

**NEW SOUTH WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION - COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Wednesday 20 May 2009**

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

Apologies: Trish Carter

### **1 Opening**

The meeting was opened at 6.15 pm.

### **2 Confirmation of Minutes of meeting held 20 March 2009**

Motion: *That the Minutes for the meeting held on 20 March be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.*

Moved Kim Morrison  
Seconded John Brownie                      Motion carried.

### **3 Completed Tasks from Previous Meeting**

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
Office	Check on availability of stall space at the Surry Hills Festival	Completed
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)	Completed
Office	Check with Surry Hills Festival to check if spaces still available	Completed

### **4 Special Business**

None

### **5 Correspondence**

- ABF Grant for 2009 has been received - \$8,000 plus GST.
- Issue emails – matter referred to Rules & Ethics.

### **6 Chairman's Report**

The Chairman's report was tabled. In brief:

- The FABC has been cancelled and this was published in the NSW Government Gazette in February.
- The chairman is investigating a constitutional change to assist with the heavy load carried by non-metropolitan Councillors. BN to investigate the idea further.
- Replacements for J Rennick and D Kjeldsen are being investigated.

## **7 Treasurer's Report.**

The Treasurer's report was tabled. In brief:

### **ANC**

Subsidies for this years ANC in Canberra are proposed as follows:

- \$220 for players
- \$350 for captains (each captain will look after two teams)
- \$350 cap on the traditional team dinner.

The motion was proposed by Julian Foster, Seconded by Kim Morrison and approved by the meeting.

### ***Event numbers***

Event numbers are still down, with the exception of the recent Monday night Butler event which had an excellent number of entries.

### ***ABF Loan***

The ABF loan balance has been reduced to \$100,000 following the recent capital repayment of \$25,000. Cash flow is reasonable and the Treasurer proposed a further \$25,000 capital repayment. This would reduced the balance of the loan to \$75,000. The capital repayment of \$25,000 was approved by the meeting.

## **8 Committee Reports**

### Regions

Nothing to report.

### Youth, Teaching and Library

- LM is planning another youth event similar to the Bateman's Bay – but intended to encourage local Sydney players, in particular those at Uni of NSW and Sydney Uni.
- A team from NSW Uni has been organised to play in the Teams of Three at the end of May.
- Teaching/Supervised sessions. There was quite a bit of discussion on this item. For NSWBA, the club planned to run 4 supervised sessions at the end of the beginners lessons. KM to confirm this will happen. It was pointed out that there are other clubs who run regular supervised sessions and that a list of these could be provided to beginners at the end of their lessons.

### Rules & Ethics

Emails received re issue. The council felt it was important to appoint an independent arbitrator in this case. BN/KM to coordinate.

### Directors and Appeals

The council discussed director development. BN/TChadwick to discuss with ABF/Tony Howes.

### House

Blinds installed.

### Tournament

The report was tabled. There was much discussion on the Youth team situation. Council voted and the third pair were approved as Leigh Matheson/Erin Tewes. WL to review and revise regulations to cover this situation I future years.

The Open, Women's, Seniors' and Youth ANC teams were all ratified by council. ANC team Captains were also proposed and ratified:

- Nye Griffiths for the Open and Youth teams
- Tina Zines for the Women's and Seniors' teams.

A number of pairs pulled out of the ITS after qualifying for the Final from Stage II. NSWBA Tournament Committee to reconsider the regulations and KM to write letters to those concerned.

Participation in the Women's ITS has crashed over the last two years. Council suggested that a minimum cap be placed on the Stage 1 qualifying field and consider running an event similar in style to the Seniors' open entry qualifying. Issue referred to the TC for further discussion.

GNP sessions on Thursday will be initially run by Liz. Situation should then be reviewed subject to the Week 1 response.

### Promotions & Sponsorship

Surry Hills Festival was held on 18<sup>th</sup> April. Many thanks to the hard work of a number of people. In particular, the council wished to thank Liz Fanos and George Finikiotis with a dinner for two. JF to coordinate.

It was suggested the ANC Jackets could include sponsorship information. Office to investigate.

### Office Manager Report

<b>Event/Tasks</b>	<b>Action</b>
New club handbook	Nearly completed first draft update.
Surry Hills Festival	Approx 80 brochures & information regarding next set of lessons given out. Thanks to volunteers & especially to George Finikiotis who was there all day setting up talking to interested parties and playing bridge. Thanks also to Helen Sharwood for the use of her display material and Marcia & John Scudder for the loan of the canopy.
New Blinds	Installed
Tim Seres Books	Now catalogued as a supplementary section on the library database, Books displayed on open bookshelves next to main library.
On line banking	Now operational eliminating the requirement to write cheques and the ability to pay creditors, employees and contractors by direct debit.
Bridge for Brains Event	Raised over \$1000 with lots of media exposure for both the NSWBA and POW Medical Research Institute.
Fire Training for 162 Goulburn Street	Full evacuation training carried out 19/5/09. Liz attended.
Teams of Three	Catering arranged with Cafe downstairs. 32 confirmed captains with 29 teams entered so far. Prizes from Manzoni have been delivered.

## **9 General Business**

The Council ratified all ANC Teams and their captains (as per the Tournament report above).

## 10 Action Items from the May Meeting and previous Meetings

Councillor	Action Item	Current Status
JF	To evaluate whether more could be paid off the loan to the ABF. Arrange a capital repayment of \$25,000 to the ABF loan.	In Progress
TC & DK	Whether there should be communication to all clubs from their regional representatives	Carried forward
LM	LM to draft communication on proposed 2009 Youth budget and circulate for approval.	In Progress
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
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/JF	Review membership fees with a view to making more equitable - review the numbers and remove pensioner/concession rate.	In Progress
ALL	The promotional brochure needs some polishing using promotional grant. Spokesperson to be employed to visit community groups to talk about bridge. Peter Jamieson to put editorial in the Bulletin.	Carried forward
MC	Archive FABC documentation. MC & JF to organise	Carried forward
BN	To follow up advertising on 2MBS	Carried forward
TC/WL	Trish has suggested that the Country Teams event could be run as a pairs and the top two pairs form a team. Possibility of rewarding those who make the State finals (held in Sydney).	Carried forward
TC	The Region representatives will review the zonal boundaries for the regions.	Carried forward
Office	Week before each Monday night event office to ring players who have not entered to encourage them to play	Carried forward
Office	Update agenda items – items should read - item c) Rules & Ethics, item d) Directors and Appeals and item g) Promotions and Sponsorship	Current
KM/BN	Rules and Ethics issue - emails received. Arrange an independent arbitrator to review the situation.	Current
KM	Review lessons and supervised sessions situation with Ed.	Current
BN/TC	Director Development. BN/TChadwick to discuss with ABF/Tony Howes.	Current
KM	NSWBA TC to reconsider the regulations for pairs who withdraw from the ITS Final after qualifying from Stage II. KM to write letters to those concerned.	Current
WL	Review youth ITS regulations.	Current
KM	NSWBA TC to discuss options for Women's ITS qualifying given the decline in numbers over recent years.	Current
JF	Dinner for two as thank you for work during the Surry Hills Festival for L Fanos and G Finikiotis.	Current
Office	Recognition of Sponsors on the ANC jackets? Office to investigate.	Current

## 11 Next meeting

The next meeting will be held Tuesday 30 June at 6:15pm. The meeting was closed at 8:15 pm.