

**NEW SOUTH WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION - COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Friday 4 April 2008**

Present: Bruce Neill, Judy Mott, , Kim Morrison, Ken Storr, Warren Lazer,  
Marilyn Chadwick, Kim Neale

Observer: -

Apologies: Colin Mitchell, Julian Foster, Nick Rodwell, Neville Farrell

**1 Opening**

The meeting was opened at 6.15 pm.

**2 Confirmation of Minutes of 21 February 2008**

Motion: *That the Minutes for 21 February meeting be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting (subject to changing \$600 to \$300 in the FABC report and spelling De Bortoli correctly.)*

Moved Ken Storr  
Seconded Kim Morrison            The motion was carried.

**3 Completed Tasks from Previous Meeting**

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
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. Final review.	Completed
KN	Respond to Leiv Bornecrantz regarding no mobile phone during games.	Completed
WL	John Mottram email re GNOT qualifying regulations. WL to review procedures via TC before responding. Drafted & on web site.	Completed
BN/NR	Email from Ron Klinger re Tim Seres memorabilia. BN to reply to Ron and arrange for NR to organise.	Completed
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.	Completed

#### **4 Special Business**

##### Nominations for Special Councillors

One nomination has been received for each of the regions. It was resolved that the representatives all be accepted and take effect from 19<sup>th</sup> April 2008. All the new councillors will be included in the next Council meeting via conference call.

The Council wished to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing FABC Councillors for their support. Thank you to Ken Storr, Colin Mitchell and Neville Farrell.

#### **5 Correspondence**

Tim Seres Legacy: Noted with Thanks.

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

The Chairman's report was tabled. In brief,

##### Air Conditioning

Met with Jason Woods. Will contact Ted Griffin re possible review of proposed solutions at nominal cost.

##### Special Councillors

Nominations received and will replace existing FABC councillors from 19 April.

##### Coffs Harbour Super Congress

Negotiations with Coffs Harbour proceeding satisfactorily. K Crowe-Mai / Roy Nixon have provided proposed contract.

##### ABF Loan

Some small changes needed to document rollover.

##### Dealing Machines

Some discussion occurred. Council decided to review current options as replacing dealing machines with ones that do not use bar codes may be a future possibility.

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

The treasurer's report was tabled. In the absence of Julian Foster, discussion was held over until the next meeting.

#### **8 Committee Reports**

##### FABC

The report was tabled. The last FABC meeting has been held and the wind up is progressing smoothly.

##### Youth and Library

No report was tabled.

### Rules & Ethics / Appeals / Teaching

Nothing to report.

### Promotion and Director Liaison

Nothing to report.

### House

JM is looking at alternatives for a new Coffee Machine.

Working Bee planned for 19 April.

### Tournament

The report was tabled. In brief,

**Teams of Three:** Ron Klinger has offered to assist with advertising and to provide a trophy for this event. Council discussed and decided to accept the advertising offer and to decline the Trophy with thanks. BN to respond.

**GNP:** John McIlrath has agreed to convene this event. There are some cost problems associated with sending the qualifying pairs to the ABF final. WL to negotiate with the ABF.

**Table Numbers:** Council notes that session table numbers are looking dismal.

### Sponsorship

JM confirms that Manzoni Accessories have agreed to continue sponsorship this year, which includes prizes for the Teams of Three and the Sydney Spring Nationals.

### Office Manager Report

Report was tabled

<b>Tasks</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Status</b>
Bulletin to be posted out 1 <sup>st</sup> week in March	3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Done
NSWBA membership declaration to be sent to ABF	31 <sup>st</sup> March	Done
Directors course to be run @ NSWBA	29 March	Done
Complete update of club details	29 March	Done
Do comparison on lesson bookings using WEA and direct to club over last couple of years.	March Council Meeting	Carried forward
3 Sundays of Improvers lessons to be run by Ed Barnes.	March 2, 9 & 16	Done
Quarter end masterpoints	31 March	Done
Teams of 3 planning	On going to June	Done
Research Conference phone	4 April	Done
Club affiliation reminders. 22 have yet to pay.		
Mail out of Election of Councillors & State events and congress reports		Done
Re organise office		Done
Bridge for Brains planning – follow up required.		
Teams of 3. Invitations sent – follow up required.		

## 9 General Business

### Bridge for Brains

The office has started planning for the Bridge for Brains event.

### Letter from Tina Zines

In brief, Tina wishes to step down from teaching. Tina also wishes support for writing an Improvers book and a home for her bridge magazines. Council discussed and decided to decline her offer with thanks. BN to respond. BN to sound out Ed Barnes for future involvement in the NSWBA teaching role.

### Request for ABF MC Meeting 19-20 April to be held at NSWBA premises

Saturday 19 April all clear. Sunday 20 April has regular duplicate, plus last Train events – anticipated 25-30 tables. KN to advise ABF of these details and let the office know if they wish to use the clubrooms on either day.

## 10 Action Items from April Meeting

Councillor	Action Item	Current Status
BN	Web site information request from Stop Group Pty Ltd. BN to organise Office to respond.	Outstanding
AY/BN	Try and secure an air conditioning project manager from NSWBA members. BN to confirm with AY.	Outstanding
KN	Coffs Harbour Bridge Club application for a gold point event. Arrange for draft contracts. ABF contract reviewed looks OK. Next step to prepare contract between NSWBA and Coffs.	In Progress
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.	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	Outstanding
KN	Conduct an audit of playing cards. New cards are required, however may not need to buy bar-coded cards as new dealing machines are available. Audit on hold.	On Hold
Office	Source a conference phone for future Council meeting when regional delegates attend via teleconference	In Progress
BN	Ron Klinger has offered to assist with advertising and to provide a trophy for this event. Council discussed and decided to accept the advertising offer and to decline the Trophy with thanks. BN to respond.	Current
WL	GNP: WL to negotiate with the ABF re the cost problems associated with sending the qualifying pairs to the ABF final.	Current
BN	To respond to Tina's letter. To approach Ed Barnes re taking on the Teaching role at NSWBA.	Current

## **11 Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday May 7 at 6:15pm. Subject to confirmation with new special councillors. Back up date Friday May 9.

The meeting was closed at 7:55 pm.