

NEW SOUTH WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION - COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday 29 August 2007

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

Apologies: Ken Storr, Kim Morrison

1 Opening

The Chairman opened the meeting at 6.20 pm.

2 Confirmation of Minutes of 20 June

Motion: *That the Minutes for 25th July meeting be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.*

Moved David Beauchamp

Seconded Bruce Neill

The motion was carried.

3 Completed Tasks from Previous Meeting

Councillor	Action Item	Current Status
KN	Respond to Bateman's Bay Bridge Club request for details.	Completed
KN	Arrange Thankyou's for the Brains for Bridge Day via the Office	Completed
AY	To arrange a meeting for AY/BN/LF with the Bowlers Club	Completed
JF	To provide details to WL about recommendations for event convenor duties. In progress draft letters ready to send	Completed
WL	To contact North Shore Bridge Club to request using their venue for the State Open Teams Metropolitan Final on 9 September	Completed

4 Special Business

Council discussed and decided that it is preferable if the Director and Office staff do not play during sessions. Office to try and find standby people.

5 Correspondence

Request from Sid Reynolds to purchase cards and boards. Council decided we needed to audit the available boards and determine our own requirements before responding to this request. JF/JM will review situation this Saturday.

6 Chairman's Report

The Chairman's report was tabled. In brief,

- The Wagga Workshop was a great success.
- Bruce Neill has joined the Body Corporate Executive Committee. Bruce advised there is a sinking fund review in progress. In particular the bathroom facilities on each floor are being reviewed and also parking for tradesmen.
- Southland Pacific are currently two weeks behind schedule for the air-conditioning review. KM to chase the report to keep everything moving (while AY is away).
- Catherine Logan of Hunt & Hunt has agreed to assist with redraft of the NSWB Constitution at \$360/hour. Costs will need to be carefully controlled.

7 Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer's report was tabled. In brief,

- Pay rates for teachers and dealers have been revised and draft letters prepared.
- Council needs to tighten procedures for ANC subsidies and document policies. JM commented particularly on the standard of dress by some of the Youth Team members at the Victory Dinner and asked that Captains ensure everyone is presented appropriately. Policies to be reviewed and documented. With particular reference to the subsidy, Victory Dinner and Cocktail arrangements, jackets, budget for Team Dinners, and policies for Captains.
- Tina is finishing the current lessons and continuing supervised play until the players are ready to join the regular duplicates. Ed Barnes will then take over, until Tina returns in July 2008. Ed to get same pay arrangements as Tina for duration of Tina's leave of absence.

8 Committee Reports

FABC

The FABC report was tabled.

Youth, Teaching and Library

No report was tabled.

Rules & Ethics and Appeals

The Rules & Ethics and Appeals report was tabled.

Promotion and Director Liaison

The pay scales for directors and teachers were reviewed and upgraded.

House

It was decided to enter into a formal Memorandum of Understanding with J Cufar in relation to the provision of catering services in 2008.

Tournament

The Tournament committee Report was tabled. In brief,

- 2008 Calendar: The 2008 Calendar has been produced.
- Display of regular duplicate results: NSWBA has been trialling Milan Durovic's website for display of regular duplicate results. The trial now needs to be converted to a regular monthly charge of \$33. Council to review during next month and formally approve the decision.
- John Arkininstall: Revisit naming an event after John Arkininstall. TC to make a recommendation.
- Entries to scheduled Spring IMP pairs have been low. Recommend the event is publicised before a decision to cancel is made.
- Progress has been made on the "duties of conveners" document. It will shortly be circulated to current conveners and the Treasurer for comment.

Sponsorship

The report was tabled. In brief,

- A thank you was sent to Nigel Dutton and Allison Strawlow for the wonderful job they did organising the 2007 ANC in Freemantle.
- Sponsorship: De Bortoli have agreed to continue for another year. Unfortunately, the Sydney Morning Herald has declined to continue further sponsorship.
- Spring Nationals October: Preparation is proceeding well. A suggestion was made that instead of datum medals, bottles of wine could be presented to Datum winners.

9 General Business

- Liz's proposal for a bridge outing to Peninsula Bridge Club (17/10/07): The proposal was approved by Council, subject to liability and insurance issues being covered.
- ABF Parental release form is available for youth players under the age of 18 years.

10 Action Items from August Meeting

Councillor	Action Item
JM	Formalise Jenny Cufar's catering agreement. JF to forward JM his email exchange with Liz Fanos on the topic
JM	Discuss catering options with Ed Barnes and coordinate with Jenny and the Office. Liz to organise GNOT Met final catering.
JM/KN	Secure Lavazza as a major sponsor. BN to have a word with Madame Lavazza in Shanghai.
KN	Look at the best use of the Advertising/Marketing Grant from the ABF. Organise notice on website and in bulletin, advertising, etc.
JM	Review the standard letter sent to ANC State Representatives in regard to captaining Teams of Three
DB	Chase up outstanding library books with help from the Office.
JF	Write to ABF to formally request roll-over of the loan
JM/JF	To organise a weekend session to go through the office and rationalise the filing and archive appropriate material (this Saturday). Also review board/wallet status.
DB	To form a sub-committee (preferably composed of business knowledgeable people) to investigate all premises options. Postponed until the outcome of aircon review completed – expected next week.
JF	To review and amend pay rates for Tina (teaching) and Trish (dealing)
All	Trial of Milan Durovic's website to be converted to a regular monthly charge of \$33. Council to review during next month.
WL	Revisit naming an event after John Arkinstall. TC to make a recommendation.
KM	To chase Southland Pacific for the next report to keep everything moving.

11 Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday September 19th at 6:15pm.
The meeting was closed at 8:35 pm.