

NEW SOUTH WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION - COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday 17 October 2007

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

Apologies: -

1 Opening

The meeting was opened at 6.15 pm.

2 Confirmation of Minutes of 19 September

Motion: *That the Minutes for 19th September meeting be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.*

Moved Judy Mott

Seconded David Beauchamp

The motion was carried.

3 Completed Tasks from Previous Meeting

Councillor	Action Item	Current Status
JF	Write to ABF to formally request roll-over of the loan. Verbal agreement received subject to increased interest rate.	Completed
JF	To review and amend pay rates for Tina (teaching) and Trish (dealing).	Completed
KM	To chase Southland Pacific for the next report to keep everything moving. Report promised Tuesday 25 September.	Completed
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.	Completed

4 Special Business

The council discussed the need for the office manager to attend council meetings. AY to raise matter with Liz Fanos.

Council congratulated the Australian Open Team on making the quarter-finals of the Bermuda Bowl. Great result.

5 Correspondence

- Email from Leiv Bornecrantz regarding no mobile phone during games policy. Council reviewed and saw no reason to change the policy. KN to respond.
- Thank you received from Stroke Recovery Unit for money raised. Noted.
- John Mottram email re GNOT qualifying regulations. WL to review procedures via TC and respond.
- Web site information request from Stop Group Pty Ltd. AY to arrange for Office to respond.
- QBA invitation to send NSW teams to PABF August 2008. WL and TC to discuss and advise a qualifying competition.

6 Chairman's Report

The Chairman's report was tabled.

Air conditioning update: The anticipated report from Southland Pacific was tabled.

Unfortunately, as a result of testing, it has been shown that the solution they originally proposed was not feasible. A different solution is now being suggested and there are a number of issues with this. A new technology is being proposed at an increased cost in excess of \$150K plus GST. The new solution only has a life of 10-15 years; and securing approval from local Council and the Body Corporate is likely to prove more difficult.

Council discussed where to from here?

- DB to convene a sub committee to review other premises options and investigate custom built solutions.
- BN/AY to hold discussions with the North Sydney Bridge Club re participation in the redevelopment of the Willoughby RSL site.
- AY to post an updated air-con status report on the NSWBA website.
- Split ITS qualifying into two fields and run the event over two nights to reduce the number of people in the club rooms at any one time. WL to review with Matthew McManus.

FABC progress. In order for the changes to the NSWBA Constitution to be put to the vote at this year's AGM, notice needs to go out by 14 November. BN to review progress of the changes to the draft constitution with Neville Moses.

7 Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer's report was tabled.

The council ratified a decision to pay the ABF another instalment of \$25,000.

There was some discussion on budget for suppers. It was concluded that the expenditure on catering as a whole was in need of an urgent review. JM to define a general policy and together with JF set a budget for next year.

8 Committee Reports

FABC

Colin Mitchell is the new President and Trish Carter a new Councillor. The next meeting is scheduled for 28th November.

WL advises that the Statewide Pairs numbers are down again.

Youth, Teaching and Library

No items to report.

Rules & Ethics and Appeals

The report was tabled.

Promotion and Director Liaison

Ed Barnes has started directing on a Thursday night.

House

It was agreed to defer renegotiating an agreement with J Cufar until after a catering budget has been set for 2008.

WL and the TC to advise nights for supper and the types of supper based around the type and duration of the event.

Tournament

The State Teams format was discussed. It appears strange that, with a six week event, 20 of the 28 teams are knocked out in week one. TC to review the format.

TC to review the regulations. In particular, 4.9.3b to be changed to accommodate payment for the event to be pro-rata for the remainder of the event should a team choose to enter late after playing in a major national or international representative event.

Sponsorship

No items to report.

9 General Business

- Free Game Ticket Policy
KM to write a draft policy and all to review via email. In principle:
More than X table then 1st each direction only to get full free game ticket
Less than X tables then 1st each direction get a discounted game ticket only.
- Air conditioning update. Discussed within the Chairman's report.

10 Action Items from October Meeting

Councillor	Action Item	Current Status
JM	Formalise Jenny Cufar's catering agreement. Review draft agreement with J Cufar, in particular the fee for preparation of supper. Check with Liz re success of GNOT catering.	Ongoing
JM/KN	Secure Lavazza as a major sponsor.	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
DB	To form a sub-committee (preferably composed of business knowledgeable people) to investigate premises options.	Ongoing
WL	Revisit naming an event after John Arkinstall. TC to make a recommendation.	Outstanding
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.	Ongoing
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.	Ongoing
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.	Ongoing
KN	Respond to Leiv Bornecrantz regarding no mobile phone during games.	Current
WL	John Mottram email re GNOT qualifying regulations. WL to review procedures via TC before responding.	Current
AY/Office	Web site information request from Stop Group Pty Ltd. AY to organise Office to respond.	Current
WL	QBA invitation to send NSW teams to PABF August 2008. WL and TC to discuss and advise a qualifying competition.	Current
BN	BN to review progress of the changes to the draft FABC constitution with Neville Moses.	Current
WL	WL to review with MM the feasibility of splitting the ITS qualifying into two fields and run the event over two nights to reduce the number of people in the club rooms at any one time.	Current
KM	KM to draft a free game policy.	Current
WL/TC	WL and the TC to advise nights for supper and the types of supper based around the type and duration of the event.	Current
WL/TC	To review the format and regulations (4.9.3b) for the State Teams	Current

11 Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday November 21st at 6:15pm.
The meeting was closed at 8:55 pm.