

NEW SOUTH WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION - COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday 20 June 2007

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

1 Opening

The Chairman opened the meeting at 6.15 pm.

2 Confirmation of Minutes of 23 May 2007

Motion: *That the Minutes for 23rd May meeting be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.*

Moved Bruce Neill
Seconded Judy Mott

The motion was carried.

3 Completed Tasks from Previous Meeting

Councillor	Action Items	Current Status
KN	Investigate and ascertain the Club responsibilities and the State Government requirements for adult supervision of minors in organised activities. Conclusion: The NSWBA does not provide child-related employment and as such is not required to register with the NSW Commission for Children and Young People. A complete report has been prepared with supplementary information from the guidelines provided by the Commission for reference purposes.	Done
BN	Set up a psych register, specify the procedures relating to its use, and determine penalties for failure to comply with those procedures.	Done
KM	Arrange catering and wine prizes for the Dave Griffiths Pairs on 24 June. Also, ensure a council representative attends the presentation.	Done
WL	Ask Liz to survey Tuesday night players re proposal to move the championship night from Monday to Tuesday.	Done
BN	Approach Mat McManus to captain the ANC Youth and Open Teams.	Done

4 Special Business

No special business listed.

5 Correspondence

- Letter from Judy Frazier re Teams of Three echoing issues raised by Judy Mott in her Convener's report. It was decided to more strongly impress upon future ANC State Representatives their obligation to captain a team in this event. JM to review the form letter sent to State Reps. AY to respond to Judy Frazier's letter.
- Letter from Prince of Wales Hospital re Bridge for Brains. KN to respond.
- Notice of extraordinary meeting of Building Owners. AY to attend.
- Complaint from Wagga BC re directors exam paper. Forwarded to T Howes to deal with.
- The ABF MC advises that the State Associations will receive an Australian Bridge subscription. Noted with thanks.

6 Chairman's Report

The Chairman's report was tabled. In brief,

- Air-conditioning: Southland Pacific are conducting a feasibility review and will report by the end of June.
- Wings Away Travel's application to have their social bridge holiday listed on the website was declined on the grounds that they are not an affiliated club. Instead, they were invited to advertise at standard commercial rates.
- No opposition to the proposed FABC/NSWBA merger was evident at the FABC regional representatives meeting.

7 Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer was tabled at the meeting. In brief,

- Financial position will allow us to make a \$25K instalment payment on the ABF loan this year.
- The balance falls due in March 2008. The ABF has indicated a willingness to negotiate an extension of the arrangement. JF to progress.
- The air-conditioning upgrade, should it eventuate, would need to be funded by a separate loan. JF to investigate whether a loan for that purpose can be obtained from the ABF on more favourable terms than one from a bank.

8 Committee Reports

FABC

The Country Reps meeting was held on 2nd June. The main things to come out of the meeting were: (1) Procedure for providing money for teaching needs to be streamlined; (2) If the proposed amalgamation of the NSWBA and FABC goes ahead with four Affiliated Club reps on the expanded Council, then one of these should represent the Sydney Metropolitan region, one the outer metropolitan region, and two should represent Country NSW.

Youth, Teaching and Library

Tina wishes to take a break from teaching next year due to family commitments. DB to approach Ed Barnes to see whether he would be prepared to take over while Tina is away.

There is no current supervised play as all beginners have been integrated into the main sessions of play.

Rules & Ethics and Appeals

No incidents to report.

Promotion and Director Liaison

KM advises that Charles Klassen would like to relinquish his Thursday PM directing session and a replacement is being sought.

House

Tablecloths have been ordered and will be ready in July.

Catering arrangements need a bit of fine tuning even though on the whole they are working well and are much appreciated by the players . JM & Liz to formalise the arrangement with Jenny Cufar.

Tournament

The Tournament committee Report was tabled at the meeting. The possibility of shifting the championship night from Monday to Tuesday was canvassed. It was decided to ensure players have a chance to express an opinion. A note is to be sent to the email list and a message posted on the website inviting feedback. Decision to be finalised at the next Council meeting.

Sponsorship

Letters have been sent to De Bortoli and Manzoni Accessories.

9 General Business

Keiran Crowe-Mai was ratified as Captain for the Seniors' and Women's Teams at the ANC. Matthew MacManus was ratified as Captain for the Open and Youth Teams.

10 Action Items from June Meeting

Councillor	Action Item
JM	Organise working bee once tablecloths are ready.
JM/KN	Secure Lavazza as a major sponsor.
KN	Look at the best use of the Advertising/Marketing Grant from the ABF. Organise notice on website and in bulletin, advertising, etc.
JF	Review requirements for replacement bidding box cards.
KN	Respond to Bateman's Bay Bridge Club request for details.
AY	Attend Body Corporate EGM.
AY	Review Honorary Solicitor options.
KN	Arrange Thank you's for the Bridge for Brains Day via the Office
DB	Chase up outstanding library books with help from the Office.
JM	Formalise Jenny Cufar's catering agreement.
JM	Review the standard letter sent ANC State Representatives in regard to captaining the Teams of Three.
AY	Respond to Judy Frazier's letter about the Teams of Three.
JF	Review the ABF loan situation.
KM	Arrange for a director to take over Charles's Thursday pm session.
WL	Survey members re proposal to move Championship events to Tuesday evening.

11 Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday July 25th at 6:15pm.

The meeting was closed at 8:00 pm.