



Committee Meeting Agenda

Date/Time of Meeting: 7th June 2018 to start at 1.15pm

Agenda Items:

1 Apologies: J Boyd, D Puddicombe

2 Minutes of previous Committee meeting dated Thursday 10 May 2018

3 Correspondence

- 3.1 Central Coast Bridge Club Pairs event Julie
- 3.2 Proposal for Wednesday (day) Bridge (R Hardy / Tony) Tony

4 Carry-over Issues:

- 4.1 NBC 50th anniversary - update Jeff
- 4.2 Congress - update Jeff
- 4.3 Prizes for one-day Team events Tony
- 4.4 Tuesday / Wednesday nights supervised play Jeff
- 4.5 Purchasing of miscellaneous items Jeff

5 Financial Reports: Tony

6 New Business:

- 6.1 Country Teams qualifying – include Tuesday? Tony
- 6.2 Clash of Teams Championship with HIC (22/7) Jeff
- 6.3 Action re items left at Club Ken

7 Date for the next committee meeting:

Thursday 12 July at 1.15pm



Minutes of Committee Meeting

Date / Time of Meeting: Thursday 07 June 2018 starting at 1.10 pm

Attendees: J Biddlecombe, J Butel, A Kearney, P Peterson, T Wagstaff, K Wilks

1 APOLOGIES: J Boyd, D Puddicombe

2 MINUTES: Tony moved that the minutes of the meeting from 10 May 2018 be accepted. Ken seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted, and Jeff signed the minutes as a true record of the meeting.

3 CORRESPONDENCE:

3.1 Central Coast Bridge Club Pairs Event (Sat July 14).

A follow up email was received advising further details. All members were emailed and asked to show if they were interested. To date 5 pairs have nominated.

Action: Julie to advise CCBC of numbers by requested date (15/6). We will then be advised how many spaces are available for NBC.

3.2 Wednesday (day) Bridge:

Suggestions have been received re changes to the session format to address the fact that it takes up two daytime sessions. The options proposed and discussed were:

- Split into 2 x 2.5 sessions (10-12.30; 1-3.30), 21 boards per session. \$6 for 2 sessions or \$4 for 1 session
- Convert to a "normal" 3.5 hour session:
 - (i) 9.30am - 1.00pm
 - (ii) 1.00pm - 4.30pm
 - (iii) 10am - 2pm (with break for lunch)
- Introduce a graded competition (A and B) to current format
- No change (10.30am - 3.00pm)

Considerable discussion ensued. The consensus reached was that there were no clear preferences or perceived advantages in changing. An important point – 24 boards must be played for full masterpoints to be awarded. If less than 24, the number of MPs is reduced proportionately (to 16 boards).

Action: Tony to provide feedback to Wednesday (day) players; Jeff to provide feedback to R. Hardy both verbally and in writing.

3.3 NSWBA Request to Resume Running Statewide Pairs:

Request received from Warren Lazer if NBC would run Statewide Pairs (we used to but discontinued due to lack of interest). It was agreed there is no interest in reinstating now.

Action: Ken to advise Warren not this year but may consider for next year.

4 CARRY-OVER ISSUES:

4.1 NBC 50th Anniversary:

Cut off date has passed – approximately 68 attending (including some partners).

The issue of how much the Club would subsidise the event was discussed. The decision was that the Club would pay for food as well as prizes for the Trivia competition but drinks would be at own expense.

Action: Jeff to continue with organizing the event and will call for assistance as required.

4.2 Newcastle Bridge Club Congress:

Most of the organizing is well in hand. The school account has been paid, insurance is organized; final arrangements for food will be done this week once numbers are finalized. Jeff will attend on Saturday until approximately 11am. Peter agreed to manage traffic on both days; Ailsa agreed to bake some gluten-free slices.

Action (including carryover from last meeting):

- **Advise table numbers to Dave by Wed 13/6 - Julie**
- **Arrange printing of score booklets – Ken / Julie**
- **Finalize food quantities with caterer, including meatballs – Jeff**
- **Final check of venue (N.B. Oven; request that toilets are clean and working) – Jeff**
- **Arrange prize money – Ken / Julie / Tony**

4.3 Prizes for One-day Team Events (≥16 tables)

Tony prepared an overview which compared prize money vs income for 16, 20 and 22 tables (see attached). Doubling of prize money (Feb decision) resulted in a ratio of prize money to table fees greater than 0.50 in all cases. A 35% increase in prize money (from \$144 to \$192) for 16 or more tables would ensure that the ratio was no greater than 0.50. It was proposed that of the additional \$48 prize money, \$24 be awarded to the 4th placed team and \$24 be awarded to the last placed team as an encouragement award (no change to 1st, 2nd, 3rd). Ken moved that the proposal be accepted, Jeff seconded, and the motion was carried.

