

**Minutes of BFACT Council Meeting  
Saturday 9 February 2008 at the Canberra Bridge Club**

1. Roy Nixon (President BFACT) opened the meeting at 10.00am.

**PRESENT:** Roy Nixon, Peter Kahler, Susan Scerri, Valmai Mitchell, Earl Dudley, Griff Ware, Andrew Struik.

**APOLOGIES:** Carmel Herald, Ian Dalziell, Rebecca Plush, Bruce Crossman

**2. MINUTES**

**2.1 Acceptance**

**Motion:** That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 8 December 2007 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

**Moved: Roy Nixon    Seconded: Andrew Struik                      Carried**

**2.2 Matters arising from the previous meeting minutes and action points.**

- Roy Nixon reported that State entry fees to the 2008 ANC will not be reduced if States don't nominate entries to the ANC Pairs.
- BFACT Calendar for 2008 has been emailed to all clubs in the region.
- Susan Scerri emailed the convenor of the PABF on 10 December 2008 enquiring as to the number of teams the ACT is permitted to enter in each category. No reply has been received. Roy Nixon advised that there was a possibility that the \$1000 funding offered to the ACT for sending one or more teams may no longer be available. Peter Kahler will raise the matter with the convenor.

**3. BFACT TOURNAMENT ISSUES**

**3.1 Tournament Secretary's Report**

Peter Kahler, Tournament Secretary presented his report. (His report and related documents are attached.)

- **Eligibility for State Selection**

Peter Kahler tabled: *BFACT State Teams Qualification Criteria* for discussion. Discussion of the proposed eligibility criteria and travel subsidies statement followed. Discussion centred on whether players who participated in ACT Selection Events should be members of a BFACT affiliated club and whether players who were not members of a BFACT affiliated club should be entitled to a travel subsidy if selected for an ACT ANC Team.

Peter Kahler will revise the guidelines for further discussion at the next BFACT Council meeting.

**Motion:** The existing exemptions to residential eligibility requirements granted to Ann Pettigrew and Ruth Thompson will continue unless their circumstances change.

**Moved: Earl Dudley    Seconded: Roy Nixon                      Carried**

- **Regulations for 2008 Open, Women's, Senior and Youth Teams Selection Qualifying Events**

Peter Kahler tabled the regulations for the above events. He proposed that from 2009 on, clubs in the region roughly bordered by Mollymook, Goulburn, Young, Cootamundra and Wagga, be invited to run a selection event to qualify two pairs to the Selection Final for the ACT ANC Open Team. The Selection Final would be expanded to fourteen pairs.

Discussion followed. Peter Kahler advocated the proposal as a means of promoting bridge and the role of BFACT in the region and pointed out that it was not practical for outlying clubs in the region to participate in NSW or ACT Selection events that were run over a number of weeks.

BFACT Council was in agreement with the philosophy behind the proposed changes but expressed some concerns over eligibility to participate in the event and possible conflict with the NSWBA. Peter Kahler agreed to revise the proposal for discussion at a future BFACT Council meeting.

BFACT Council thanked the Tournament Secretary for his excellent work on developing these proposals.

**Motion:** That BFACT Council invite members of ABF affiliated clubs within the region to participate in selection events for the ACT 2008 ANC Open, Women's, Senior and Youth Teams.

**Moved Peter Kahler**

**Amendment to the Motion: to add at the end of the existing motion:**

“provided that entrants are members of a BFACT affiliated club at the time of the event.”

**Moved: Earl Dudley Seconded Andrew Struik Carried**

**Amended Motion:** That BFACT Council invite members of ABF affiliated clubs within the region to participate in selection events for the ACT 2008 ANC Open, Women's, Senior and Youth Teams provided that entrants are members of a BFACT affiliated club at the time of the event.

**Moved: Peter Kahler Seconded: Roy Nixon Carried**

Peter Kahler will liaise with Griff Ware regarding the Youth Team regulations.

- **GNOT Self funded Canberra 2 Team**

Peter Kahler proposed a Butler Pairs event to be held on a Sunday to select the Canberra 2 Team for the GNOT. He will develop a proposal for the next meeting of BFACT Council.

- **GNRP**

BFACT has received correspondence from the organisers outlining MP costs and indicating that BFACT was coordinating the regional final. Roy Nixon will inform John Brockwell that BFACT does not wish to coordinate the regional final.

- **State Swiss Butler Pairs**

Peter Kahler tabled the Tournament Regulations for this event. Griff Ware commented that the provision of a section for players with less than 1000 MPs was a welcome innovation.

