

NEW SOUTH WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION - COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday 19 September 2007

Present: Bruce Neill, Judy Mott, David Beauchamp, Kim Neale, Kim Morrison

Apologies: Ken Storr, Alex Yezerski, Warren Lazer, Julian Foster

1 Opening

The meeting was opened at 6.20 pm.

2 Confirmation of Minutes of 29 August

Motion: *That the Minutes for 29th August meeting be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting (subject to the wording being changed in the Tournament Report to "Council approved the decision and the ongoing monthly charge of \$33.").*

Moved Judy Mott

Seconded David Beauchamp

The motion was carried.

3 Completed Tasks from Previous Meeting

Councillor	Action Item	Current Status
JM	Discuss catering options with Ed Barnes and coordinate with Jenny and the Office. Liz to organise GNOT Met final catering.	Completed
JM	Review the standard letter sent to ANC State Representatives in regard to captaining Teams of Three. To be reviewed in Feb'08.	Completed
DB	Chase up outstanding library books with help from the Office.	Completed
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.	Completed

4 Special Business

No special business was raised.

5 Correspondence

- Thanks from Noella
- Bridge for Brains Challenge results

6 Chairman's Report

No report was tabled as AY is overseas.

Air conditioning update: KM advises that Southland Pacific have promised to have the report for NSWBA on Tuesday 25 September.

7 Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer's report was tabled.

8 Committee Reports

FABC

The FABC report was tabled.

Bruce Neill advised that he and Neville Moses are reviewing the changes to the Constitution before taking them to Counsel to contain costs.

Judy Mott asked what was going to happen to the FABC archives. We do not have the space to store much on site and asked that the archives be reviewed prior to arriving at NSWBA.

Youth, Teaching and Library

No items to report.

Rules & Ethics and Appeals

No items to report.

Promotion and Director Liaison

No items to report.

House

Judy Mott has prepared a document of understanding to be signed by L Fanos, J Cufar and J Mott. The document of understanding will be reviewed annually in December.

Tournament

The Tournament committee Report was tabled. In brief,

- 2008 Calendar: The 2008 Calendar is about to be sent to the Clubs. Council had no comments or changes to be made.
- Spring Swiss Pairs was cancelled due to lack of patronage.

- TC advises that we may have to borrow boards due to the overlap of the Spring Nationals and the 64 sets required for the GNOT metro final this weekend. Office to see if J McIlrath can help us out in the short term.

Sponsorship

No items to report.

9 General Business

- “Blue card” for employees/volunteers working with youth players.
Kim Neale advised that there is no “blue card” available in NSW. In NSW, the NSW Commission for Children and Young people requires that an employer requests a check for an individual applying for a job working primarily in child related employment. The Commission provides a check list for employers to identify if they need to arrange a check. The NSWBA positions, both employed and volunteer do not meet the criteria for the NSWBA to need to request a check. NSWBA needs to complete ABF parental release forms and ask all employees to sign a Prohibited Employment Declaration. These items will be filed in the office. KN to arrange set up of file and paperwork. In any case, each state has different statutory requirements and the checks are not transferable between states. The ABF will need to be in a position to coordinate between states as required. Kim Neale will advise the ABF of our current position. There was some discussion on this item. It was agreed that NSWBA needs to investigate if this is also applicable to congresses. WL to advise and add to regular TC check list for youth events.
- Air conditioning update and whether we need to hold Stage 1 of the ITS at another venue.
Concern was expressed that the air conditioning problems may not be resolved by February. David Beauchamp to check with Kings & Queens to see if they would be interested in allowing us to hold Stage 1 of the ITS at their premises and under what conditions. Kings & Queens can support 40 tables and does not currently have a Monday night session.
- Coffs Harbour Bridge Club and approval for their Congress to become a Super Congress.
There was some discussion on this item. It was agreed that in principle, NSWBA is supportive of Coffs Harbour running a gold point super congress. However, the council would like more details: terms of the licence, roles of NSWBA and Coffs Harbour Bridge Club and financial obligations of all parties.

10 Action Items from September Meeting

Councillor	Action Item
JM	Formalise Jenny Cufar's catering agreement.
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.
JF	Write to ABF to formally request roll-over of the loan
DB	To form a sub-committee (preferably composed of business knowledgeable people) to investigate all premises options. Postponed until the outcome of air-con review completed – expected next week.
JF	To review and amend pay rates for Tina (teaching) and Trish (dealing).
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. Report promised Tuesday 25 September.
WL	Review of FABC archives.. We do not have the space to store much on site and ask that the archives be reviewed prior to arriving at NSWBA.
Office	Review short term board situation (Spring Nats and GNOT metro final) and if appropriate ask J McIlrath if the NSBC can provide short term assistance.
KN	Kim Neale will advise the ABF of our current position with regard to “blue card” requirements for youth workers. KN to arrange set up of file and paperwork for the NSWBA Office.
WL	To advise if the ABF youth directive should also apply to NSW Congresses. Add to regular TC check list for youth events – to ensure the correct protocols are followed.

11 Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday October 17th at 6:15pm.

The meeting was closed at 7:25 pm.