

**NEW SOUTH WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION - COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Friday 9 May 2008**

Present: John Brownie, Trish Carter, Marilyn Chadwick, Julian Foster,  
Doreen Kjeldsen, Warren Lazer, Colin Mitchell, Judy Mott, Kim Neale,  
Bruce Neill, Nick Rodwell

Observer: Liz Fanos

Apologies: Kim Morrison

**1 Opening**

The meeting was opened at 6.25 pm.

**2 Confirmation of Minutes of 4 April 2008**

Motion: *That the Minutes for 4 April meeting be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting*

Moved Marilyn Chadwick  
Seconded Judy Mott Motion carried.

**3 Completed Tasks from Previous Meeting**

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
CM	CM advised that the new trust deed required to facilitate the FABC/NSWBA amalgamation had been drafted and need to be reviewed by N Moses.	Complete
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	Closed
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.	Closed
BN	Ron Klinger has offered to assist with advertising and to provide a trophy for Les Longhurst Teams of Three. Council discussed and decided to accept the advertising offer and to decline the Trophy with thanks.	Closed
WL	GNP: WL to negotiate with the ABF re the cost problems associated with sending the qualifying pairs to the ABF final.	Closed

#### **4 Special Business**

Resolution to establish a Trust for money from FABC. Draft Trust document tabled at meeting. Referred to Neville Moses. To be considered at next Council Meeting.

#### **5 Correspondence**

- Letter from St Vincent's Ladies Committee re borrowing of card tables for charity event 23<sup>rd</sup> August. Office to respond agreeing to request
- Email from NSW Chess Association re use of premises in January 2009. Council confirmed we are not in a position to assist with their request, due to our session schedule. BN to reply.
- Email from L Bornecrantz - Noted
- ABF Bridge Promotions Grant - Noted

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

The Chairman's report was tabled. In brief,

- Air Conditioning: Follow up meeting with Jason Woods. Proposed solution sounds viable. Key issues for Council are funding and the length of time we expect to stay at current location.
- Special Councillors appointed: Welcome to Trish Carter, Doreen Kjeldsen, and John Brownie from metropolitan Sydney, and the continuation of Colin Mitchell from the Central Coast.
- The ABF has provided a proposed contract for Coffs Harbour.
- Documentation of the renewed ABF loan is outstanding.
- The Office advises that dealing machine performance continues to give problems. We may need to investigate replacing them. Council approved the Office reviewing the options.

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

The treasurer's report was tabled. In brief:

##### Results to 30 April 2008

The results to 30 April 2008 indicate net profit of \$69,110 compared to a profit of \$63,350 for last year (overall increase \$5,760).

In general, the above figures look artificially good because there are a lot of timing differences that will back out before the end of the financial year. Once they have, the general trend appears to be negative – supported by the general decline we have noticed in table numbers in both regular duplicates and championships.

## ABF Promotion Grant

We have just recently received the new ABF "Bridge Promotion Grant" of \$8,000. This is a combination of the old \$3,000 marketing grant and \$ for \$ teaching tour subsidies that were previously available to each State/Territory. Rather like before, we need to establish procedures for clubs to apply for some of this money, decide how to split it, keep a database and provide a report to the ABF by Feb 2009.

There appears to be administration processes in common with this grant and the FABC funds. It would be appropriate for the administration to be simplified and processes put in place for use by both funds. KM to investigate with the assistance of the Office and the FABC councillors.

## ANC Subsidies

\$350 per person proposed and accepted for Teams & Butler qualifiers.  
Maximum spend will be about \$22,000.

## **8 Committee Reports**

### FABC

Wind up is progressing with draft Trust Deed completed.

### Youth and Library

ITS Youth final to be held Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>. 9 pairs will be competing. Consideration should be given to rescheduling to another day in 2009, rather than a Saturday.

Library needs a tidy up.

### Rules & Ethics / Appeals / Teaching

Nothing to report.

### Promotion and Director Liaison

Nothing to report.

### House

Coffee machine replacement search continues. Trial of a self service Nespresso was conducted over the ITS final weekend while Jennifer away with mixed results.

Council approved a budget of \$3000 to replace the coffee machine. Judy Mott to organise.

Replacement chairs are also being sourced with trials of various types conducted. The yellow backed chairs need to be replaced as the metal is weakening and the chairs are becoming dangerous.

Board sorting and re-stickered done by Judy Mott & Marilyn Chadwick on April 18. Thanks to both for time and effort.

## Tournament

The report was tabled. In brief,

- Grand National Pairs letter of invitation has been written and is currently being mailed out.
- Consideration needs to be given to which of the NSWBA sessions will be run as GNP qualifiers.
- The State Individual Championship is currently scheduled for 10 August - same day as the City to Surf Fun Run. Propose the Individual is moved to Saturday 12 July - Matthew is available to direct.
- We are again in the situation of having no State Directors available to do some of our "regular" sessions. Matthew is going to be absent for a few weeks and Ted is currently indisposed. We should look at this more closely and get a few more directors qualified at State level without having to import John McIlrath or Tony Howes, who often have other commitments.

## Office Manager Report

Report was tabled

<b>Tasks</b>	<b>Action</b>
Bridge for Brains	Held 5 May \$591 raised in table fees/donations/registration/flower sales
Teams of 3	Flyers sent to all Metro clubs with Bulletin
Grand National Restricted Pairs	Letter from John McIlrath sent to all Metro clubs
Replacement for Ted while on sick leave	Marcia Scudder available to fill in until he gets back
Telephone service provider	Unless any objections, will switch to Optus for both telephony and internet. Savings approx \$300 per quarter. Council approved the change.
FABC	Mail now diverted to NSWBA
Dealing Machine	Experiencing a lot of problems. Analysis shows dealing taking longer. Recommend purchasing new machine

## **9 General Business**

- New Laws come into effect 1 June 2008. Seminar by Tony Howes, Matthew McManus, and John McIlrath to be held on Sunday 11 at North Shore Bridge Club.
- Ratification of Open & Women's Teams for ANC. Done

## 10 Action Items from the May Meeting and previous Meetings

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. Proposed contract received from ABF. Copy to Julian Foster.	In Progress
Office	Source a conference phone for future Council meeting when regional delegates attend via teleconference	In Progress
BN	To respond to Tina's letter. To approach Ed Barnes re taking on the Teaching role at NSWBA.	Carried Forward
Office	Draft a new form for applying for grants - send to TC & DK.	
JF	Arrange auditor for FABC trust in due course.	
CM	Align the financial year in the Trust Deed in line with the NSWBA eg end 30 September.	
KM	Draft guidelines for using \$8000 promotions grant & application process.	
JF	Write to ABF re state pairs representation at the ANC.	
JF	Write to ABF re terms of loan agreement.	
Office	Send copy of letter to state representatives to WL.	
Office	Compare the prices of dealing machines.	
BN	Talk to Neville Moses re privacy issues with players names appearing on results page of sessions.	

## 11 Next meeting

Following consultation with new special councillors and their availability to be in Sydney, the next meeting will be held Tuesday 3 June at 6:15pm.

The meeting was closed at 9.00 pm.