

NEW SOUTH WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION - COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday 12 November 2008

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

Apologies: -

Observer: Liz Fanos

1 Opening

The meeting was opened at 6.20 pm.

2 Confirmation of Minutes of 8 October 2008

Motion: *That the Minutes for 8 October meeting as amended be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.*

Moved Trish Carter

Seconded Marilyn Chadwick Motion carried.

3 Completed Tasks from Previous Meeting

Councillor	Action Item	Current Status
MC	To write to a member re letter of complaint regarding his behaviour at the table. Meeting has been arranged.	Closed
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. Stall was a great success – see correspondence from Helen Sharwood for details.	Closed
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. Actioned by Office	Closed
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.	Closed
CM	Documentation for the FABC trust accounts. Information on how they are to be administered should be forwarded to JF. Information tabled at meeting.	Closed
ALL	Council to review the draft 2009 timetable, so it can be confirmed at the November meeting.	Closed

4 Special Business

No special business was raised.

5 Correspondence

- Email from Helen Milward re Tweed Congress. NSWBA provides guidelines only to Clubs. But is the response from Tweed Club in the spirit of the game. BN to respond to Helen. Tweed Bridge Club has misapplied Tournament regulations.
- Email from Helen Sharwood re approaching James Valentine to appear on his weekly segment of unusual sports. Council thought this was a great idea. BN to identify an appropriate person to participate.
- Email from Helen Sharwood with report from Newtown Festival. Festival was a great success and Helen received lots of interest. The brochure should be polished and Council thought we should use some of the ABF Marketing Grant to do this. Another suggestion from Helen, was to employ someone to visit community groups and introduce them to bridge (senior citizens, PROBUS, etc). Council liked the idea and will consider how to action this.

6 Chairman's Report

No extra items to report.

7 Treasurer's Report.

The report was tabled. Draft budget for next year is in progress. To be circulated via email for comment.

Youth budget was also discussed by Council. Need to communicate the availability of this budget to NSW Youth players. NR to draft communication and circulate for approval.

A donation of money and books was made from the Tim Seres estate. Council felt it was important to recognise Tim's contribution and arrange for a plaque in memory.

Costs associated with Feasibility study to be expensed.

8 Committee Reports

FABC

Application to Department of Fair trading to wind up the FABC has been signed and forwarded. Once approved the remainder of the money will be rolled over into the new trust.

Copies of the original FABC trust Deed and the set up instructions for the Betty Hill Trust were tabled for review.

CM also tabled the files from the FABC for archive. The Secretary will also forward copies of all email correspondence for archiving onto CD.

Youth and Library

NR raised funding request from Leigh/Ming for support to attend the PABF. FOYB have agreed to pay half if NSWBA picks up the other half. Meeting approved in principle – NR to document and confirm details.

Youth weekend planned for 6-7 December is to go ahead – details are unknown. NR to confirm who is organising and arrange Office to publish brochure.

Rules & Ethics / Appeals

Two letters of complaint from Taree Congress are currently being handled.

Teaching, Promotion and Director Liaison

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

M Scudder is in the process of upgrading her director skills.

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 report was tabled. In brief,

- GNOT Restricted Pairs report from J McIlrath was tabled. WL to provide feedback to ABF on future implications. The loss on the event was kept to \$2,000. Feedback from clubs running the event was that they too made a loss on the event overall.
- GNOT regional Qualifier issues were discussed. Should the event be opened up to all eligible metropolitan players. Meeting agreed the event should be opened up – subject to the new entries having competed in a GNOT qualifying event. WL to update regulations.
- Team from Port Macquarie won the Country Teams final and qualified to the final of the John Arkinstall State Teams. They have requested a travel subsidy as the FABC previously provided one of \$400. Council approved the travel subsidy.
- 2009 timetable was confirmed.

