

NEW SOUTH WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION - COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday 18 February 2009

Present: Bruce Neill, Kim Morrison, Julian Foster, Marilyn Chadwick, Kim Neale, John Brownie, Warren Lazer, Trish Carter, Doreen Kjeldsen
 Apologies: Ted Chadwick, Jean Rennick, Leigh Matheson
 Observer: Liz Fanos

1 Opening

The meeting was opened at 6.15 pm.

2 Confirmation of Minutes of meeting held 28 January 2009

Motion: *That the Minutes for the meeting held on 28 January be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.*

Moved Bruce Neill
 Seconded John Brownie Motion carried.

3 Completed Tasks from Previous Meeting

Councillor	Action Item	Current Status
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.	Closed
KM DK/TC/JR	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. Look into planning for mini road-shows aimed at Country clubs. Discussions with Tony Howes positive – the idea being to use those people who will travel to the congress in any case.	Closed
BN	BN to respond to email from Helen Milward re Tweed Congress.	Closed
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. Peter Jamieson is currently preparing an editorial on this matter.	Closed
Office	Archive FABC documentation. Working bee to be organised.	Closed
Office	Find out availability and cost of using ground floor for ITS, if required.	Closed
BN	Case for changing the administration of Bridge in Victoria. BN to advise ABF of NSW response. NSW reps are advised to vote on merits of proposal when they hear the case from both sides.	Closed
Office	Office to advise Finesse the request for bridge holidays has been	Closed

	approved	
TC	Letter regarding Director's duties. T Chadwick to review the response provided by the office. T Chadwick to arrange for appropriate guidelines to be made generally available on the website.	Closed
JF/Office	Arrange capital repayment to ABF for \$25K.	Closed
KM	KM to arrange subcommittee to review alleged player indiscretion.	Closed
WL	WL to respond to email from Richard Douglas.	Closed
WL	WL to ensure changes to dates for the ITS Stage II and the State Mixed Pairs are appropriately advertised.	Closed
WL	WL make preliminary investigations into the possibility of advertising on subscriber based radio.	Closed
Office	To advertise the position of ABF representative for NSW.	Closed

4 Special Business

NSW's third vote at the ABF AGM: Postponed until next meeting.

5 Correspondence

Atari – seeking to promote Bridge teaching game. Postponed until LM available.
A loan copy of the program would be required for evaluation.

6 Chairman's Report

ITS Qualifying: Air conditioning was monitored and if the air was moving it registered 25 degrees and approximately 60% humidity. The key is to ensure the air conditioning is boosted prior to play, the tables are spread out as much as possible and the fans are used to keep the air moving.

7 Treasurer's Report.

A loan repayment of \$25K plus interest was made to the ABF. The loan is now \$100K. The cash flow position is fine.

The FABC funds distorted the accounts with the inflow of approximately \$63K. In addition, general table numbers are down and the profit from the Spring Nationals was also down.

8 Committee Reports

Regions

- 1) JB proposed that the country representatives be compensated for the travel costs incurred to attend meetings. While not fully covering costs, this will assist future representatives to attend meetings. The meeting approved the payment of \$0.30 per kilometre towards mileage and accommodation expenses. The resolution was moved by John Brownie, seconded by Julian Foster and approved by the meeting.
- 2) The regional representatives would also like to see conferences/presentations for country players & administrators to be organised to coincide with holding country congresses. The NSWBA would pay the reasonable expenses of the person that runs the conference.
- 3) The regional representatives would like to provide to each club a document on the recent changes to the laws. This could be published in the NSWBA newsletter or sent with the mail out. Office to assist.
- 4) The regional representatives would like a current list of email contact details for clubs in their region. Office to provide.
- 5) The regional representatives requested a review of zonal boundaries for the regions.

Youth, Teaching and Library

Nothing to report.

Rules & Ethics

Nothing to report.

Directors and Appeals

Nothing to report.

House

Quotes for new blinds are on their way.

