

**NEW SOUTH WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION - COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Wednesday 21 November 2007**

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

Observer: Liz Fanos

Apologies: -

### **1 Opening**

The meeting was opened at 6.15 pm.

### **2 Confirmation of Minutes of 17 October**

Motion: *That the Minutes for 17<sup>th</sup> October meeting be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.*

Moved Ken Storr

Seconded Bruce Neill

The motion was carried.

### **3 Completed Tasks from Previous Meeting**

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
JM	Formalise Jenny Cufar's catering agreement.	Completed
WL	TC to revisit naming an event after John Arkinstall and make a recommendation.	Completed
WL	Review of FABC archives.	Completed
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.	Completed
WL	QBA invitation to send NSW teams to PABF August 2008. WL and TC to discuss and advise a qualifying competition.	Completed
BN	BN to review progress of the changes to the draft NSWBA constitution with Neville Moses.	Completed
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.	Completed
KM	KM to draft a free game policy.	Completed
WL/TC	To review the format and regulations ( 4.9.3b) for the State Teams	Completed

#### **4 Special Business**

Approval of Special resolution to amend the Company's Articles to be put to AGM. BN and Council discussed the changes. BN and JF to fine tune some details and the amendments will be prepared for presentation at the AGM in December. Council approved all proposed changes.

Moved Alex Yezerski

Seconded Kim Morrison

#### **5 Correspondence**

##### Coffs Harbour Super Congress:

Coffs Harbour Bridge Club has been liaising with the ABF for some time to get permission to issue Gold masterpoints. The ABF Management Committee has indicated that the stipulated requirements for Gold Points have now been met. The ABF require the NSWBA to hold the contract and then subcontract to the Coffs Harbour Bridge Club.

There was some discussion as to the risks such an arrangement posed for the NSWBA. Council agreed the following action items as a first step:

- Email Coffs Harbour a copy of the current Spring Nationals contract to see if they were agreeable to those conditions. KN to coordinate.
- Quantify the current NSW congress licensing fees and the impact on NSWBA of the change from red points to gold points. Also administration costs for the new contract. Council suggested \$4 per table fee for a gold point event.
- Subject to the above steps, arrange a meeting between Phil Houlton (Coffs Harbour), BN, KN and JF.

#### **6 Chairman's Report**

The Chairman's report was tabled. In brief,

##### NSBC/Club Willoughby:

AY and BN met with representatives of Club Willoughby and the North Shore Bridge Club. They plan to have a proposal to Willoughby Council for DA approval within 18 months. Participating in the redevelopment of their site looks to be a good long term option for the NSWBA.

### Air conditioning update:

AY indicated that we need to make a decision and council agreed. There was some discussion on how to proceed from here. The outcome of this discussion was that Council asked for the following information:

- If we were to drop the capacity from 200 to 120 people, what impact will this have on costs.
- Lifetime on existing solution? What extra costs would we incur at the end of the period?
- AY to try and secure a project manager from NSWBA members.

Council all agreed that we will need to spend the money to upgrade the air conditioning. There are no other short term options.

### Succession Planning:

AY is stepping down as Chairman. BN agreed to nominate as Chairman at the upcoming AGM.

The following Councillors agreed to stay on:

JF (Treasurer), KN (Secretary), KM, JM and WL. Two new members will be required.

## **7 Treasurer's Report.**

No report was tabled.

JF indicated October was tracking normally and the year end accounts are almost finished.

## **8 Committee Reports**

### FABC

FABC stated that the Statewide Pairs was run recently and the numbers were down by 5%. Also, numbers for the country teams were down by a massive 40%.

### Youth, Teaching and Library

The ABF Youth Triathlon is running in early December.

Tina Zines is currently on 6 months sabbatical.

### Rules & Ethics and Appeals

The report was tabled.

### Promotion and Director Liaison

KM drafted a free game policy update. The proposed change will save the NSWBA a few thousand dollars a year and has been reviewed with the Office and the Directors. Council approved the Free Game Policy for implementation.

## House

AY suggested we get a reconditioned coffee machine from Vittoria Coffee, who we may also be able to entice as a sponsor.

## Tournament

The report was tabled.

There was some discussion on an appropriate event for naming after John Arkinstall. It was decided to rename the Open Teams at the Spring Nationals, subject to ABF approval.

Judy Mott agreed to convene the Teams of Three again next year. This has always been a volunteer position, however, many of the other conveners are paid. Council agreed that the Convener of the Teams of Three should be changed to a paid position.

## Sponsorship

Nothing to report.

## Office Manager Report

Liz Fanos attended the meeting and advised the following:

- Windows were cleaned.
- There have been some issues with Smokers propping open the locked front door (out of regular hours). These are being dealt with.
- Dealing machines are working OK at the moment.
- Scoring upload program working very well.
- Thursday evening table numbers are not good – averaging only 5 tables.
- Tuesday evening table numbers are quite good, usually 11 tables and sometimes as many as 13.

## **9 General Business**

- Wilson Parking Tickets update:

NSWBA was formally notified that the tickets for the Goulburn street car park will go up from \$5 to \$15 in the new year. This increase was felt to be too great and would discourage our members. The office negotiated the price down from \$15 to \$7. Excellent result.

- Super Congresses:

David Weston (NSW Masterpoint Secretary) joined the meeting to review NSW Super Congresses.

NSW Super Congresses are defined as a strong and large field and are allowed to allocate one and a half times the weighting for congress red points. David recommended that those Congresses which no longer meet these requirements should be officially notified.

If there is no change next year, then these congresses could be dropped to normal classification.

Council decided to preserve the status quo and recommended that David review annually with the NSW Tournament Committee.

David also reviewed the unequal situation between Holidays and Congresses. Holidays do not pay a fee to the NSWBA and Congresses do pay a fee. David recommended the review of this situation on the basis that Holidays are often more work than a congress because results often come in on paper and need to be entered online.

Council agreed with David and decided that Holidays and Congresses should be treated equally. Holidays will be treated as if they are located in Sydney and will pay Sydney rates. The Office will arrange a letter to all clubs and coordinate with the webmaster.

Council thanks David for all his hard work.

- Peninsula Bridge Club Day Trip:

Liz Fanos advised that it was not as profitable as the 2006 Bowral trip. However, all participants enjoyed themselves and the Peninsula Bridge Club thought it was a great idea.

## 10 Action Items from October Meeting

Councillor	Action Item	Current Status
JM/KN	Secure Lavazza as a major sponsor. No success, however, Vittoria Coffee may be a potential 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.	Outstanding
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.	Outstanding
KN	Respond to Leiv Bornecrantz regarding no mobile phone during games.	Outstanding
WL	John Mottram email re GNOT qualifying regulations. WL to review procedures via TC before responding.	In progress
AY/Office	Web site information request from Stop Group Pty Ltd. AY to organise Office to respond.	Outstanding
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.	Ongoing
BN	Approval of Special resolution to amend the Company's Articles to be put to AGM.	Current
KN	Coffs Harbour Bridge Club application for a gold point event.	Current
JF	Coffs Harbour Bridge Club. Quantify the current NSW congress licensing fees and the impact on NSWBA of the change from red	Current

	points to gold points.	
AY	AY to ask contractor for information on the following. Lower the capacity from 200 to 120 people and ask what impact this will have on costs? Lifetime on existing solution? What extra costs would we incur at the end of the period?	Current
AY	Try and secure an air conditioning project manager from NSWBA members.	Current

## **11 Next meeting**

The next meeting will be the AGM on Wednesday December 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.  
The meeting was closed at 9:25 pm.