

NEW SOUTH WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION - COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday 8 October 2008

Present: Colin Mitchell, Bruce Neill, Kim Morrison, Doreen Kjeldsen, Judy Mott, Julian Foster, Marilyn Chadwick, Kim Neale, Trish Carter

Apologies: Nick Rodwell, John Brownie, Warren Lazer.

Observer: Liz Fanos

1 Opening

The meeting was opened at 6.20 pm.

2 Confirmation of Minutes of 10 September 2008

Motion: *That the Minutes for 10 September meeting as amended be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.*

Moved Kim Morrison
Seconded Judy Mott Motion carried.

3 Completed Tasks from Previous Meeting

Councillor	Action Item	Current Status
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. No costs were required – venue was free and directors donated their time.	Completed
BN	Bridge Promotions Strategy. BN to ask ABF for further clarification.	Completed
JF	JF authorised to negotiate ANC \$entry fee situation. ABF have agreed to review the situation with a view to changing in 2010. Most probable outcome that we pay for this year and 2009 and the event charges will be changed in 2010.	Closed
ALL	Resolved that the State Teams/Association Cup will be henceforth known as the John Arkinstall State Teams.	Closed
Office	Email Lorraine Harkness regarding letters of appreciation from Warialda & District, Gunnedah, and Tamworth Bridge Clubs	Closed

4 Special Business

No special business was raised.

5 Correspondence

- Email from Mick Mills re alerting regulations. Forwarded to Tony Howes for comment.
- Funding request from Lorraine Harkness.
Council discussed. Funding requests are intended to come via the Clubs. Office will advise Lorraine and the Clubs involved.
- Funding request for information from Carolyn Malloy – Office emailed form to her.
- Report on State Wide Pairs from Valerie Cummings.
Report tabled and Val's suggestions discussed. JF to review costs and entry fees now that the event has been moved from the FABC to the NSWBA.
- Request from Helen Sharwood for \$270 for insurance for Newtown Stall. Council approved request.

6 Chairman's Report

Coffs Harbour Contracts

Contract between ABF and NSWBA completed. Contract between NSWBA and Coffs Harbour in the process of being signed by all parties.

Newtown Stall

Brochure in progress.

ABF Midyear Meeting

Peter Kahler is undertaking review of ANC structure, including our issue with structure and fees for Pairs Events.

7 Treasurer's Report.

Financial year end was 30th September and the draft accounts/results are in progress. Next meeting will have the draft information for the accounts. Council asked if we could get a budget for 2008-09 for the NSWBA and the FABC trust accounts.

Council also discussed the ABF loan. A decision needs to be made about loan repayments - when and how much should the NSWBA put towards capital repayment. It was decided to review and make a decision next meeting when full account information is available.

8 Committee Reports

FABC

AGM was held on September 13. The accounts have been signed off. The FABC trust account has been setup with NAB. The last bills/accounts needed to be finalised and then the remainder of the money can be rolled over into the new trust account.

Council asked for documentation for the FABC trust showing rules under which it should be operated to ensure that its intended function can be continued correctly by the NSWBA. CM to ensure the appropriate documents are forwarded to JF for review and filing.

Youth and Library

Nothing to report.

Rules & Ethics / Appeals

Nothing to report.

Teaching, Promotion and Director Liaison

A new director may be required for the Thursday evening session. KM to review.

KM to liaise with ABTDA to see if they wish to work with us to run the Country mini roadshows discussed during the FABC section of this meeting.

House and Sponsorship

Nothing to report.

Tournament

The monthly report on table numbers was tabled. Council to review the draft 2009 timetable, so it can be confirmed at the November meeting.

Office Manager Report

The report was tabled. In brief:

Tasks	Action
Stroke Awareness Charity Day	Attracted 23 tables. Raised \$1660. Further \$490 from 3 country clubs.
Grand National Restricted Pairs	Completed. 12 pairs went on to the Metro Finals.
Jury Service	Ineligible to be enpanelled. Will not be called for at least 12 months.
Fire Warden Training	Carried out on Friday 3 rd .
Directing	There will be a shortage of directors during the Springs with Peter, Marcia & Charles playing in Seniors/Women's.
Leave	Liz on leave 1-5 September.
Audit	End of year September 30. Appointment for CBC scheduled for October 14 th .
Masterpoints	Masterpoints completed and sent to ABF for Q3.
Office Equipment	New photocopier arrived.

