

NEW SOUTH WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION - COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 30 June 2009

Present: Bruce Neill, Kim Morrison, Julian Foster, John Brownie,
Trish Carter, Kim Neale

Apologies: Marilyn Chadwick, Ted Chadwick, Warren Lazer, Leigh Matheson

Observer: Liz Fanos, Louis Koolen

1 Opening

The meeting was opened at 6.20 pm.

2 Confirmation of Minutes of meeting held 20 May 2009

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

Moved John Brownie
Seconded Kim Morrison Motion carried.

3 Completed Tasks from Previous Meeting

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.	Completed
Office	Office to arrange for a plaque in memory of Tim Seres' contribution.	Completed
Office	Week before each Monday night event office to ring players who have not entered to encourage them to play	Completed
Office	Update agenda items – items should read - item c) Rules & Ethics, item d) Directors and Appeals and item g) Promotions and Sponsorship	Completed
KM/BN	Rules & Ethics issue - emails received. Arrange an independent arbitrator to review the situation. Panel appointed.	Completed
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.	Completed
JF	Dinner for two as thank you for work during the Surry Hills Festival for L Fanos and G Finikiotis. \$150 approved	Completed
Office	Recognition of Sponsors on the ANC jackets? Office to investigate. Time too short this year – will action for next ANC.	Completed

4 Special Business

None

5 Correspondence

- Thank you from Bridge for Brains

6 Chairman's Report

The Chairman's report was discussed. In brief:

- Candidates for replacements for J Rennick and D Kjeldsen are being investigated.
- Discussions with Hakoah have occurred.

7 Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer's report was tabled.

The item for Grants & subsidies – policies was discussed. There is a need to clarify payments of subsidies and how they are funded. Establish clear policies and principles. Establish a committee to review comprising, JF, BN, WL and Carrie Foster.

8 Committee Reports

Regions

Terms of reference for the premises subcommittee need to be drafted.

Youth, Teaching and Library No report tabled.

Rules & Ethics Email item review in progress and a panel has been appointed.

Directors and Appeals No report tabled.

House No report tabled.

Tournament No report tabled.

Promotions & Sponsorship No report tabled.

Office Manager Report

Event/Tasks	Action
Teams of Three	52 teams entered. Captains to teams ratio achieved even with a late team entry. Catering & prizes was very good made for successful event.
Plaque for Tim Seres	Being custom made by Trophyland. Will pick up next week.
Supervised duplicate	Ed running this session on Tuesday mornings until next beginners lessons commence on 11 August. Averaging 6 tables, players would like this session to continue. Liz supervised on 23 & 30 th . Ed away 23 rd , sick on 30 th .
Mixed Pairs Final 20 th & 21 st June	Weekend went smoothly with John McIlrath directing apart from doors & lifts not working on Saturday despite 2 emails during the week to confirm that the programming had been done. Facilities manager was away and his replacement failed to carry out the work.
ANC Jackets	5 members of the women's team elected to reuse their 2007 jackets with Canberra 2009 embroidered under Perth 2007. All other jackets ordered and given out on the last night of City of Sydney Teams. Will formally ask Manzoni if they are happy for us to have their name placed on the team jackets next year.

9 General Business

None

10 Action Items from the May Meeting and previous Meetings

Councillor	Action Item	Current Status
PC/BN	Review zonal boundaries and communications between zonal representatives and clubs. PC to draft proposal and BN to review.	In Progress
LM	LM to draft communication on proposed 2009 Youth budget and circulate for approval.	In Progress
Council	To review requirements for Promotions and Sponsorship portfolio.	Carried forward
Office/PC	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. Covering letter to all clubs including; notes covering recent laws changes, link to information from Ari, and other resources available (eg "Director is called" by John McIlrath).	In Progress
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
PC/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). Note entries are good this year. Money is available for country clubs to pay Directors if required for regional finals.	Carried forward
KM	Review lessons and supervised sessions situation with Ed. Information gathered – KM to prepare recommendation.	In Progress
BN/EC	Director Development. BN/T Chadwick to discuss with ABF/Tony Howes.	Carried forward
WL	Review youth ITS regulations.	Carried forward
WL	NSWBA TC to discuss options for Women's ITS qualifying given the decline in numbers over recent years.	Carried forward
BN	Website design. Louis suggested that all the club resources should be on a page on the website. Information on masterpoints, available books, links to ABF pages, etc. FABC funds available to cover this task.	Current
JF	Review/define clear grants & subsidies policies There is a need to clarify payments of subsidies and how they are funded. Establish clear policies and principles. Establish a committee to determine policies. Subcommittee to comprise - JF, BN, Carrie and WL.	Current
BN	Terms of reference for the premises subcommittee need to be drafted.	Current
BN	BN to check appointment process for zone reps with Neville Moses.	Current

11 Next meeting

The next meeting will be held Wednesday 22 July at 6:15pm. The meeting was closed at 7:25 pm.