### **3.2 BFACT Simultaneous Pairs 2008**

Valmai Mitchell agreed to coordinate the event in 2008 and will approach Tim Bourke to see if he is willing to assist with the hands and commentary. BFACT Council thanked Valmai for her work on the 2007 Simultaneous Pairs.

### **3.3 Responsible Adult Requirement for Youth Players under the age of 18.**

Earl Dudley pointed out the need for the ACT ANC Captains' Guidelines to include the requirement of the appointment of a responsible adult for players under the age of 18 and the need for a signed parental release form. Earl will revise the guidelines. Susan Scerri to forward to Earl the information received from the ABF.

## **4. YOUTH BRIDGE**

### **4.1 Youth Bridge Report**

- Griff Ware reported that he would be stepping down as Youth Bridge Coordinator in the near future and that Rebecca Thornberry would be taking on the role. Earl Dudley suggested that Rebecca be invited to BFACT Council meetings to familiarise her with proceedings before she took on the role.
- Griff will meet with Rebecca to discuss the future of the ANU Bridge Club.
- Griff will be contacting youth players re the Youth Team Selection Event.
- Youth Week was a success. Numbers were slightly down owing to the absence of the New Zealand group. CBC proved a suitable venue but is unlikely to be required in 2009. No ACT subsidies were requested for participation in Youth Week.
- The Friday afternoon sessions will begin in March.
- Griff Ware will ask Jenny Mendick if she would like boards or other equipment for the sessions she is running at her school.

## 5. TREASURER'S REPORT

**Motion:** BFACT Council ratifies the following payments made since the last BFACT Council Meeting:

V Mitchell	postage Sim Pairs	\$18.40
Summer Festival	youth players entry subsidy	\$95.00
ABF Masterpoint Cntr	Dec qtr a/c	
\$999.34		

**Moved: Andrew Struik Seconded: Roy Nixon Carried**

**Motion:** That the fee to participate in each session of the Ron Klinger Tour will be \$15 per person and BFACT will recover \$10 per person per session from clubs running the events.

**Moved: Andrew Struik Seconded: Roy Nixon Carried**

- BFACT Council agreed in principle that Youth Players should be assisted to attend the Ron Klinger sessions. Griff Ware to liaise with Valmai Mitchell and Andrew Struik.
- Andrew Struik (Treasurer) tabled information on BFACT budget for the last financial year. Income from selection events was approximately \$3000. ANC Entry fees were approximately \$4000. Earl Dudley had passed on concerns expressed at CBC Committee meetings re the cost of running BFACT events. He pointed out that players at CBC don't readily appreciate the difference between CBC and BFACT events except for the additional cost. Griff Ware pointed out the need for BFACT events to be seen as special events in their own right. Earl Dudley raised the possibility of raising the BFACT levy. Roy Nixon suggested that BFACT Council should prepare the BFACT Calendar of events each year before CBC developed its calendar for the following year. The possibility of other BFACT affiliated clubs running some of the BFACT events was raised. Griff Ware will develop a list of possible BFACT events for discussion.

## 6. ABF

Earl Dudley has resigned as BFACT Delegate to the ABF. Roy will ask Ian Thomson if he is willing to take on the position. No replacement delegate will be sent to the March meeting if Ian Thomson is not available since Roy Nixon will be in attendance.

## 7. OTHER BUSINESS

## **7.1 Correspondence**

### **Incoming**

- Progress Reports on ABF Marketing/Advertising Grants from Capital, Monaro and Canberra Bridge Clubs.
- ABF Masterpoint Centre: Advice of Change of contact details.
- Ecats Bridge Charity Pairs
- QBA re guidelines for bridge tour operators.
- Bridge Museum: Copies of new Laws of Bridge for Sale
- John Brockwell: GNP
- Shalom Paul: Conventions at the Gold Coast
- ABF: Correction to cost of MPs for GNP.
- Travis Cook: Ron Klinger Advertising on BFACT flyers

### **Outgoing**

- Jane Rasmussen: Thanks for scoring Simultaneous Pairs
- ABF: Report on ABF Advertising/Marketing Grant
- John Brockwell: Correction to list of BFACT Clubs on GNP information
- QBA: Responses to their letter re guidelines for bridge tour operator
- Regional Clubs: BFACT Calendar and invitation to Interclub Teams 2008

## **7.2 BFACT Website**

Avril Barrett has modified the web page. Material has been sent to Rebecca Plush for forwarding to Avril.

## **7.3 Ron Klinger Advertising**

BFACT Council asked the Secretary to inform Travis Cook that BFACT Council at this stage is not interested in including advertisements in material it distributed.

## **NEXT MEETING**

Friday 14 March 2008 at 5 pm at the Canberra Bridge Club Deakin

## **Meeting closed at 12.30 pm**

Susan Scerri  
BFACT Secretary