

NEW SOUTH WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION - COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday 23 September 2009

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

Apologies: Ted Chadwick

Observer: Liz Fanos

1 Opening

The meeting was opened at 6.18 pm.

2 Confirmation of Minutes of meeting held 26 August 2009

Motion: *That the Minutes for the meeting held on 28 August, 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
Office/JF	Review membership fees with a view to making more equitable - review the numbers and review pensioner/concession rate.	Completed

4 Special Business

None

5 Correspondence

None

6 Chairman's Report

The Chairman's report was discussed. In brief:

- Ed Barnes has been assisting with promotions jobs.
- Liz Fanos is the NSW Bridge Associations representative on the Body Corporate.
- BN asked for everyone to look around for new councillors. Trish Carter & John Brownie advised that they may have to step down at the end of 2009.
- LK to be involved in Country teams review.

7 Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer's report was tabled. In brief,

- Cash reserves are comfortable.
- It is noted that masterpoint commission income from the ABF has decreased significantly.
- Year end is approaching and the accounts are being prepared for the auditor review in October.

8 Committee Reports

Regions

Country teams: A post event review will be carried out to identify areas of improvement. JF/PC to review. LK volunteered to assist with the Country Teams review.

LK also mentioned the old FABC handbook. The office advised it is currently under review and plans are to make it available when the review is completed. LK volunteered to assist.

Youth, Teaching and Library Youth Budget, ideas and plans were tabled.

Rules & Ethics

No new matters to report. KM raised the issue of correspondence. It was noted that all correspondence in writing from a Councillor should be recorded and filed. Any email correspondence should be copied to the Office. Office to file in order to capture what is suggested or approved.

Directors and Appeals Current matters are being dealt with.

House No new matters to report.

Tournament

The tournament report was tabled. In brief,

- ABF TC has advised that there may no longer be any automatic entries of the Australian Butler Pairs from the States. NSW TC to review the implications for our own event and grants previously provided.
- Metropolitan State Teams was held. 16 teams participated.
- Draft 2010 Calendar is available. Important changes are noted.

Promotions & Sponsorship Current matters are being dealt with.

Office Manager Report

Event/Tasks	Action
Supervised duplicate	Averaging 5-6 tables.
Bondi Bridge Club failed to pay affiliation fees to NSWBA or ABF	Have advised ABF that Bondi Bridge Centre is no longer affiliated.
New Bridge Clubs	3 new clubs affiliated at Gloucester, Windsor & the Margaret Memorial club started by Ron Smith so that he can run his memorial congress.
Dave Griffiths Pairs	Held 16 August. Numbers down to 8 tables.
Stroke Awareness Charity Day 17 September	Raised \$793 from table money & raffle ticket sales. Additional money raised from sale of ribbons and a donation of \$750 from a player. Have received a cheque for \$288 from Bowral BC to pass on to Stroke Recovery Association.
Boards for GNOT metro Final	Have arranged to borrow 33 sets of boards from North Shore for GNOT final.
End of Financial Year	Auditors, CBC, booked for mid October.
Wicked Trip	The "Wicked" trip has been very popular and is fully subscribed.

9 General Business

- Bridgemates: All going well, bridgemates will be used at the Spring Nationals courtesy of the ABF. LK volunteered to draft criteria for the electronic table units, prior to reviewing them for use at the NSWBA.

10 Action Items from the September 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. Examine GNOT zones as well.	In Progress
Council	To review requirements for Promotions and Sponsorship portfolio. Terms of Reference tabled. Comments via email. Candidate identified by LK not able to assist. New prospect identified.	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. Archiving will be completed during the State Teams.	In Progress
BN	To follow up advertising on 2MBS Draft advertisement tabled.	In Progress
BN/EC	Director Development. Tony Howes to arrange experience for Ian at Summer Festival. M McManus plans to utilise Ian as his assistant during the GNOT..	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 - JF, BN, Carrie and WL. Meeting arranged prior to the next session of the Men's Pairs.	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. Volunteer insurance is on the current policy for NSWBA. Office/BN to discuss possibility of covering affiliated clubs as well.	In Progress
JF/PC	Country teams – review with Trish and ensure there is a consistent approach to the regional finals and that budget is available. JF and PC to review.	In Progress
Office	Hakoah club failed to pay affiliation fees to NSWBA or ABF. Hakoah paid ABF fees but not those for NSWBA. Hakoah to be advised they are no longer affiliated with the NSWBA and are not covered by public liability insurance.	In Progress
BN	Identify venues for the ANC in Sydney in 2013, bearing in mind the format may change and also future Spring Nationals venues. Michael Wilkinson looking for venues.	In Progress
KN	It is understood that the ABF is on occasion providing sponsorship to national events that have a restricted section. KN to investigate.	In Progress
BN/JF/KM	Ed Barnes' proposal. Increased rates to be discussed by BN/JF/KM. Email discussion to finalise decision.	In Progress
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.	Carried Forward
Office	Arrange sale of the old dealing Machine.	In Progress
LK	LK to draft criteria for the electronic table units, prior to reviewing them for use at the NSWBA.	Current

11 Next meeting

The next meeting will be held Wednesday 14 October at 6:15pm. The meeting was closed at 7:50pm.