Tournament

The report was tabled. In brief:

- Ted Chadwick has joined the TC and Val Cummings, Peter Newman and Colin Mitchell have stepped down. Thanks go to those who have participated.
- TC highlights the worrying downward trend in table numbers for the major events.
- Trish Carter has agreed to convene the Country Teams. Trish has suggested that the event could be run as a pairs and the top two pairs form a team. Is it possible to reward those who make the country final of the GNP (held in Sydney).
- Ed Barnes has agreed to host the Les Longhurst Teams of 3.
- The revised regulations for the GNOT Direct Qualifying events have been posted.
- Meeting agreed to publicise the grant available to country pairs to play in the Seniors ITS. \$200 per person has been advertised. Publicise in newsletter and on the website.

Promotions & Sponsorship

Refer to item in general business of advertising on 2MBSFM.

Office Manager Report

Tasks	Action
Leave	Office Manager away for 2 weeks during February.
Review Club Fees	In an attempt to make fees more equitable it is proposed to change fees so everyone pays same rate except for youth and country members. Office/JF to review the numbers and remove pensioner concession rate.

9 General Business

Proposal to extend the hours of Assistant NSWBA Office Manager:

The meeting approved and extra ½ day per week to Carries work hours as the office is picking up many additional tasks including FABC work, covering for absence of Office Manager as required, Convening the Teams of Three, Director's Accreditation and assisting with the entry management and house team coordination of the Spring Nationals.

BN/JF to review Office staff pay increase, and present proposal to council.

Advertising on 2MBSFM:

WL researched and tabled a report on advertising on subscriber based radio. The meeting decided that it was a good idea to experiment with how effective advertising could be. Advertising should feed into Lessons which start in July. BN to review further, with a view to advertising in May and June 2009.

Marketing report for ABF due end of February:

KN advised it was time to send the ABF a report identifying how the \$8,000 grant was spent. Office to provide details on appropriate items. Report to be circulated via email for approval as due by end of February.

Convener for Spring Nationals:

Kim Neale will convene in 2009. The meeting approved extra support be provided by the office.

Action Items from the January Meeting and previous Meetings

Councillor	Action Item	Current Status
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 Gold Coast.	In Progress
JF	2008-09 budget for NSWBA and new trust accounts from the FABC.	In Progress
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)	Carried forward
LM	NR to draft communication on proposed 2009 Youth budget and circulate for approval.	Carried forward
Office	Office to arrange for a plaque in memory of Tim Seres' contribution.	In Progress
Council	To review requirements for Promotions and Sponsorship portfolio.	Carried forward
BN	BN to arrange notice on the website for interested parties to become involved in a subcommittee to review NSWBA/NSBC site. BN discussed with appropriate people and will draft terms of reference.	In progress
Office	2009 Bridge for Brains seeking promotion in Newsletters: Council approved advertising on the website and in the NSWBA newsletter. Office to advise webmaster and newsletter editor.	In progress
KN/JF	Marketing report for \$8K ABF grant due end of February. JF to advise KN of appropriate items to go in the report. Office has logs of claims.	In progress
Office/D K/TC/JR	The country representatives would like to provide to each club a document on the recent changes to the laws. This could be published in the NSWBA newsletter or sent with the mail out. Office to assist.	Current
Office	The country representatives would like a current list of email contact details for clubs in their region.	Current
Office/Co untry reps	The Region representatives requested a review of zonal boundaries for the regions.	Current
TC/WL	Trish has suggested that the event could be run as a pairs and the top two pairs form a team. Is it possible to reward those who make the country final of the GNP (held in Sydney).	Current
Office	Publicise Seniors ITS grant of \$200 per person in newsletter & on the website.	Current
BN/JF	BN/JF to review Office staff pay increase and present proposal to council.	Current
Office/JF	Review club fees with a view to making more equitable - review the numbers and remove occasional rate.	Current

11 Next meeting

The next meeting will be held Friday 20 March at 6:15pm.

The meeting was closed at 7:40 pm.