

NEW SOUTH WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION - COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday 5 May 2010

Present: Bruce Neill, Nye Griffiths, Julian Foster, Louis Koolen, John Scudder,
Michael Wilkinson, Warren Lazer, Kim Morrison

Apologies: Trish Carter, Leigh Matheson

Observing: Liz Fanos

1 Opening

The meeting was opened at 6.21 pm.

2 Confirmation of Minutes of meeting held 7 April 2010

Motion: *That the Minutes for the meeting held on 7 April, as amended, be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.*

Moved Michael Wilkinson, seconded Louis Koolen. Motion carried.

3 Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

4 Special Business

None.

5 Correspondence

- Discussed issues arising from a letter from a member of an affiliated club.

6 Reports

Chairman.

- Premises at Lane Cove deemed to be unsuitable upon further inspection.

Treasurer.

- Discussed that we intend to fully repay the ABF loan of \$75,000 on its due date of 31st March 2011.
- JF to determine Hobart ANC subsidies.

Office.

- Building executive meeting held on 28th April. Voted to increase insurance for loss of rental from \$4M to \$11M. Premiums \$4,300 per annum. Rental valuation on this floor \$208k per year. Bathroom refurbishment on schedule (July).
- Air conditioning now fixed.
- Captains to be invited for Teams of 3.
- 24 participants attended the directors course on 17th April.

Tournament.

- Discussed ceasing to run the womens ITS last train event in 2011+.
- Discussed revising 2 captains policy at ANC.
- Discussed the pros and cons of purchasing up to 60 bridgemate units.

Spring Festival.

- Discussed hiring/borrowing/purchasing approximately 40 card tables.

Regions.

Teaching.

Youth.

Web and Technology.

Directors.

- Moved that Nick Hughes be given state level director grade for State mixed pairs finals.

Appeals.

- Discussed that it would be desirable to prearrange appeals committees to be on standby for future ITS finals.
- Discussed designating appeals advisors for NSWBA events.

Rules and Ethics.

Promotion & Marketing.

- Resolved to ask metropolitan clubs for feedback re: effectiveness of advertising over 2MBS radio.

7 Action Items

Ref	Councillor	Action Item	Current Status
1	PC/BN/ LK	Review zonal boundaries and communications between zonal representatives and clubs. PC/BN to draft proposal. Examine GNOT zones as well.	Done
2	BN	BN to investigate possibility of using Skype for Council meetings.	Done
3	BN	The promotional brochure needs some polishing using promotional grant.	Carried forward
4	BN	Spokesperson to be identified to visit community groups to talk about bridge.	Carried forward
5	BN/KM	Director Development. (Experience at Summer Festival 2011 / during the GNOT in 2010).	Ongoing
6	BN	Website design. P Gumby has emailed recommended options. A demo site is to be made available to review.	Closed
7	BN	Terms of reference for the premises subcommittee circulated.	Ongoing

8	JF/TC/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.	Closed
9	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.	Closed
10	JS	Identify venues for the ANC in Sydney in 2013, bearing in mind the format may change.	Carried forward
11	WL	ABF 'day time specific' state events: WL/TC to review and propose solution.	Carried forward
12	JF	Recommend whether to make part repayment of ABF loan.	Closed

8 Membership

- New members admitted.
 - Hamid Naderi
 - Anne Giles
 - Robert Ward
 - Susan Wannan
- Discussed welcoming new members in each week on the notice board at NSWBA.

8 General Business

- Moved that LF and CF be given CPI salary increases as well as a bonus payment for appreciation of their excellent work.
- Discussed reviewing payment structures for other NSWBA affiliated staff.

9 Next meeting

The next meeting will be held Wednesday 2nd June at 6:15pm. The meeting was closed at 7:56pm.