

NEW SOUTH WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION - COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday 18 November 2009

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

Apologies: -

Observer: Liz Fanos

1 Opening

The meeting was opened at 6.20 pm.

2 Confirmation of Minutes of meeting held 14 October 2009

Motion: *That the Minutes for the meeting held on 14 October, 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
MC	Archive FABC documentation. MC & JF to organise. Archiving completed.	Closed
BN	To follow up advertising on 2MBS. Print ad in newsletter and on track for the sound ad in December/January.	Closed
Office	Arrange sale of the old dealing Machine.	Closed
LK	LK to draft criteria for the electronic table units, prior to reviewing them for use at the NSWBA.	Closed
Office	JF proposed the purchase of a new office computer. The proposal was approved by the meeting and the computer has been purchased.	Closed

4 Special Business

- Note received from the ABF General Counsel to ensure that clubs understand that charging members different membership fees based on home club member versus non home club member is considered discrimination and should not be permitted. Information for distribution to clubs to follow.
- Motion: *That the NSWBA Solvency Declaration be signed by all NSWBA Directors.*

Moved Bruce Neill
Seconded John Brownie Motion approved by the meeting.

5 Correspondence

Letter & \$2000 cheque from the estate of Anne Challingsworth. Office to write thank you letter and arrange an item in the next NSWBA bulletin.

6 Chairman's Report

The Chairman's report was discussed. In brief:

- John McIlrath has suggested Club Willoughby as a venue for 2010 Spring Nationals. Discussions with Club management to be arranged.
- 2MBS-FM advertising in place for December and January.
- Attendance at the ABF President's meeting. Issues discussed included: Bridgemate 2; Future ANC's; the "Alan Woods" Ranking system; and ITS selection methods are being reviewed across some states. Note TC needs to review impact of the Butler changes on our Butler Selection Event.

7 Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer's report was tabled. In brief,

- The FABC accounts will be shown in a completely separate set of books to the NSWBA. A separate (but much simpler) financial report will be required. Hopefully the FABC accounts can be aligned with the NSWBA financial year end.
- Profit expected to be in the order of \$48K.
- A review of the various sources of funding; grants, subsidies, etc has been undertaken with a view to establishing procedures and consistency.

8 Committee Reports

Regions:

Country Teams: A number of issues are noted:

- No clear format for results/organisation.
- Clubs to be notified that the event is scheduled earlier in 2010.
- Better use of the website is required to disseminate information.
- Thanks to Trish Carter for all her hard work organising the event in 2009.
- There have been some offers to convene the event in 2010. TC/Trish to review and decide.

Youth, Teaching and Library

- December youth tournaments coming up. Michael Wilkinson is convening.
- Is there a kit for teaching in Schools. Suggest LM contact Ron Klinger and Derrick Browne to see if they have anything that can help.

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.

Promotions & Sponsorship

Current matters are being dealt with.

Office Manager Report

Event/Tasks	Action
Annual Report	CBC currently doing audit. Need Director's reports.
Country nominations posted	Two received so far – from Trish Carter and Ian Dickinson (Tweed Heads) both North region.
Old dealing machine	Posted to Brisbane Per Jannersten to arrange for transfer of payment.
New dealing machine	Sent to Melbourne for service, working much better now.
New computer	New computer purchased to replace Carrie's old model. Replacement cost \$1000 plus software.
Membership renewal and Notice of AGM	Notices to be sent out in the coming week. \$75 normal membership and \$55 for pensioners/students. Cards must be shown to receive discounted rate.
Parking spots	Wrote to the Sydney City Council requesting disabled parking spots across the road, but request denied.

9 General Business

- Alan Woods rating system. There was some discussion on whether the NSWBA should adopt this system in parallel to the current system. To be reviewed by the incoming council.
- Bridgemates. The ABF is making available the units for events at \$10 per unit per hire plus transport. BN to ask if the ABF wants assistance with storing items at NSWBA.
- Valerie Cummings suggests we give out ½ price vouchers to all players in the NSWBA qualifying events for State Mixed & State Open Pairs. Pricing to be reviewed.
- Marketing report required to be sent to the ABF by 31 December 2009. KN to prepare draft report and review with council. JF/Carrie to provide details on funding requests.

10 Action Items from the November 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. Carried forward for new council.	Carried Forward
BN	The promotional brochure needs some polishing using promotional grant. Spokesperson to be employed to visit community groups to talk about bridge.	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
Office	Office to ensure all email communications with Web Central are copied on to the Webmaster.	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. Auditors have recommended separate accounts for FABC Trust.	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 Jan 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. LK has discovered a reference to an ABF policy that could be used. LK to confirm with ABF Treasurer.	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. To be revisited.	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
JF	Masterpoint issues for Country Teams raised by LK. JF to review with DWeston.	Carried forward
JF	Review entry fees for State Wide Pairs in preparation for the January mailout.	Ongoing
WL	ABF 'day time specific' state events: WL/TC to review and propose solution.	Carried forward
Office	Calls for nominations for affiliated club reps need to be posted. Review voting procedures for more than one candidate for each region.	In Progress
Office	Letter & \$2000 cheque from the estate of Anne Challingsworth. Office to write thank you letter and arrange an item in the next NSWBA bulletin.	Current
Council	Should the NSWBA adopt the “Alan Woods” rating system.	Current
BN	LK has drafted criteria for the electronic table units. Next step to decide if required for NSWBA. BN to discuss possibility of unit storage with the ABF.	Current
Council	Council to consider the idea of a single style ANC jacket for team representatives. Players who make the team in subsequent years would therefore not get a new one.	Current

11 Next meeting

The next meeting will be held Wednesday 16 December at 6:15pm, followed by the Annual General Meeting at 6:30pm. The meeting was closed at 8:15pm.