

**Minutes of BFACT Council Meeting  
Saturday 8 December 2007 at the Canberra Bridge Club**

1. Roy Nixon (President BFACT) opened the meeting at 9.30am.

**PRESENT:** Roy Nixon, Peter Kahler, Susan Scerri, Rebecca Plush, Valmai Mitchell, Earl Dudley, Bruce Crossman, Andrew Struik.

**APOLOGIES:** Carmel Herald, Ian Dalziell, Griff Ware.

## **2. MINUTES**

### **2.1 Acceptance**

**Motion:** That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 15 September 2007 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

**Moved: Roy Nixon            Seconded: Val Mitchell            Carried**

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

- Earl Dudley raised the need for a process to confirm the definitive list of BFACT Accredited Directors.

**Motion:** That BFACT Council authorises Ian Dalziell to maintain the approved list of BFACT Accredited Directors. No Directors can be added to the list without the approval of BFACT Council.

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

Susan Scerri to advise the Website Manager that only Ian Dalziell can make alterations to the list of Directors on BFACT Website.

- The Youth Bridge Teams of Three Event will not take place this year.
- Roy Nixon will raise the fines for late and changed entries at the ABF Presidents Meeting.
- Griff Ware surveyed players re the format of the State Opens Teams Event and announced changes at BFACT AGM.
- Eligibility Criteria for State Selection were discussed at BFACT AGM. Peter Kahler (Tournament Secretary) will develop a policy statement reflecting previous BFACT discussion and the statement made at the AGM.
- Roy Nixon advised BFACT Council that the format of the ANC Pairs would change in 2008 to permit all comers to enter and to allow pairs to be made up of players from different states. Monaro Bridge Club has advised that it wishes to hold a Qualifying Event for the 2008 ANC Pairs. Roy Nixon will raise at the ABF Management Committee, whether there is a need to run Qualifying Events for the various categories of the 2008 ANC Pairs.

## **3. BFACT SUPPLEMENTAL COUNCILLORS**

**Motion:** That BFACT Council appoints Griff Ware and Valmai Mitchell as Supplemental Councillors.

**Moved: Earl Dudley            Seconded: Bruce Crossman            Carried**

## **4. MATTERS ARISING FROM BFACT AGM**

The names of ACT Players who represented at International Level have been included in the Minutes of the AGM. The President will write letters of congratulation to International Representatives who are selected in 2008.

## **5. YOUTH BRIDGE**

- Valmai Mitchell reported that the Friday afternoon sessions have finished for the year. Clem Davis has been assisting with some of the more experienced Youth Players.
- BFACT has received no information regarding Youth Week. Earl Dudley reported that he has heard informally that CBC may be required as a venue.

Roy Nixon will raise the matter at the ABF Management Committee Meeting and request the organisers of Youth Week contact the Manager at CBC.

**Motion:** That BFACT Council continues with the practice of assistance to Youth Players on the recommendation of the Youth Bridge Coordinator, for Youth Week and The Summer Festival of Bridge.

**Moved: Andrew Struik**

**Seconded: Valmai Mitchell**

**Carried**

## **6. BFACT TOURNAMENT ISSUES**

### **6.1 Tournament Secretary's Report**

- Roy Nixon welcomed the new Tournament Secretary, Peter Kahler, to BFACT Council.
- Peter Kahler tabled for discussion a set of BFACT Tournament Objectives. (Attached.)

In the preliminary discussion of the Objectives that followed, Peter Kahler highlighted the need for BFACT to provide events to cater for Intermediate Level Players by providing stratified events. Revenue raising by BFACT was discussed and it was agreed that BFACT Council needs to ensure that the mechanism used by BFACT to raise revenue reflects in an appropriate way the benefits provided.

### **6.2 BFACT Simultaneous Pairs 2007**

- Roy Nixon thanked Valmai Mitchell on behalf of BFACT Council for her efforts in coordinating the Simultaneous Pairs. Susan Scerri will write to Jane Rasmussen expressing BFACT's appreciation for her efficient scoring of the event.
- Overall participation was good (93 pairs) but Rebecca Plush noted that it was disappointing only 5 tables entered at CBC.
- Several Pairs entered the event at more than one venue. BFACT Council agreed that in such instances only the first score counts.

**Motion:** That BFACT Council sets the BFACT levy for the 2008 Simultaneous Pairs at \$2.50

**Moved: Andrew Struik**

**Seconded: Roy Nixon**

**Carried**

### **6.3 Invitation to Affiliated Clubs to run State Selection Events**

Discussed under Matters arising from previous meeting.

### **6.4 Calendar**

Earl Dudley advised BFACT Council that the BFACT Calendar for 2008 will be incorporated in the CBC Calendar for 2008. Rebecca Plush will list the BFACT Calendar on the BFACT Website and Susan Scerri will inform Regional Clubs of the site address.

