

NEW SOUTH WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION - COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday 10 September 2008

Present: Warren Lazer, Colin Mitchell, Bruce Neill, Kim Morrison,
Doreen Kjeldsen, Judy Mott, Julian Foster, Marilyn Chadwick

Apologies: Nick Rodwell, Trish Carter, John Brownie; Kim Neale

Observer: Liz Fanos

1 Opening

The meeting was opened at 6.40 pm.

2 Confirmation of Minutes of 13 August 2008

Motion: *That the Minutes for 13 August meeting as amended be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.*

Moved Kim Morrison
Seconded Colin Mitchell Motion carried.

3 Completed Tasks from Previous Meeting

Councillor	Action Item	Current Status
AY/BN	Try and secure an air conditioning project manager from NSWBA members.	Closed
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.	Closed
JF	Council asked if it were possible to separate out timing issues to examine independently.	Closed
KM	KM to see if Marcia Scudder is interested in upgrading her Director skills to State level Director.	Closed
KM	Arrange for ASE to be reviewed and updated on the Directors computer.	Closed
Office	Notify ABF their request for use of premises for October 25/26 is fine.	Closed

4 Special Business

No special business was raised.

5 Correspondence

- Letters from Warialda & District, Gunnedah, and Tamworth Bridge Clubs re Lorraine Harkness recent teaching visits
- Paul Marston's invitation to take part in Australia Wide Spring Pairs 25-31 October.
- Letter from player complaining of opponent's aggressive and bullying behaviour
- Helen Sharwood request for assistance at bridge stall at Newtown Festival 9th November
- Grant application for 2009 Seniors Week. Council decided not to apply.
- Email from Keiran Crowe-Mai regarding NZ Nationals and Australian Swiss Pairs events

6 Chairman's Report

Coffs Harbour Contracts

Meeting approved contracts for signature.

Mortgage Variation

Has been agreed to.

Air Conditioning

Body Corporate has agreed to measure and provide a weekly record of temperature conditions on the floor.

7 Treasurer's Report.

Report was tabled. In brief;

Results to 31 August 2008

The results to 31 August 2008 indicate net profit of \$49,000 compared to a loss of \$3,800 for last year (overall increase \$52,800).

Cashflow

Cash reserves are currently about \$135,000 held mainly in the Colonial high interest account. Current projections indicate this amount will be roughly the surplus cash at the end of the current financial year.

ANC Subsidies

JF has received an email notice from the ABF about our paying the reduced amount for the ANC (i.e. not nominating or paying for pairs in the pairs events). Apparently a more detailed response was sent to my old email address which I never received – so I am awaiting another copy. The amount is about \$900.

ABF Loan

The ABF continued the loan under the present arrangement – that is a 1.2% margin on the interest rate they obtain on their savings account. The loan is now due for repayment in March 2011. Given our cashflow position, we should consider whether to make another capital repayment.

FABC

We are in the process of setting up the FABC Trust account with NAB.

8 Committee Reports

FABC

AGM to be held September 13 which will officially wind it up. The accounts have been signed off.

Youth and Library

Nothing to report.

Rules & Ethics / Appeals

Nothing to report.

Teaching, Promotion and Director Liaison

Funding request from Maitland for \$312 approved.

House and Sponsorship

Nothing to report.

Tournament

The monthly report on table numbers was tabled.

Office Manager Report

The report was tabled. In brief;

Tasks	Action
Dave Griffiths Pairs 17 August	Attracted 14 tables. Some complaints that there was no organised speech.
Grand National Restricted Pairs	Qualifying Pairs from both events confirmed to John McIlrath
St Vincents Hospital Fundraising Card Day	St Vincents once again held their card game this year and borrowed portable tables and covers.

9 General Business

- Special Leave of absence from next Council meeting was granted to Trish Carter.

10**Action Items from the September Meeting and previous Meetings**

Councillor	Action Item	Current Status
BN	Coffs Harbour Bridge Club application for a gold point event. Contracts reviewed by all concerned. Ready to be signed.	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
Office	Tim Seres books to be reviewed and placed on display. Liz to contact Ron Klinger regarding bringing books to NSWBA for sorting.	Carried Forward
BN	Bridge Promotions Strategy. BN to ask ABF for further clarification.	In Progress
JF	JF authorised to negotiate ANC \$entry fee situation.	Current
KM	Bulk Game Tickets – review idea with Liz/Office.	Carried forward
ALL	Resolved that the State Teams/Association Cup will be henceforth known as the John Arkinstall State Teams.	In Progress
MC	To write to a member re letter of complaint regarding his behaviour at the table	In Progress
Office	Email Lorraine Harkness regarding letters of appreciation from Warialda & District, Gunnedah, and Tamworth Bridge Clubs	In Progress
KM & BN	BN to email response to Helen Sharwood's request for assistance at the Newtown Festival offering help with brochure and to put notice on web site asking for volunteers to assist at stall on November 9.	In Progress

11 Next meeting

The next meeting will be held Wednesday 8 October at 6:15pm.

The meeting was closed at 8.00 pm.