

NEW SOUTH WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION - COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday 17 December 2008

Present: Bruce Neill, Kim Morrison, Julian Foster, Marilyn Chadwick, Kim Neale,
John Brownie, Warren Lazer, Ted Chadwick, Leigh Matheson

Apologies: Doreen Kjeldsen, Trish Carter, Jean Rennick

Observer: Liz Fanos

1 Opening

The Chairman opened the meeting at 6:45 pm and advised that the primary purpose of the meeting was to allocate portfolios on the newly elected Council.

2 Assignment of Portfolios to Councillors

Portfolio	Primary Contact
Regional	To be decided next meeting
Youth/ Teaching & Library	Leigh Matheson
Rules and Ethics	Kim Morrison
Directors & Appeals	Ted Chadwick
House	Marilyn Chadwick
Tournament	Warren Lazer
Sponsorship & Promotions	TBA – Council to rethink what is required.

3 Office Report

Event/Tasks	Action	Completed
Clean up after kitchen flood in October	Carpet cleaned and ceiling tiles replaced.	
Membership Renewal	Approx 150 handed out at sessions and rest mailed out .Completed by 3 December included Notice of AGM	
Directing	Liz directed 4 day time events over the month while directors away	
Christmas Party	23 Tables. Catered by Jennifer with assistance from Liz & George Finikiotis. Food costs \$7 per head + wine and Jennifer's costs.	
Annual report	Printed in house and posted to those who specifically requested.	
Club affiliation mailout	Ready to post with Bulletin on Thursday 18 th December	
State Open Pairs	Worked the weekend assisting John McIlrath	

4 General Business

North Shore Bridge Club/Club Willoughby

John Brownie advised that Club Willoughby are moving forward with their proposed redevelopment. Club Willoughby has requested North Shore Bridge Club provide a list of their requirements by 2nd of February. Club Willoughby are planning to lodge the development application with Willoughby Council and have planned a two stage approach. First, build retirement units around the peripheral of the property and secondly rebuild the club itself. John Brownie advised that the NSBC believes it needs approximately 1000 sqm for the bridge club with a separate entry.

There was some discussion at this point and it was resolved to form a subcommittee to review the options and issues and whether NSWBA would like to be involved in the process. BN to arrange notice on the website for interested parties to become involved.

ITS

The ITS is scheduled in next years calendar for Monday nights.

Office advises that players are talking about the cold and that the air conditioning is working well. There is an override button that turns the system on for 2 hours if the building has not correctly programmed the air conditioning times. The directors should be given a key and some training on what to do if the air conditioning is not turned on.

Office to find out if the air conditioning can be cleaned again prior to the ITS.

The ground floor is still vacant. If problems are experienced during the first week of the ITS, is it possible to make use of the space downstairs. A second director would also be required. Office to find out if the area is available and what it would cost.

Subsidy for John Arkinstall State Teams Finals

The Port Macquarie team did not attend and a team came down from the Central Coast instead. Are the Central Coast team still eligible for the subsidy? Should there be a sliding scale based on distance travelled? Council approved the \$400 subsidy.

5 Future Meetings at NSWBA in 2009 – proposed schedule

- a) Wed 28 January
- b) Wed 18 February
- c) Thu 19 March / Fri 20 March
- d) Wed 22 April
- e) Wed 20 May
- f) Wed 24 June
- g) Wed 22 July
- h) Wed 26 August

- i) Wed 23 September
- j) Wed 14 October
- k) Wed 18 November
- l) Post-AGM Wed 16 December

6 Current Action Items from the December meeting and previous Meetings

These items were not reviewed at this meeting, but rather are included here as reference for the next Council meeting.

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
Council	To review requirements for Sponsorship and Promotions portfolio.	Current
BN	BN to arrange notice on the website for interested parties to become involved in a subcommittee to review NSWBA/NSBC site.	Current
Office	Find out availability and cost of using ground floor for ITS if required.	Current
Office	Arrange for subsidy of \$400 to be paid to the Central Coast team who attended the John Arkininstall State Teams Finals.	Current

7 Next meeting

The next meeting will be held Wednesday 28 January at 6:15pm.

The meeting was closed at 7:15 pm.