

NEW SOUTH WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION - COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday 30 January 2008

Present: Bruce Neill, Judy Mott, Kim Neale, Kim Morrison, Ken Storr, Warren Lazer, Julian Foster, Colin Mitchell, Marilyn Chadwick, Nick Rodwell

Observer: -

Apologies: -

1 Opening

The meeting was opened at 6.15 pm.

2 Confirmation of Minutes of 21 November

Motion: *That the Minutes for 21st November meeting be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.*

Moved Judy Mott

Seconded Kim Morrison The motion was carried.

Confirmation of Minutes of 19 December

Motion: *That the Minutes for 19th December meeting be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting (subject to the wording being changed to remove Services and to change Library from MC to NR's portfolio).*

Moved Kim Morrison

Seconded Judy Mott The motion was carried.

3 Completed Tasks from Previous Meeting

Councillor	Action Item	Current Status
JM/KN	Secure Lavazza as a major sponsor. No success, however, Vittoria Coffee may be a potential sponsor.	Completed
DB	To form a sub-committee (preferably composed of business knowledgeable people) to investigate premises options.	Closed
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. Main supper provided on last night of event only set up by JC. Other nights will only provide nibbles. JM will discuss new requirements with JC.	Completed
BN	Approval of Special resolution to amend the Company's Articles to be put to AGM. Completed – update to be posted to website.	Completed

JF	Coffs Harbour Bridge Club. Quantify the current NSW congress licensing fees and the impact on NSWBA of the change from red points to gold points.	Completed
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? Reduction of specs from 200 to 120 people did not provide any substantial financial benefits.	Completed

4 Special Business

No special business was raised.

5 Correspondence

Email from Ron Klinger re Tim Seres memorabilia:

Council decided to review the collection in order to display appropriate items. BN to reply to Ron and arrange for NR to organise.

ABF email re Coffs Harbour Congress:

BN to reply to K Crowe-Mai that the NSWBA agrees in principle. KN to organise for draft contracts.

Request for Grant for Michael Johnson State Open Pairs:

Subsidy was approved. WL to advise Office to go ahead and provide the requested subsidy.

ABF email re extending loan:

JF advises that the figures provided by the ABF are correct and the extension of the loan will go ahead. No action required.

Email from Marco Mariano:

(re Metexi (NFP) which promotes diffusion of culture for disabled people)

The council decided that the Office should reply with a thank you, but we are not interested at this time.

6 Chairman's Report

No activity to report.

7 Treasurer's Report.

The treasurer's report was tabled. In particular, there was some discussion about Coffs Harbour Congress. JF advised he had reviewed the congress figures. Council approved 2.5% licence fee to be applied on top of the ABF's 5% fee.

8 Committee Reports

FABC

CM advised that the new trust deed required to facilitate the FABC/NSWBA amalgamation had been drafted and needed to be reviewed by N Moses. KN to provide contact details.

Youth and Library

Council expressed their sympathy for the recent tragic death of Leigh Barnier, a popular youth player.

There was some discussion on entry fees and discounts for youth players participating in NSWBA events. Council agreed that the NSWBA should apply the same rules as the ABF (currently under 26 years of age and the youth player may receive a 50% discount on table money and entry fees).

NR talked about his plans for youth promotion. NR has had discussions with both the ABF and OzOne Youth and has asked NSW based players to advise what they want to see available for youth bridge in NSW. NSWBA advised it would be happy to discuss a budget to assist with this project.

Rules & Ethics / Appeals / Teaching

No activity for teaching.

Letters from: Ted Chadwick – KM to respond.

Fred Curtis – MC to check with M McManus & draft response.

Promotion and Director Liaison

KM raised a concern about the viability of the Thursday PM session. Discussion was had about encouraging participants to move to another night and/or the possibility of feeding in from beginners classes. KM to review.

House

JM advised that a replacement coffee machine would cost us about \$3K. The current machine is on its last legs. JM to discuss this possibility with J Cufar.

Working Bee needs to be organised.

Tournament

The report was tabled.

BN moved that the following councillors be approved for paid convening jobs during 2008:

- ◆ Kim Neale for the Spring Nationals
- ◆ Judy Mott for Teams of Three

Council agreed unanimously.

Sponsorship

JM advised that Manzoni are looking to continue sponsorship of the NSWBA in 2008.

Office Manager Report

No report was tabled.

9 General Business

- Administration of Directors Accreditation:

JF raised this item as the office had a complaint from a club about paying for directors that do not direct with their club. Currently, the accreditation fees are paid by the Club – however, it is the Club's responsibility to recoup the fees from any particular director if they so wish.

- Nomination of ABF Councillor:

BN to place an ad asking for nominations on the website. Applicants to be reviewed at next Council meeting. BN to also ask K Crowe-Mai where he stands.

- Approval of by-laws for election of special councillors:

Council voted to adopt the by-laws and the motion was unanimously agreed. A letter to notify clubs will go out with the state mail-out.

- Office Security:

KN mentioned a phone call from security during January. This time all was OK – R Vadas answered the phone and said a player had come in early via the firescape and the alarm was still active. Office to provide information to council on security procedures.

10 Action Items from January Meeting

Councillor	Action Item	Current Status
KN	Look at the best use of the Advertising/Marketing Grant from the ABF. Organise notice on website and in bulletin, advertising, etc.	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.	In Progress
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. Verbal update provided to John.	In progress
BN	Web site information request from Stop Group Pty Ltd. BN to organise Office to respond.	Outstanding
AY	Try and secure an air conditioning project manager from NSWBA members. BN to confirm with AY.	Outstanding

BN/NR	Email from Ron Klinger re Tim Seres memorabilia. BN to reply to Ron and arrange for NR to organise.	Current
KN	Coffs Harbour Bridge Club application for a gold point event. Arrange for draft contracts.	Ongoing
BN/KN	ABF email re Coffs Harbour Congress. BN to reply to Keiran Crowe-Mai that the NSWBA agrees in principle.	Current
WL	Request for Grant for Michael Johnson State Open Pairs. WL to advise Office to go ahead and provide the requested subsidy.	Current
Office	Email from Marco Mariano (re Metexi (NFP) which promotes diffusion of culture for disabled people) The council decided that the Office should reply with a thank you, but we are not interested at this time.	Current
CM	CM advised that the new trust deed required to facilitate the FABC/NSWBA amalgamation had been drafted and needed to be reviewed by N Moses. KN to provide contact details.	Current
MC/KM	Letter from Ted Chadwick – KM to respond.	Current
MC/KM	Letter from Fred Curtis – MC to check with M McManus & draft response.	Current
BN	Nomination of ABF Councillor. BN to place an ad asking for nominations on the website for review at next Council meeting. BN to also ask K Crowe-Mai where he stands.	Current
Office	Office to provide information to council on security procedures.	Current

11 Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday February 21st at 6:15pm.
The meeting was closed at 8:20 pm.