

**NEW SOUTH WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION - COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Thursday 21 February 2008**

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

**1 Opening**

The meeting was opened at 6.17 pm.

**2 Confirmation of Minutes of 30 January 2008**

Motion: *That the Minutes for 30 January meeting be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting (subject of the deletion of Kim Morrison's name as responsible with Marilyn Chadwick to draft a letter to Fred Curtis in response to his email.)*

Moved Kim Morrison  
Seconded Ken Storr                      The motion was carried.

**3 Completed Tasks from Previous Meeting**

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
KN	Look at the best use of the Advertising/Marketing Grant from the ABF. Organise notice on website and in bulletin, advertising, etc.	Completed
BN/KN	ABF email re Coffs Harbour Congress. BN to reply to Keiran Crowe-Mai that the NSWBA agrees in principle.	Completed
WL	Request for Grant for Michael Johnson State Open Pairs. WL to advise Office to go ahead and provide the requested subsidy. Agreed \$250	Completed
MC/KM	Letter from Ted Chadwick – KM to respond.	Completed
MC/KM	Letter from Fred Curtis – MC to check with M McManus. KM to draft response.	Completed
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.	Completed

**4 Special Business**

No special business was raised.

## 5 Correspondence

- Offer to purchase used cards from WBF:

Meeting noted that we have a large stock of 3-bar-code packs. Current generation dealing machine control software only handles 5-bar packs, and our old software only runs under Windows 98 or earlier. Kim Neale to undertake a stock take and consult with Trish Blomberg (dealer) and Matthew McManus as to our requirements for new cards.

Kim to email the ABF to ascertain whether they were purchasing and if so the NSWBA may put in joint request

- Email from Eilis Magner of ABF regarding complaint sent to ABF from Leiv Bornecrantz. Eilis will respond.

## 6 Chairman's Report

The Chairman's report was tabled.

- **Air Conditioning**  
Meeting scheduled with Jason Woods & Kim Morrison to discuss next steps. Ted Griffin has suggested a person with considerable technical expertise who may be willing to review feasibility of proposed solutions at nominal cost.
- **Election of Councillors**  
All clubs have being mailed with details of the election for special representatives to replace the FABC appointees. Details to be placed on NSWBA web site.
- **Coffs Harbour Super Congress**  
Negotiations with Coffs Harbour proceeding satisfactorily. Queensland sources suggest that Barrier Reef congress still does not have an ABF contract finalised

## 7 Treasurer's Report.

The treasurer's report was tabled. In particular, there was some discussion regarding Director's accreditation. Due to the uncertainties about who is responsible for paying (all but a handful of NSW directors are paid for via clubs at present), the difficulties in collecting what are sometimes very small amounts, the perceived "unfairness" that some clubs pay for many directors and others do not, an idea has been raised about abolishing the concept of a separate charge for accreditation (directors still would still have to pay for, and pass, exams to be registered), but instead simply increase the affiliation fees marginally. This is the system used in Victoria.

However Council decided that due to the quite substantial increase in affiliation fees last year, another increase next year would not be desirable so the present arrangement will continue until at least 2009.

## 8 Committee Reports

### FABC

Ken Storr advised that the FABC had received \$300 subsidy from the ABF. The FABC would not be seeking the same amount from the NSWBA this year because of the merger.

### Youth and Library

Nick Rodwell advised that he has been contacting youth players to participate in the Monday night sessions at the NSWBA. Has also been contacting borrowers of library books whose return are overdue.

### Rules & Ethics / Appeals / Teaching

Lessons have begun and the pay rate for Ed Barnes agreed with him.

Flyers regarding improvers to be distributed at the club session games with Directors encouraged to make announcements on dates and times

### Promotion and Director Liaison

KM contacted Ron Klinger regarding promotion of events through his column in SMH.

### House

JM had discussions with J Cufar regarding Monday night supper which JC will provide at no charge. Council agreed that JM could source coffee machine after discussions with Lavazza next month .

Working Bee to be organised for April.

### Tournament

The report was tabled. In brief,

**ITS:** Running the ITS over 2 nights has not increased the table numbers and produced uneven fields. Ideally next year if the air conditioning problems are resolved it will go back to one night.

**Teams of Three:** It was agreed that the Teams of Three will be renamed the Les Longhurst Teams of Three.

### Sponsorship

JM advised that letters have been sent to Manzoni and De Bortoli thanking them for their support.

### Office Manager Report

Report was tabled

<b>Tasks</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Follow up</b>	<b>Completed</b>
Membership renewal reminder 110 non renewals	Sent emails where had them. Will need to phone those who haven't got email address	Yes	
Club affiliations reminders. 22 have yet to pay	Posted out Tuesday	Yes	

## 9 General Business

### Nomination of ABF Councillor:

K Crowe-Mai only nomination after notice was placed on web site.

Moved that his nomination be accepted

Moved Bruce Neill. Seconded Marilyn Chadwick. The Motion was carried.

### Logo Design

Pauline Gumbly would like to redesign the web site. Agreed that she could go ahead and proposed that we update the logo. Competition to be held for the best design with a wine prize going to the winner.

## 10 Action Items from February Meeting

Councillor	Action Item	Current Status
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.	Drafted & on web site
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. Waiting for ABF contract.	In Progress
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
Office	Office to provide information to council on security procedures. Email to be sent to Councillors with details as to who is contact for Yates	Current
KN	Conduct an audit of playing cards	
Office	Source a conference phone for future Council meeting when regional delegates attend via teleconference	

## 11 Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Friday April 4 at 6:15pm.

The meeting was closed at 8:15 pm.