

**NEW SOUTH WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION - COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Wednesday 13 August 2008**

Present: John Brownie, Warren Lazer, Colin Mitchell, Kim Neale, Bruce Neill,  
 Kim Morrison, Nick Rodwell

Apologies: Doreen Kjeldsen, Judy Mott, Julian Foster, Trish Carter, Marilyn  
 Chadwick

**1 Opening**

The meeting was opened at 6.30 pm.

**2 Confirmation of Minutes of 2 July 2008**

Motion: *That the Minutes for 2 July meeting as amended be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.*

Moved Kim Morrison  
 Seconded John Brownie Motion carried.

**3 Completed Tasks from Previous Meeting**

Councillor	Action Item	Current Status
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.	Completed
KM/Office	Finalise a new form for applying for FABC grants. 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.	Completed
JF	Write to ABF re terms of loan agreement.	Completed
KN	The ANC Youth team contains an under 18 year old and so the appropriate procedures will need to be followed. KN to arrange.	Completed
KM	Request for funding for promotion at Batemans Bay Bridge Club. Batemans Bay have been advised that the NSWBA is in the process of preparing the paperwork and will advise them shortly. KM to respond once the paperwork and processes are ready.	Completed
WL	ABF reminder that each state has a requirement to advise their affiliated clubs re the 'Assignment' provisions under Law 80. WL to review and prepare a statement for the website.	Completed
Office	Request from David Stern re use of NSWBA premises 12-14 September for training weekend: Office to advise David the premises are available.	Completed

ALL	Naming of events in memory of John Arkinstall and Tim Seres.	Closed
KM	Disciplinary matter from State Mixed Pairs. KM/BN/MC to meet with those involved. KM to draft a letter of notification. Resolved satisfactorily.	Completed

#### **4 Special Business**

No special business was raised.

#### **5 Correspondence**

No correspondence was tabled.

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

##### Coffs Harbour Contracts

Arrangements are progressing – all concerned have reviewed and are happy to proceed.

##### Air Conditioning

The cleaning earlier this year involved cleaning the coils/condenser on Level 1. BN to ask Body Corporate if this maintenance could be scheduled regularly and an instrument installed to measure conditions on the floor.

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

Report was tabled and briefly discussed in the absence of the Treasurer.

Council asked if it were possible to separate out timing issues to examine independently.

JF authorised to negotiate ANC \$entry fee situation.

#### **8 Committee Reports**

##### FABC

AGM notices going out this week for September 13 meeting. The special resolutions will be voted on at the AGM.

##### Youth and Library

Nothing major to report.

CM briefly discussed his knowledge of a public school recently running a successful and popular class to teach mini-bridge to students.

## Rules & Ethics / Appeals

Nothing to report.

## Teaching, Promotion and Director Liaison

KM reported that we are losing Ted Chadwick as a director. Marcia Scudder has agreed to take on his sessions. Council discussed need for a State level Director. KM to see if Marcia is interested in upgrading her Director skills.

Council discussed the need to replace Mat McManus while he is in Beijing and that as MM becomes more well known he is going to be away more often.

ASE8 needs to be reviewed and updated on the Directors' computer. A temporary director experienced ASE8 problems recently.

## House and Sponsorship

Nothing to report.

## Tournament

The report was tabled. In addition, Council decided to run the ITS as one field in 2009 and arrange for air conditioning maintenance prior to the start of the event.

## Office Manager Report

The report was tabled.

<b>Tasks</b>	<b>Action</b>
Directing	Liz directed 4 sessions in July for directors on holidays or at ANC.
Grand National Restricted Pairs	Liz ran the GNP section for Peter over 3 Mondays and ran own session on Tuesday night. 6 tables on Monday and 10 for Tuesday night session.
Grants form	Posted to all clubs
Leave	Liz away at Butlers 28 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> July.

## **9 General Business**

- Bulk Game Tickets:  
JB explained the bulk session tickets and how it operates at NSBC. Basically members may pay \$70 for \$72 worth of game tickets and receive one free game if they bring a new person/guest to play at the Club. Council thought the idea was attractive for most sessions (excluding Monday evening) and asked for the suggestion to be reviewed with Liz/Office for their input. Subject to the support of the Office – JF should review for application at regular sessions.
- ABF Request for use of premises 25/26 October 2008:  
Council approved – Office to notify ABF.
- Ed Barnes offering improvers course 14 Oct at 7pm for 8 weeks: Noted
- Submission for financial assistance for teaching tour by Lorraine Harkness:  
Noted. Council policy is to offer financial assistance to clubs directly.

- Treasurer Leave of Absence:  
The Council moved that this meeting give permission for Julian Foster to miss the September Council Meeting (3<sup>rd</sup> in a row) if necessary and for John Brownie to miss November Meeting if necessary. Approved.
- Next Roadshow:  
There was some general discussion on whether we should think about the next roadshow and who was the target audience. It was thought that we should run one for the Sydney clubs and include the Central Coast and Newcastle.

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

Councillor	Action Item	Current Status
AY/BN	Try and secure an air conditioning project manager from NSWBA members.	Carried Forward
KN/BN	Coffs Harbour Bridge Club application for a gold point event. Contracts reviewed by all concerned. Arrangements in progress.	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.	Carried Forward
BN	Tim Seres books need to reviewed and placed on display. BN to check if Ron Klinger can assist with this task.	Carried Forward
BN	Bridge Promotions Strategy. BN to ask ABF for further clarification.	In Progress
BN/Office	Chase up exactly what happened when the aircon was cleaned earlier in the year. BN advises the coils/condenser on the floor were cleaned. BN to ask body corporate if this can be scheduled regularly and if an instrument for measurement of conditions on the floor can be installed.	In Progress
JF	Council asked if it were possible to separate out timing issues to examine independently.	Current
JF	JF authorised to negotiate ANC \$entry fee situation.	Current
KM	KM to see if Marcia Scudder is interested in upgrading her Director skills to State level Director.	Current
KM	Arrange for ASE to be reviewed and updated on the Directors computer.	Current
KM	Bulk Game Tickets – review idea with Liz/Office.	Current
Office	Notify ABF their request for use of premises for October 25/26 is fine.	Current

## 11 Next meeting

The next meeting will be held Wednesday 10 September at 6:15pm.  
The meeting was closed at 7.35 pm.