

NEW SOUTH WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION - COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday 25 July 2007

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

Apologies: Ken Storr, Kim Neale

1 Opening

The Chairman opened the meeting at 6.15 pm.

2 Confirmation of Minutes of 20 June

Motion: *That the Minutes for 20th June meeting be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting (subject to changing the word “May” to “June” in the title of section 10 – Action Items).*

Moved Bruce Neill

Seconded Judy Mott

The motion was carried.

3 Completed Tasks from Previous Meeting

Councillor	Action Item	Current Status
JM	Organise working bee once tablecloths are ready. - To organise an office filing clear-up instead	No longer required.
JF	Review requirements for replacements bidding box cards	Done
AY	Attend Body Corporate EGM	Done
AY	Review Honorary Solicitor options.	Done
AY	Respond to Judy Frazier’s letter about the Teams of Three	Done
WL	Survey members re proposal to move Championship events to Tuesday evening	Done
JF	Review the ABF loan situation	Done
KM	Arrange for a director to take over Charles’s Thursday pm session	Done

4 Special Business

No special business was raised.

5 Correspondence

No correspondence was tabled.

6 Chairman's Report

The Chairman's report was tabled. In brief,

- Southland Pacific have submitted a preliminary audit report stating the present use of the NSWBA premises does not contravene any regulations. They also estimate the air-con upgrade will cost at least \$100K
- A member of both the NSWBA and the Bowlers Club, in York St, has suggested we contact them about leasing part of their premises. Judging from their web site they have excellent facilities. A scouting visit is being arranged.

A general discussion was held about premises, the options being to proceed with air-conditioning, progress the Bowlers club option, or consider moving to another location.

DB suggested a committee of members with suitable property experience be set up to provide a recommendation. Council endorsed the suggestion but felt that this exercise should not be allowed to impede the air conditioning work. Accordingly, authorisation was given to proceed to Stage II of the project, the technical audit.

7 Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer's report was tabled. In brief,

- Results to 30 June show a net loss of \$300 (last year loss of \$45,000). Finances are still comfortable.
- Pay rates of bridge teachers and dealers are over due for a review. Council authorised JF to determine appropriate increases, secure agreement from the individuals involved, and report back to Council at the next meeting.

8 Committee Reports

FABC

There was no report.

Youth, Teaching and Library

Ed Barnes will be taking over teaching from Tina Zines for the next round of lessons

Rules & Ethics and Appeals

- Nothing to report

Promotion and Director Liaison

Charles Klassen has given up the Thursday session. Robert Vadas will do the next 2 weeks and Ed Barnes is interested thereafter.

House

Tablecloths and notice board covers have been replaced by Judy Mott. Council expressed their gratitude for the significant improvement in the décor.

Tournament

The Tournament committee Report was tabled.

- ANC: The NSW results were much poorer than usual. NSW did win the Youth but no other teams made the final. The ANC Pairs events were very poorly attended and there is debate at ABF level as to whether they will be scrapped.
- 2008 Calendar: Draft calendars were presented showing Tuesday night and Monday night. In the light of no clear preference from players, and the fact the ABF has moved playoffs to now start on Wednesdays, it was recommended that the main tournament night remain Mondays. Council accepted this recommendation. Councillors with particular comments on the draft 2008 calendar should contact WL directly.
- John Arkinstall: It was discussed whether an event should be named after John Arkinstall. It was felt by the majority that John would not have wished this. However, the possibility to remain open should sentiment change.
- Four Ball Better Ball teams event during the ANC was cancelled due to lack of numbers.

JF requested that the Tournament Committee introduce some formal duties for event convenors (especially for the State events) given existing lack of clarity and delays in receiving details and income for some events.

Sponsorship

No report was tabled.

9 General Business

- State Open Teams Metropolitan Final 9 September 2007: It was considered whether the venue should be changed in the light of the APEC summit. It was agreed that the North Shore Bridge Club should be approached.
- NSWBA/FABC Merger: The FABC has passed resolutions for this change. Its Constitution to be amended. Legal firm Hunt & Hunt to be approached to draft the documentation and costs will be split 50:50 between the FABC and NSWBA. A Special Resolution will need to be organised in time for the NSWBA AGM in December.
- Chess Association: Council discussed the request from Peter Parr from the NSW Chess Association to rent the premises for a 13 day period around Christmas 2007 to hold the Australian Chess Championships. Peter attended the meeting at 8pm to present his

request. Council concluded it was unable to accept the proposal due to the need to disrupt too many existing duplicate sessions and a clash with the New Years Masters Teams event.

10 Action Items from July Meeting

Councillor	Action Item	Current Status
JM	Formalise Jenny Cufar's catering agreement.	Ongoing
JM	Discuss special event catering options with Ed Barnes and coordinate with Jenny and the Office.	Ongoing
KN	Look at the best use of the Advertising/Marketing Grant from the ABF. Organise notice on website and in bulletin, advertising, etc.	Ongoing
JM	Review the standard letter sent to ANC State Representatives in regard to captaining Teams of Three	Ongoing
DB	Chase up outstanding library books with help from the Office	Ongoing
KN	Respond to Bateman's Bay Bridge Club request for details.	Ongoing
KN	Arrange Thankyou's for the Brains for Bridge Day via the Office	Ongoing
JF	Write to ABF to formally request roll-over of the loan	Current
JM/JF	To organise a weekend session to go through the office and rationalise the filing and archive appropriate material	Current
AY	To arrange a meeting for AY/BN/LF with the Bowlers Club	Current
DB	To form a sub-committee composed of business knowledgeable people to investigate all premises options	Current
JF	To provide details to WL about recommendations for event convenor duties.	Current
JF	To review and amend pay rates for teaching and dealing	Current
WL	To contact North Shore Bridge Club to request using their venue for the State Open Teams Metropolitan Final on 9 September	Current

11 Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday August 29th at 6:15pm.
The meeting was closed at 9:00 pm.