

NEW SOUTH WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION - COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday 14 October 2009

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

Apologies: Trish Carter

Observer: Liz Fanos

1 Opening

The meeting was opened at 6.15 pm.

2 Confirmation of Minutes of meeting held 23 September 2009

Motion: *That the Minutes for the meeting held on 23 September, as amended, be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.*

Moved Marilyn Chadwick
Seconded Julian Foster Motion carried.

3 Completed Tasks from Previous Meeting

Councillor	Action Item	Current Status
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.	Closed
KN	It is understood that the ABF is on occasion providing sponsorship to national events that have a restricted section. KN to investigate.	Closed

4 Special Business

None

5 Correspondence

None

6 Chairman's Report

The Chairman's report was discussed. In brief:

- Ed Barnes has been drafting the 2MBS promotion.
- FABC review is progressing.

7 Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer's report was tabled. In brief,

- Auditors will review accounts tomorrow. Overall income is down. Advice is required from the Auditors on how to include the FABC funds in the accounts.
- Profit expected to be in the order of \$46K.
- FABC trust interest needs to be channelled back to the trust accounts. Procedures to account for this money need to be prepared.
- JF proposed the purchase of a new office computer. It was suggested that we wait for the introduction of Windows7. The proposal was approved by the meeting.

8 Committee Reports

<u>Regions:</u>	No new matters to report.
<u>Youth, Teaching and Library</u>	No new matters to report.
<u>Rules & Ethics</u>	No new matters to report.
<u>Directors and Appeals</u>	Current matters are being dealt with.
<u>House</u>	No new matters to report.
<u>Tournament</u>	The tournament report was tabled.
<u>Promotions & Sponsorship</u>	Current matters are being dealt with.

Office Manager Report

Event/Tasks	Action
Supervised duplicate	Ed's lessons are now finished so he will take over the supervised players from next week.
Bondi Bridge Club	Finally paid affiliation fess to NSWBA.
Strata Meeting	Attended meeting on 7 th October. Installation of new bathrooms will commence on level 12 mid November. Level 1 refurbishment scheduled for approximately July 2010.
GNOT	Weekend went well with only 1 hiccup with the timing of the doors not opening for the lunch break on Saturday. Loan boards from North Shore returned to Willoughby on Sunday evening by Liz.
New Dealing Machine	Needs urgent maintenance. Machine has to be sent to Melbourne and we have no replacement machine. Have emailed Paul Lavings and asked for one, suggested that he should have one available for clubs whose machines have to be sent to Melbourne.
Old Dealing Machine	Per Jannersten has agreed to buy it back for \$500. Now just need to send to Doug Meyers in Brisbane.
Directors playing in Springs	Marcia and Charles will be playing, Liz will do their directing sessions.

9 General Business

- Sydney Springs:

Restricted teams has only 3 entries. Meeting approved cancellation of event. KN to try and move some/all of the players into the Open Teams.

Bridgemates: the new version will be used at the Spring Nationals.

Entries are all down, with the exception of the Open Pairs. Many people don't enter until the last minute – so difficult to know how the finances are going.

- State wide pairs report tabled from Val Cummings. JF to review entry fees for 2010.
- ABF 'day time specific' state events: WL/TC to review and propose solution.
- Calls for nominations for affiliated club reps need to be posted. Liz to arrange nominations.

10 Action Items from the October 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. Ed Barnes drafting the 2MBS promotion.	In Progress
BN/EC	Director Development. Tony Howes to arrange experience for Ian at Summer Festival 2011. M McManus plans to utilise Ian as his assistant during the GNOT.	Ongoing
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. Carrie has put together some options and initial discussion were undertaken.	In Progress
BN	Terms of reference for the premises subcommittee were tabled. Comments via email. Terms of reference circulated – no responses yet.	In Progress
JF/PC/LK	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. Ongoing – need to review regs/information prior to mail out in March 2010. Review once finals completed in December.	Ongoing
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

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
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.	In Progress
JF	Masterpoint issues for Country Teams raised by LK. JF to review with DWeston.	Current
Office	JF proposed the purchase of a new office computer. It was suggested that we wait for the introduction of Windows7. The proposal was approved by the meeting.	Current
JF	Review entry fees for State Wide Pairs.	Current
WL	ABF 'day time specific' state events: WL/TC to review and propose solution.	Current
Office	Calls for nominations for affiliated club reps need to be posted. Liz to arrange nominations.	Current

11 Next meeting

The next meeting will be held Wednesday 18 November at 6:15pm. The meeting was closed at 7:20pm.