Office Manager Report

The report was tabled. In brief:

Tasks	Action
GNOT incident	Problem with unauthorized work in kitchen upstairs resulted in water leaking into our kitchen area which was flooded when we arrived on Saturday morning. Replacement of ceiling tiles will be carried out as soon as the company recommended by Pacific fix a date. Carpet will be steam cleaned with invoices sent to Dynamic who will arrange payment by owners of level 2 lot. BN advises the Body Corporate are handling this.
Bulletin	November issue posted out.
Directing	Liz directed Mon-Thursday during the second week of the Spring

	Nationals.
Melbourne Cup	Tables up from usual 14-15 to 20. Also successful in terms of lunch orders (37) and feedback.
Newtown Festival	Have received 2 calls from people who picked up a brochure and wanted information about clubs and lessons.
Boards/cards audit	We have approx 5000 boards. Our weekly requirements are about 500 boards. Trish usually deals 2 weeks in advance so 100 boards will be used over and over. About 10% of these could probably use new cards. Council authorised Liz to source new cards as required.
Coffs Harbour Super Congress	Have now received a total of \$2170.38. Need to confirm ABF payment amount.

Air conditioning was also discussed. BN asked that the office arrange to regularly review and document the air conditioning environment.

9 General Business

Country Frustration:

Doreen tabled an example of the frustrations being experienced by the Country clubs. The meeting discussed the details and felt that many of these frustrations would be resolved by the planned mini roadshows. Incoming Council will review and assign a Councilor to coordinate. This will ensure the first of these mini roadshows aimed at the interpretation of the new Laws are provided as quickly as possible.

\$500 Anonymous Donation:

The NSWBA has received a \$500 donation from a member who wishes to remain anonymous. Council expressed its thanks and Liz will thank the person privately. It was suggested the money could be put towards updating the blinds in the club rooms.

AGM:

Date set for 17 December at 6:30pm.

10 Action Items from the November 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

Office	Bulk Game Tickets – approved by meeting. Free tickets not available for Monday and Tuesday sessions. 12 months expiry date and top up required if bulk ticket is used for Monday or Tuesday sessions. Office to action.	Carried forward
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.	Carried forward
JF	When and how much should the NSWBA put towards capital repayment. Council to review when account and budget information is available next meeting.	Carried Forward
JF	2008-09 budget for NSWBA and new trust accounts from the FABC.	In Progress
KM	A new director may be required for the Thursday evening session.	Carried forward
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.	In Progress
DK/TC	Look into planning for mini road-shows aimed at Country clubs	In Progress
BN	BN to respond to email from Helen Milward re Tweed Congress.	Current
BN	BN to identify an appropriate person to participate/arrange interview on James Valentines weekly segment of unusual sports (as per excellent suggestion from Helen Sharwood)	Current
ALL	Newtown Festival was a great success and Helen Sharwood received lots of interest. (1) The brochure should be polished and Council thought we should use some of the ABF Marketing Grant to do this. (2) Another suggestion from Helen, was to employ someone to visit community groups and introduce them to bridge (senior citizens, PROBUS, etc). Council liked the idea and will consider how to action this.	Current
NR	NR to draft communication on proposed 2009 Youth budget and circulate for approval.	Current
Office	Office to arrange for a plaque in memory of Tim Seres' contribution.	Current
WL	GNOT regional Qualifier issues were discussed. Meeting agreed the event should be opened up – subject to the new entries having competed in a GNOT qualifying event. WL to update regulations for the GNOT regional Qualifier.	Current
WL	GNOT Restricted Pairs report from J McIlrath was tabled. WL to provide feedback to ABF on future implications.	Current
Office	Archive FABC documentation.	Current
Office	Source new playing cards as required.	Current
Office	Air conditioning was also discussed. BN asked that the office arrange to regularly review and document the air conditioning environment.	Current
Office	Arrange call for councillor nomination details to go on website.	Current

11 Next meeting

The next meeting will be held Wednesday 17 December at 6:15pm.

The meeting was closed at 8.25 pm.