

**NEW SOUTH WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION - COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday 3 June 2008**

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

Observer: Liz Fanos

Apologies: Trish Carter, Marilyn Chadwick, Nick Rodwell

### **1 Opening**

The meeting was opened at 6.15 pm.

### **2 Confirmation of Minutes of 9 May 2008**

Motion: *That the Minutes for 9 May meeting as amended be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.*

Moved John Brownie  
Seconded Colin Mitchell                      Motion carried.

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

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
BN	Web site information request from Stop Group Pty Ltd. BN to organise Office to respond.	Completed
Office	Source a conference phone for future Council meeting when regional delegates attend via teleconference. Not currently required as new special Councillors are travelling to attend the meeting.	Completed
BN	To respond to the letter from Tina Zines.	Completed
CM	Align the financial year in the Trust Deed in line with the NSWBA eg end 30 September.	Completed
Office	Send copy of letter to state representatives to WL.	Completed
Office	Compare the prices of dealing machines.	Completed
BN	Talk to Neville Moses re privacy issues with players names appearing on results page of sessions. Our turnover is less than 3 million, so we are not caught by the privacy act. We are in the business of bridge and it is reasonable to publish the results.	Completed

#### **4 Special Business**

Trust Deed: *Resolved that in order to facilitate the merger of the FABC with the NSWBA, the seal of the company be affixed to the Trust Deed presented to the meeting by the Chairman and that upon execution of the Trust Deed by the FABC and tender of the Trust fund of \$100 the NSWBA establish a bank account in the name of the NSWBA “as Trustee for the FABC Bridge Trust”.*

Moved Bruce Neill

Seconded Colin Mitchell

Council voted in favour of the resolution and the motion was carried.

#### **5 Correspondence**

- Request for funding for Coffs Harbour Directors forum to be held during their Congress in August. Council wanted to understand what costs are involved and ensure that the ABDA has also been approached for funds. BN to respond.

#### **6 Chairman’s Report**

Nothing major to report.

#### **7 Treasurer’s Report.**

Draft May accounts have just been prepared. In brief, we are on target compared to the same stage last year, considering that timing does vary slightly year to year.

Council confirmed that table money for Youth players will be 50%.

#### **8 Committee Reports**

##### FABC

FABC committee meeting has been held and all voted to proceed with the merger with the NSWBA. The AGM is scheduled for 13 September to finalise details and complete the appropriate paperwork.

##### Youth and Library

No report was tabled.

##### Rules & Ethics / Appeals / Teaching

KM has been negotiating the teaching position/role with Ed Barnes. Negotiations are proceeding satisfactorily. The issue of supervised sessions and how we handle small numbers of participants was raised. KM to review the situation and advise a policy.

### Promotion and Director Liaison

Nothing major to report. Ted Chadwick's sessions were covered during his recent illness.

### House

Coffee machine replaced today. Jennifer and those interested were trained to use the new equipment.

12 new chairs have been purchased. The yellow backed chairs will be removed as required.

Two new bookcases have been purchased and assembled. The council wishes to thank David Currie and Judy Mott for their assistance with this task.

Tim Seres books need to be reviewed and placed on display. BN to check if Ron Klinger can assist with this task.

### Tournament

The report was tabled. In addition,

- Council ratified the following teams for the ANC:
  - Open: T Nunn - M Wilkinson, P Gill - N Griffiths, P Gumby - W Lazer
  - Women's: J Snow - L Kalmin, N Bashar - J Mott, K Moses - K Neale
  - Seniors: P Jamieson - R Jamieson, E Auerbach - T Kiss, D Zines - R Stuart
  - Youth: M Weng - O Wu, M Naufal - S Yuen, M Chan - L Matheson

Council discussed captains and approved (subject to agreement from the individual) that: Tina Zines would captain the Women's and Seniors Teams, and Kieran Dyke the Open and Youth Teams. As only two captains will be sent, Council agreed to increase the captains subsidy to \$500.