Action: Implement on next one-day Teams event - Ken

4.4 Tuesday / Wednesday nights Supervised Play

Following a poll of both Wednesday night players and participants at the last Tuesday night lessons, a decision was made to run supervised sessions on both Tuesday and Wednesday nights until the next round of classes (which commence w/c 16 July). A decision re ongoing night supervised play will be made by the end of June so that details for the next round of lessons can be finalized. Stand-by players will need to be arranged if supervised play moves to Tuesday night.

Action: Jeff / Wayne Morgan

4.5 Purchasing of Miscellaneous Items (coffee, savoury biscuits)

Pam Robinson has purchased coffee and savoury biscuits when on special for many years (saving the club a considerable amount of money – thank you Pam!). Following Pam's recent advice that she would no longer do this, a request was made to see if any member was interested in taking it on. Cheryl Platz has kindly volunteered to do this – thank you Cheryl! Ailsa has agreed to assist as required.

5 FINANCIAL REPORTS:

5.1 Year to Date Reports:

Tony presented the reports for the month, noting that there were no real changes since last month. Ken moved that the Financial Reports be accepted; Jeff seconded the motion.

6 NEW BUSINESS:

6.1 Country Teams Qualifying

Tony outlined the issue we faced with this year's Country Teams Qualifying:

"The rules as laid down by NSWBA are that a team that finishes in the top half of a qualifying event run by our club is eligible to play in the next event – that is the regional final. Such qualified teams may substitute up to two players into their team to replace others who may not be available for the regional final – any such substitutes must have participated in the qualifying rounds (for some other team, obviously).

We have traditionally sponsored six teams to this next stage – four from Wednesday, and two from an evening session.

In our situation this year:

- *Monday. Six teams participated, and the first two teams were available and will participate in the regional final*
- *Wednesday. Nine teams participated, one dropped out after the first session, so we had eight teams in the final result. Of the top four teams, two were uninterested in playing in the regional final. One of these comprised players already to compete in the event for the Maitland club, and the other comprised partly of*

players expecting to (and preferring) qualification via the Monday evening sessions. After some negotiations we have only been able to field two teams from Wednesday in the regional final. NSWBA were approached about bending the rules to allow us to source teams from the lower ranks of participants, but this was refused. We could have entered another team had permission been received.

The issues that we are faced with are

- Teams being able to compete for a place in the regional final by participating in both our qualifying event. If they qualify in both, then that is a place lost for another aspiring team
- Teams that compete but never intend to play in the next round – either due to their commitment to other clubs or due to other circumstances
- The fall in numbers at the Wednesday session does not warrant it having four places available.

One suggestion I have had is that our Tuesday session be included in the qualifying sessions, giving that large body of bridge players an opportunity to qualify for this event without getting out of their comfort zone. We could then allocate two places in the final to each participating session. Cost (NSWBA charges a fee on the teams participating in the qualifying events) and organization needs to be thought out. Or do we just struggle on?"

Three options were discussed:

- Leave as is
- Include Tuesday. This option was rejected because under NSWBA rules, we can only run 2 qualifying events
- Run as a single 2 session event on a Sunday (as we decided for Club Teams).

Action: No final decision was reached. It was agreed to revisit in the 2019 Program planning.

6.2 Clash of Club Teams Championship with HIC event (22/7)

The issue is that HIC moved their event back a week. It was agreed that we unable to do anything about it.

Action: No further action

6.3 Action re Personal Items Left at Club

Ken raised the issue of personal items being left at the Club and not being claimed. It was agreed that the items will be put in a box for members to check. If the items are not claimed within a reasonable timeframe, they will be disposed of appropriately.

Action: An email will be sent to members advising the decision – Julie

6.4 Replacement of Old Dealing Machine

Ken asked when the old dealing machine can be replaced as it is no longer useable. The cost is approximately \$3000 after trade-in. Tony advised that it has been provided for in the 2018/2019 financial year so replacement can be arranged in July.

Action: Ken to arrange

7 NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

The next committee meeting will be Thursday 12 July commencing at 1.15pm (the 2nd Thursday in the month).