9 General Business

FABC:

Council had extensive discussions on the progressing merger of the FABC. The country reps felt that not enough time has been spent looking at country club business. In addition, it was pointed out that there is a lot of confusion from Country Clubs on what has happened and how the change will effect them.

The FABC is not quite wound up yet – the wind up is progressing smoothly and should be completed by the next meeting. Country clubs need to be notified of the changes and information provided on the changes and who the new contacts are. Regular bulletin notices and an annual mail out of information should ensure the clubs are kept up to date, despite regular changes in committee members.

Council also decided to plan mini roadshows targeted to small groups of clubs at a time. These mini roadshows would be scheduled around the country congresses, at times when the club committee members are available. Main areas of interest should include: masterpoints; Directing; and the impact of the new Laws. DK, TC and KM are to look at planning for these events.

Spring Nationals:

- Arrangements are progressing normally.
- Special thanks to the QBA and Kim Ellaway for loan of a timer for the event.
- StepBridge offered sponsorship options for use of Bridgemate scorers during the event. Unfortunately, much of the paperwork had already been prepared and the Convener was concerned that the \$2K required would be too large with numbers down this year. It is however, an option that should be investigated for the 2009 event.
- Entries look to be down on last year – although there is still just over a week before entries close. This year there have been a lot of tournaments recently, including Hobart, the NZ Nationals and World Championships in Beijing. These events will impact on entries, currently: Open=23 teams (2007 – 41); Women's= 17 (2007 – 25); BEST=11 teams (2007 – 20) and DCOP=18 pairs (62 pairs in 2007).
- KN advised she will step down as Convener after the 2008 event is wrapped up.

10 Action Items from the October Meeting and previous Meetings

Councillor	Action Item	Current Status
BN	Office to arrange forwarding of the ABF component for the Coffs Harbour Congress to the ABF.	In Progress
Office	Tim Seres books have been received from Ron Klinger and are being reviewed by the Office. Tim Seres scrapbook to be presented to the ABF for the library. Suggested it is presented at the Summer Festival.	In Progress
KM	Bulk Game Tickets – review idea with Liz/Office.	Carried forward
MC	To write to a member re letter of complaint regarding his behaviour at the table. Meeting has been arranged.	In Progress
KM & BN/Office	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. Office to ask webmaster to update website to show that volunteers duties are play bridge during the festival (not man the stall).	In Progress

Office	Funding request from Lorraine Harkness. Office will advise Lorraine and the Clubs involved that the funding is intended for the clubs not an individual and the request should come from the Club.	Current
JF	Report on State Wide Pairs from Valerie Cummings. JF to review costs and entry fees now that the event has been moved from the FABC to the NSWBA.	Current
Office	Office to ask webmaster to update message on website asking for volunteers for the Newtown Festival. Volunteers should be made aware that they are not required to man the stall, but rather to play bridge at the stall in 2 hour shifts.	Current
JF	When and how much should the NSWBA put towards capital repayment. Council to review when account and budget information is available next meeting.	Current
CM	Documentation for the FABC trust accounts. Information on how they are to be administered should be forwarded to JF.	Current
JF	2008-09 budget for NSWBA and new trust accounts from the FABC.	Current
KM	A new director may be required for the Thursday evening session.	Current
ALL	Council to review the draft 2009 timetable, so it can be confirmed at the November meeting.	Current
KM	KM to liaise with ABTDA to see if they wish to work with us to run the Country mini road-shows discussed during the FABC section of this meeting.	Current
DK/TC	Look into planning for mini road-shows aimed at Country clubs	Current

11 Next meeting

The next meeting will be held Wednesday 12 November at 6:15pm. **(Note Change)**

The meeting was closed at 8.05 pm.