

NEW SOUTH WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION - COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday 2 June 2010

Present: Bruce Neill, Nye Griffiths, Julian Foster, Louis Koolen, John Scudder,
Michael Wilkinson, Warren Lazer, Kim Morrison, Trish Carter (via Skype),
Leigh Matheson (via Skype)

Apologies:

Observing: Liz Fanos

1 Opening

The meeting was opened at 6.15 pm.

2 Confirmation of Minutes of meeting held 5 May 2010

Motion: *That the Minutes for the meeting held on 5 May, as amended, be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.*

Moved Warren Lazer, seconded Kim Morrison. Motion carried.

3 Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

4 Special Business

None.

5 Correspondence

- Letter from Wilson Parking re increase in parking voucher costs to \$10.

6 Reports

Chairman.

- BN Attended ABF MC meeting as an observer on 8 May.
- With assistance of Honorary Solicitor, gave support to Hawkesbury Bridge Club re: AGM voting procedures.
- With assistance of Honorary Solicitor, gave support to an affiliated club re letter addressed to NSWBA on matters of procedure.

Treasurer.

- Moved to complete the necessary paperwork to confirm our tax exempt status as a not for profit organisation (KM/MW).
- Discussed offering a discount for the 2nd, 3rd, 4th etc session that people play each week.
- Discussed running a 2nd “state level” event night similar to our current Monday night session on Wednesdays.
- Discussed making credit card payment an option for session fees. MW/JF/JS to form subcommittee to discuss further.

Office.

- Discussed the possible causes for the lower numbers participating in the Teams of 3 event this year.
- Water damage to ceiling and carpet occurred on the 31st May.
- ANC team jackets have been agreed upon.

Tournament.

- Open, Womens, Seniors and Youth teams and captains ratified (BN/JS).
- After discussion with the Treasurer, we have offered all ITS team pairs free entry to the warm up event in Hobart on Saturday 17th July.
- Resolved that the team dinner allowance in Hobart be \$350 per team.
- TC will be considering submissions re possibly changing the format of the ITS and the SNOT events.

Spring Festival.

- Costs to buy tables were too high (approx \$50 each). Can borrow tables from John McIlrath at \$2 each.

Regions.

- Discussed that country clubs may need education re submitting masterpoints for country team qualification events.
- Resolved to move Ingleburn club to Outer Metro division and Illawarra Master Builders to Southern/Western.

Teaching.

Youth.

Web and Technology.

- NG to investigate getting newer software/hardware for Skype device.
- Resolved that Bridgemate 2's are the preferable electronic scoring device if we choose to buy them.
- JF to speak with the ABF about the cost of hiring Bridgemates.

Directors.

- Tony Howes recommended that Nick Hughes be appointed to level of State director. Moved (JF/MW).
- Resolved to add MW to the official list of directors.
- Resolved that Marcia Scudder become effective B level director for indefinite future. (KM/BN – JS abstained).
- BN to contact Tony Howes to discuss appointment of B directors.

Appeals.

- Resolved that appeals be published on the NSWBA website.

Rules and Ethics.

Promotion & Marketing.

- Discussed advertising bridge periodically in SMH. Discussed benefits of advertising on the puzzles page (targeting the prospective new player) or near Klinger's article (targeting the occasional player).
- Discussed arranging an Australian tour for Barnet Shenkin.

7 Action Items

| Ref | Councillor | Action Item | Current Status |
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| 1 | BN | The promotional brochure needs some polishing using promotional grant. | Carried forward |
| 2 | BN | Spokesperson to be identified to visit community groups to talk about bridge. | Carried forward |
| 3 | BN/KM | Director development. (Experience at Summer Festival 2011 / during the GNOT in 2010). | Ongoing |
| 4 | BN | Terms of reference for the premises subcommittee circulated. | Ongoing |
| 5 | JS | Identify venues for the ANC in Sydney in 2013, bearing in mind the format may change. | Carried forward |
| 6 | WL | ABF 'day time specific' state events: WL/TC to review and propose solution. | Carried forward |
| 7 | BN | Pursue issue regarding member of an affiliated club. | Ongoing |
| 8 | JF | Determine Hobart ANC subsidies. | Closed |
| 9 | WL | Contact Nick Hughes to see if he requires assistance in running dual events. | Closed |
| 10 | KM | Nick Hughes to be given State Level director grade for State mixed pairs finals. | Closed |
| 11 | All | Ratification of NSW ANC representatives. | Closed |
| 12 | Office | Teams of 3 Captains. | Closed |
| 13 | BN | Ask metropolitan clubs for feedback re: effectiveness of advertising over 2MBS radio. | Carried forward |

8 Membership

9 General Business

- Moved that a Thursday afternoon teams competition be run by Marcia Scudder to encourage restricted players to enter the SNOT. The session will include a talk on teams scoring and practice matches.
- BN to approach candidates to become official NSWBA recorder.

10 Next meeting

- The next meeting will be held Wednesday 7th July at 6:15pm. The meeting was closed at 8:14pm.