Meeting concluded at 2.35 pm

Jeff Biddlecombe 19/7/2018

Confirmed to be a true record of the meeting

Newcastle Bridge Club

Performance to Budget for year to date

	Note	May	YTD May 2018			Full Year	
		Actual	Actual	Budget	Prev Yr	Budget	Update
Income							
Wednesday SV play		396	6,486	7,848	9,281	8,520	7,200
Thursday day		1,186	12,905	10,872	7,871	11,832	14,500
Thursday night	A	0	2,344	4,320	3,808	4,680	2,344
Friday day		1,135	13,178	14,448	14,373	15,792	14,200
Saturday day		808	9,915	11,040	10,646	11,976	11,100
Monday day		764	8,802	10,404	10,167	11,340	9,800
Monday night		525	5,658	4,848	5,077	5,190	6,000
Tuesday day		1,686	19,299	19,608	19,520	21,336	21,500
Wednesday day		792	9,940	10,800	10,702	11,736	10,900
<i>Table Fees Sub-total</i>		7,292	88,527	94,188	91,445	102,402	97,544
Congress				0	550	16,000	16,000
Subscriptions		175	10,760	11,500	11,325	11,500	10,700
Country Teams/GNOT/HICT (Net)			776	800	1,088	1,700	1,700
Board Dealing		151	1,791	1,650	2,133	1,800	1,900
Other Income		210	476	0	300	300	400
Total Income		7,828	102,330	108,138	106,841	133,702	128,244
Expenses							
Accounting			1,700	1,800	1,700	1,800	1,700
Advertising			41	0		0	100
Capitation (ABF)			4,291	4,800	4,421	4,850	4,300
Cleaning		862	9,187	9,230	8,988	10,000	10,300
Affiliation Fee (NSWBA)			2,844	2,600	2,538	2,600	2,850
Directors				200		200	225
Congress		348	495	500	162	14,000	14,000
Computer Systems			1,011	275		300	1,000
Consumables		257	4,152	3,850	3,866	4,200	4,200
Depreciation				0		8,000	8,000
Donations		248	248	200	192	200	200
Electricity		827	3,307	4,000	3,743	4,000	3,400
Insurance			2,231	2,400	2,133	2,400	2,300
Training		10	235	200	187	200	200
Misc Equipment		19	1,192	1,375	1,713	1,500	1,200
Printing, Stationery, Post		248	3,697	3,025	3,038	3,300	4,000
Prizes		504	5,529	5,700	6,340	6,400	6,400
Rates			10,762	11,200	10,257	11,200	11,200
Refreshments		605	3,732	3,575	3,420	3,900	3,900
Repairs and Maintenance		165	5,504	4,400	4,787	4,800	5,800
Subscriptions/Memberships		-85	-25	100	44	100	100
Social		-40	3,130	2,500	1,519	2,600	3,600
Masterpoints			2,189	2,300	1,595	3,000	3,000
State/National comps			1,291	3,100	1,811	3,100	2,500
Telecommunications		108	1,196	1,650	1,778	2,000	1,300
Office Wages & Super		664	9,354	9,600	9,129	10,400	10,400
Wages - NPD		630	8,970	8,640	7,240	9,360	10,300
Total Expenses		5,370	86,263	87,220	80,601	114,410	116,475
Surplus/(deficit) from Bridge		2,458	16,067	20,918	26,240	19,292	11,769
Other Income & Expenses							
Interest Income			1,830	1,810	1,961	1,840	1,900
Loss on Asset disposals				0			
Unusual Expenses				0	0		
Total surplus (deficit)		2,458	17,897	22,728	28,201	21,132	13,669

Notes:

A - Thursday night discontinued

Newcastle Bridge Club										
Treasurers Report										
May 2018										
Funds on hand at 31 May2018			Int Rate		Maturity					
	Cheque account		\$7,986							
	Online Saver		\$32,398	1.25%	On call					
	Term Deposit		\$85,701	2.00%	31-Jul-18					
			\$126,085							
Table count per session										
			May YTD				Prior Year comparison			
			Budget	Actual	Variance	%	Pr Year	Variance	%	
	Tue & Wed	Night(SVP)	327.0	298.0	-29.0	-9.7%	401.5	-103.5	-25.8%	
	Thursday	Day	453.0	563.0	110.0	19.5%	348.5	214.5	61.5%	
	Thursday	Night	192.0	106.0	-86.0	-81.1%	169.5	-63.5	-37.5%	
	Friday	Morning	602.0	573.5	-28.5	-5.0%	615.5	-42.0	-6.8%	
	Saturday	Afternoon	472.0	435.0	-37.0	-8.5%	455.0	-20.0	-4.4%	
	Monday	Afternoon	445.0	395.0	-50.0	-12.7%	437.0	-42.0	-9.6%	
	Monday	Night	213.0	253.5	40.5	16.0%	223.5	30.0	13.4%	
	Tuesday	Morning	817.0	822.5	5.5	0.7%	820.0	2.5	0.3%	
	Wednesday	Day	462.0	445.0	-17.0	-3.8%	468.0	-23.0	-4.9%	
	Total		3983.0	3891.5	-91.5	-2.4%	3938.5	-47.0	-1.2%	
Profit & Loss Comments - year to date										
	v Budget	Table fee income below budget YTD at minus \$5,661								
		Subscriptions minus \$740								
		Expenses - under by \$957. Main saving from Comp Expenses \$1,809. Main overspend on Repairs & Maint \$1,104								
		YTD profit of \$17,897, is below budget \$22,728								
	v Last Year	Table fee income is below prior year by \$2,918 (3.2%). Overall revenue is lower by \$4,511								
		Expenses are higher by \$5,612 or 6.9%. Main increases are in Repairs & Maintenance +\$717, Social +\$1,611 & Non Playing Director +\$1,730								
		The full year update now projects profit to be \$13,669								
Tony Wagstaff										
June 2018										