

NEW SOUTH WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION - COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday 26 August 2009

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

Apologies: Trish Carter, Louis Koolen, Ted Chadwick

1 Opening

The meeting was opened at 6.20 pm.

2 Confirmation of Minutes of meeting held 22 July 2009

Motion: *That the Minutes for the meeting held on 22 July, as amended, 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

Councillor	Action Item	Current Status
LM/JF	LM to draft communication on proposed 2009 Youth budget and circulate for approval. JF to assist with budget figures.	Closed
BN/Office	Body Corporate AGM next month. Also, raise lift programming problems at the next meeting. Liz has agreed to be our representative.	Closed
BN/Office	ANC Victory Dinner. BN to write to those who failed to attend, requesting reimbursement. Good response received.	Closed
BN	Description of business for Insurance purposes. Description finalised.	Closed

4 Special Business

None

5 Correspondence

None

6 Chairman's Report

The Chairman's report was discussed. In brief:

- The draft premises subcommittee terms of reference was tabled.
- Body Corporate AGM next month. Liz has agreed to be our representative.
- ANC 2013. BN to identify someone willing to look for venues for the ANC in Sydney in 2013 and future Spring Nationals. KN to provide venue requirements statement for Spring Nationals. The possibility of taking both events out of Sydney was also discussed.

7 Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer's report was tabled.

NSWBA Club Memberships: It was decided to increase rates to \$75 next year. It was also decided to continue with a discounted rate of \$55 for country members and full pensioners. It is noted, that the office will need to sight pensioner cards for members to receive the discounted rate.

8 Committee Reports

Regions

Country teams: Trish tabled a full report. Unfortunately, Trish has been unwell. There has been some difficulty over this event, particularly to ensure consistency with past FABC arrangements. A post event review will be carried out to identify areas of improvement.

Youth, Teaching and Library No new matters to report.

Rules & Ethics No new matters to report.

Directors and Appeals Current matters are being dealt with.

House No new matters to report.

Tournament

The tournament report was tabled. In brief,

- Numbers for the GNOT direct qualifier were down. Will examine whether it can be run earlier in the year.
- The NSWBA GNP direct qualifier attracted 12 tables on Tuesday evenings.
- Draft 2010 calendar is available. Comments welcome.
- It is understood that the ABF is on occasion providing sponsorship to national events that have a restricted section. KN to investigate.

Promotions & Sponsorship

BN tabled the Portfolio's draft terms of reference for review.

Office Manager Report

Event/Tasks	Action
Supervised duplicate	Averaging 6-7 tables.
Bondi Bridge Club failed to pay affiliation fees to NSWBA or ABF	Letter given to Ruth at the Monday night game – no response. Next step to advise the ABF that Bondi Bridge Centre is no longer affiliated.
Marion Rice's 100 Birthday	Party held Friday 14 th August. Double the number of table 12 instead of the usual 6. Local media – Central Newspaper attended and featured in Wednesday 19 th edition. POW Medical Institute reps presented Marion with a bunch of flowers. Marion granted Perpetual Membership.
Dave Griffiths Pairs	Held 16 August. Numbers down to 8 tables.
Club members outing	Have been approached by several players for another bridge outing. Have decided on matinee group booking to see “Wicked” at Capitol with bridge and lunch at club prior.
Fire Warden Training	Held @ NSWBA Monday 24 th . Liz attended.
ANC Dinner reimbursement	8 reimbursements paid back in full, or in two cases a net amount as they did not attend the team dinner.

9 General Business

- Ed Barnes' teaching proposal: Draft programme for 2010 WEA was approved. Increased rates to be discussed further by BN/JK/KM.
- BN suggested a format of meetings be reviewed, to reduce the load on Country Councillors. BN to ask Neville Moses his opinion on any constitutional amendments necessary. Another improvement would be to increase the geographical spread of representatives feeding info back into the Country Councillors.
- Back up dealing Machine: The meeting decided the expense of a new backup dealing machine was not necessary at this stage. The original machine intended as backup is not working properly, so the meeting agreed to sell the old dealing machine if possible.

10 Action Items from the August Meeting and previous Meetings

Councillor	Action Item	Current Status
PC/BN	Review zonal boundaries and communications between zonal representatives and clubs. PC/BN to draft proposal.	In Progress
Council	To review requirements for Promotions and Sponsorship portfolio. Terms of Reference tabled. Comments via email. LK has identified a candidate who may be interested – he has retired and has a background in the area.	In Progress
Office/JF	Review membership fees with a view to making more equitable - review the numbers and remove pensioner/concession rate.	In Progress
BN	The promotional brochure needs some polishing using promotional grant. Spokesperson to be employed to visit community groups to talk about bridge.	In Progress
MC	Archive FABC documentation. MC & JF to organise. Halfway through.	In Progress
BN	To follow up advertising on 2MBS	In Progress
BN/EC	Director Development. BN/EC to discuss with ABF/Tony Howes.	In Progress
BN	Website design. P Gumby has emailed recommended options. A demo site is to be made available to review. To be completed when Milan is available.	In Progress
JF	Review/define policy for grants & subsidies. Subcommittee to comprise - JF, BN, Carrie and WL. Carrie is currently preparing work for this.	In Progress
BN	Terms of reference for the premises subcommittee were tabled. Comments via email. Terms of reference circulated – no responses yet.	In Progress
LK	LK to investigate how to put NSW bridge clubs on the approved list for volunteer work (to meet new start allowance requirements). Centrelink requires confirmation of insurance, etc, before approving.	In Progress
JF	Country teams – review with Trish and ensure there is a consistent approach to the regional finals and that budget is available.	In Progress
Office	Hakoah club failed to pay affiliation fees to NSWBA or ABF. Office to advise the ABF and ask for the mailing addresses of the affected members. Prior Bondi Bridge Centre members can then be contacted.	In Progress
BN	Identify someone willing to look for venues for the ANC in Sydney in 2013 and future Spring Nationals. KN to provide venue requirements statement for Spring Nationals.	Current
KN	It is understood that the ABF is on occasion providing sponsorship to national events that have a restricted section. KN to investigate.	Current
BN/JF/KM	Ed Barnes' proposal. Increased rates to be discussed by BN/JF/KM.	Current
BN	BN to ask Neville Moses his opinion on the constitutional amendments necessary to change the format of meetings to reduce the load carried by regional reps.	Current
Office	Arrange sale of the old dealing Machine.	Current

11 Next meeting

The next meeting will be held Wednesday 23 September at 6:15pm. The meeting was closed at 7:40pm.