requirement that all players in licensed ABF events must be registered in the ABF masterpoint scheme. KN notes it is assumed that this only applies to players resident in Australia and not overseas visitors.
- Request for use of NSWBA premises from Strata Management for fire warden training on May 3. Permission was given and Liz Fanos attended.
- Bateman's Bay Bridge Club request for details. Council feels it is appropriate for KN to check details with LF and respond.

6 Chairman's Report

The Chairman's report was tabled. In brief,

- Air-conditioning: Council reviewed the quote from Grosvenor Air-conditioning. All aspects are not yet costed, however the solution is heading towards a cost of \$200K. Council briefly discussed looking at moving premises for the following reason, the cost of updating the air-conditioning, the cost of premises within the city. It was generally felt that the city is no longer tenable, however, if we do relocate it would need to be near the city with all the necessary facilities, such as proper air-conditioning, parking, etc.

7 Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer was absent from the meeting – no report was tabled.

8 Committee Reports

FABC

First meeting of the FABC/NSWBA Merger Committee was held on Wednesday 23rd May at 6:15pm. Membership of the committee is Neville Moses, John Scudder, Alex Yezerski, Bruce Neill, Ken Storr and Warren Lazer (chair). Neville Moses advises that there are no insurmountable problems with the merger going ahead. Neville Moses is looking at proposals.

Youth, Teaching and Library

No report was tabled. JM noted that there are some outstanding books borrowed by the juniors that DB needs to chase up with help from the Office.

Rules & Ethics and Appeals

The Report was tabled. In brief,

- Letter received re Hopetoun Village Bridge Club, Castle Hill, involving allegations of impropriety, rudeness and inadequate response by a director. BN is responding.
- Ethics framework is being worked on. Peter Jamieson is proposing to present a series of small items in the newsletter.

Promotion and Director Liaison

In the not too distant future a new director may be required. KM advises that a few people have expressed an interest and they will be kept on file for the future.

House

Tablecloths are being prepared. Judy suggests that we plan the next working bee around changing to the new tablecloths and various other tidying and sprucing up of the clubrooms.

Unfortunately, the Lavazza representative has not been contactable and may not be interested. JM has received copies of sponsorship offers prepared by John Arkinstall a few years back. Lavazza was one of those approached – but nothing came of this.

Tournament

The Tournament committee Report was tabled.

- Dave Griffith Pairs set for Sunday June 24th. Kimberley will come in and talk to players at end of session. An ad has been placed on the website and the office is trying to contact players who haven't been seen in a while and may wish to participate. Wine prizes to be arranged. KM to arrange catering and to ensure someone from council attends the presentation.
- 2008 Calendar: Pauline Gumby drafted a rough calendar for 2008 based around Tuesday night and we gain 4 nights (over using Monday night). First step is for Liz Fanos to talk to Tuesday night players to understand the impact of this change on them.
- ANC Teams: ANC Teams were ratified by Council. Keiran Crowe-Mai to captain the Senior and Women's Teams. BN to approach Mat McManus about captaining the Open and Youth Teams. Representative jackets are being organised by JM.
- ANC Butler Pairs: The top pair for the Open and Women's Butler have been ratified and will receive grants and rep. jackets. Open – Fred Curtis and Bob Sebesfi. Women's – Marcia Scudder and Inez Glander.
- ANC Pairs: These one day ANC events only apply to one pair from the Open and one pair from the Mixed. NSWBA does not send pairs from Women's and Seniors as there is no qualifying event. There was some discussion about the ANC pairs as in reality pairs will not travel to the ANC for a one day event, however those pairs already participating in the Teams or Butler may stay on for an extra day. It was decided that the entry fee to the ANC event and a representative jacket would be offered to first place and if they are not going to the ANC then entry fee and jacket will be offered down to third place only. No grants. If none of the top three pairs is going, then the NSWBA will advertise for

pairs to fill the remaining places. Should the number of pairs applying exceed the number of spots available in the event, then lots will be drawn randomly from the pairs who applied. Entries will be coordinated by the Office.

- ITS Open and Women's Finals: There was some discussion about changing the match split from 3/4/5 to 4/4/5. However, it was decided to leave as is – so that anyone who wishes to participate in the ANZAC day activities may do so.

Sponsorship

Letters are currently being prepared for ongoing sponsorship for De Bortoli and Manzoni Accessories.

The Sydney Morning Herald has approached the office and asked about us using their logo on the website. Due to a change in management, the NSWBA has been unable to successfully contact the Herald about our sponsorship arrangements. The Sydney Morning Herald has asked for a new request using the sponsorship form available on their website. KN is preparing this application with a covering letter to explain our previous arrangements with The Sydney Morning Herald. Council discussed and agreed it would be reasonable to ask for \$3000.

Other options for sponsorship are being investigated.

9 General Business

- 2007 Spring Nationals: Advertisements to go into the NSWBA and ABF newsletters have been prepared. A draft brochure will also be distributed shortly, for approval by Council.
- Keiran Crowe-Mai has been asked by the Senior and Womens' Teams to be captain at ANC. Keiran has accepted and council ratifies the decision.
- Clubs may be bypassing paying Congress licence fees by calling their events holidays rather than Congresses – is this happening? Do the rules need tightening. AY to review with LF and identify if we have a problem.
- \$411 raised at the Bridge for Brains day on Monday 7th May. All from donations and sales of artificial flowers made by Ying Zheng (regular daytime player). KN to review with Liz and prepare Thankyou's.
- Proposal from MSC Cruises: This looks a lot like the proposal we received previously. Council decided that we did not want to actively participate, however, we would provide MSC Cruises with our advertising rates and if they wish to pay to advertise in our newsletter or on the website that this would be acceptable. AY to advise Liz.

10 Action Items from May Meeting

Councillor	Action Item	Current Status
JM	Organise next working bee. Probably June time frame.	Ongoing
KN	To investigate and ascertain the Club responsibilities and the State Government requirements for adult supervision of minors in organised activities.	Ongoing
BN	To liaise with LF re procedure for psych register.	Ongoing
JM	To discuss catering options with Ed Barnes and coordinate with Jenny and the Office.	Ongoing
JM/KN	Secure Lavazza as a major sponsor.	In Progress
KN	Look at the best use of the Advertising/Marketing Grant from the ABF. Organise notice on website and in bulletin, advertising, etc.	Ongoing
KM	Make all necessary arrangements to stage the Dave Griffiths Pairs on 24 June.	In Progress
DB	Review options for replacement bidding box refills with Paul Lavings.	Outstanding
L Fanos	Liz to talk to the Tuesday night players to understand the impact on them of a change of championship night from Monday to Tuesday.	Current
KN	Respond to Bateman's Bay Bridge Club request for details.	Current
BN	To talk to Mat McManus about captaining the ANC Youth and Open Teams.	Current
KN	Arrange Thankyou's for the Brains for Bridge Day via the Office	Current
DB	Have the office chase outstanding books borrowed by the juniors.	Current

11 Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday June 20th at 6:15pm.

The meeting was closed at 8:35 pm.