The ANC Youth team contains an under 18 year old and so the appropriate procedures will need to be followed. KN to arrange.

The representative shirts have been ordered – so the Captains will need to contact JM with size details.

- Council agreed to pass the subsidy for the Women's Butler pairs to M Scudder and I Glanger who tied for first place in the event. (The winners on count back are unable to attend the ANC.)
- The teams of three ran successfully. Increased entry fee had virtually no effect on table numbers. The catering was very good, however, there were some problems with distribution of lunch. The problems have been noted and will be fixed for next year.
- The PABF representative teams will be selected from the winner of the City of Sydney Teams. NSWBA will pay the entry fee for the team and provide tickets to the delegate dinner and team jackets. All other costs will be covered by the team members.

## Office Manager Report

Report was tabled

<b>Tasks</b>	<b>Action</b>
Contacted St Vincents re loan of tables	Offered 23 collapsible tables and 20+ fixed for the weekend of 23 August.
Teams of 3	Not enough sets of boards were dealt, need to make sure that next year we allow for the number of teams.
Grand National Restricted Pairs	Survey done of Monday players, enough interest to run the event over 3 weeks.
Grants form	Amended and sent to Trish & Doreen for comments.
Dealing Machine	Experiencing a lot of problems. Analysis shows dealing taking longer (reference the tabled report). On Sunday neither machine was working properly.  Martin Wilcox's EBA machine is \$3995 from Paul Lavings. A replacement Duplimate machine costs \$5,450 from the Bridge Shop. EBA uses both bar coded and non bar coded cards.

After detailed discussion on the dealing machines, Council approved the purchase of the EBA machine from Paul Lavings. The office will arrange for the new machine and sell one of our old Duplimate machines.

### **9 General Business**

- Regional workshop enquiry from GREAT Lakes Bridge Club in Forster:  
BN to reply. No current plans, but the possibility will be investigated.
- 2008 Spring Nationals:  
2008 brochure was tabled for review. The ABF has reviewed and approved the brochure subject to some small changes.  
KN proposed a small increase to entry fees across the board. Council approved an increase from \$480 to \$500 for all teams events at the Spring Nationals. The Dick Cummings Open Pairs will remain at \$160.
- Update from John Brownie on Willoughby Legion Club:  
Council discussed in detail and decided that BN and JB will meet with the new President of the Willoughby Legion Club and provide review at the next council meeting.

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

Councillor	Action Item	Current Status
AY/BN	Try and secure an air conditioning project manager from NSWBA members.	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
KM	Finalise negotiations with Ed Barnes re taking on the Teaching role at NSWBA. Also, advise policy on handling small numbers of participants during supervised sessions.	In Progress
Office/KM	Finalise a new form for applying for FABC grants (send to TC & DK). Once complete update the form to include applications for the ABF grant (\$8,000 for promotions and teaching). Put in place process for making clubs aware of the options and how they can apply for funds as required.	In Progress
JF	Arrange auditor for FABC trust in due course.	Carried Forward
JF	Write to ABF re state pairs representation at the ANC.	In Progress
JF	Write to ABF re terms of loan agreement.	In Progress
BN	Request for funding for Coffs Harbour Directors forum to be held during their Congress in August. Council wanted to understand what costs are involved and ensure that the ABDA has also been approached for funds. BN to respond.	Current
BN	Tim Seres books need to reviewed and placed on display. BN to check if Ron Klinger can assist with this task.	Current
KN	The ANC Youth team contains an under 18 year old and so the appropriate procedures will need to be followed. KN to arrange.	Current
Office	Council approved the purchase of the EBA machine from Paul Lavings. The office will arrange for the new machine and re-sell one of our old Duplimate machines.	Current
BN/JB	BN and JB will meet with the new President of the Willoughby Legion Club and provide review at the next council meeting.	Current

## 11 Next meeting

The next meeting will be held Wednesday 2 July at 6:15pm.

The meeting was closed at 8.05 pm.