### **6.5 PABF**

- The Queensland Bridge Association has invited the ACT to send at least one team to the Asian Cup to be run in conjunction with the 2008 PABF Congress. QBA will provide a \$1000 grant to each state for sending teams to the event.
- Roy Nixon noted that there were two issues for BFACT to consider if it sends teams: **the method of selection of teams in each category (Open, Women's Senior, Youth)**  
**the way in which the grant is to be allocated.**
- Susan Scerri was asked to contact the Convenor to ascertain the number of teams that the ACT could send in each category.
- Earl Dudley informed the meeting that CBC had included a selection event for the Asian Cup on its calendar for 2008. Discussion of the issues followed.

**Motion:** That the \$1000 grant offered by Queensland Bridge Association to States that enter at least one team in the 2008 Asian Cup be awarded to the team that wins the Qualifying Event run by CBC. The winning team may select the category in

which they wish to and are qualified to enter (Open, Women's, Senior, Youth). That the amount of the BFACT levy imposed on players in the event be shared among the nominated BFACT teams in the remaining categories. BFACT will invite nominations from ACT teams in the remaining categories and run play offs to select teams if more than one team is nominated in each of the remaining categories.

**Moved: Rebecca Plush                      Seconded: Valmai Mitchell                      Carried**

- Peter Kahler will advertise the event.

#### **6.6 GNOT**

- The difficulty in raising sufficient revenue from Qualifying Events for the Canberra 2 Team and the Restricted/Provincial Team was raised at BFACT AGM and referred to the incoming BFACT Council for discussion. BFACT Council suggested that it would only be viable to send a Canberra 2 Team if it was self-funded. Peter Kahler was asked to liaise with John Brockwell on the matter. The Canberra 2 Team would be the team that came second in the Canberra 1 Team Qualifying Event.
- The Restricted/Provincial Team will be selected by a one day Swiss Pairs Event.

#### **6.7 GNRP**

- Peter Kahler agreed to discuss with John Brockwell the costs to participating clubs and BFACT of the GNRP.
- CBC and South Canberra have a disposition to participate. Monaro have discussed the event but were not attracted to running a qualifying event owing to the cost.

### **7.        TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

P Kahler	Team shirts embroidery	\$123.00
S Mullamphy	GNOT directing and boards	\$409.54
SFOB	Interclub Restricted Prize	\$440.00
SFOB	Interclub Seniors Prize	\$500.00
ABF	GNOT entry	\$2360.00
Applegraphics	Sim Prs booklets	\$164.00
Applegraphics	Sim Prs booklets	\$16.50
ACT Registrar	Annual return fee	\$31.00
ABF MPC	Masterpoint invoices	\$528.61
Various	6 ANC/Victory dinner refunds	

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

- Sean Mullamphy's contract with BFACT for the next three years has been negotiated.
- Griff Ware wishes continue to be responsible for the BFACT Masterpointing but on a voluntary basis.
- **Motion:** BFACT Council moves that there is no requirement by Griff Ware to refund any of his gratuity as a result of late Masterpoint Fees being incurred.

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

- The Treasurer tabled the budget for 2007-2008. Earl Dudley asked for a breakdown of revenue figures, in particular the revenue from BFACT levies on selection events. Roy Nixon suggested further discussion on the matter be deferred until the next BFACT Council Meeting.

### **8.        ABF**

- Earl Dudley advised BFACT Council that he is resigning as BFACT Delegate to the ABF. Earl will ask Ian Thomson if he is willing to take on the position.
- Reports on their ABF Advertising/Marketing Grant projects have been received from Capital and Monaro Bridge Clubs. Earl Dudley will forward CBC report to

Susan Scerri. Earl Dudley had previously advised Roy Nixon that the CBC project had changed to incorporate enhancements to the CBC Calendar.

## **9. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **9.1 Correspondence**

#### **Incoming**

- Monaro Bridge Club: Acceptance of invitation to run a selection event for 2008 ANC Pairs
- Invitation to send teams to the 2008 Asian Cup

#### **Outgoing**

- Avril Mitchell: thanks for work on BFACT Website
- BFACT Affiliated Clubs: invitation to run selection events for 2008 ANC Pairs
- Len Dixon: Canberra Games Festival
- CBC, Monaro Bridge Club, Capital Bridge Club: Reminder reports due ABF Advertising/Marketing Grant

### **9.2 BFACT Website**

Rebecca Plush will act as BFACT Website coordinator. BFACT Councillors should send any material for the website to Rebecca Plush who will forward it to Avril Mitchell for inclusion on the website.

### **9.3 ANC 2009**

#### **Roy Nixon welcomed Lyn Turner (2009 ANC Convenor) and invited her to report to BFACT Council.**

Lyn Turner presented a paper outlining a potential timetable for the 2009 ANC Congress and suggestions for ANC Congress events. (Attached.) Lyn Turner and Wendy Boxall (2009 ANC Committee) developed the proposed timetable following consultation with Sean Mullamphy.

BFACT Council discussed the points raised in the paper.

- Roy Nixon and Andrew Struik were of the opinion that although the ABF has taken over scoring of the Swiss Pairs and the Restricted Butler, BFACT will still get revenue from the event. They asked Lyn Turner to check this.
- ***Have the starting times of Congress events the same as the ANC events and the same time each day.*** Agreed by BFACT Council
- ***Have no single session events.*** This was agreed to on the understanding that walk in pairs would be accepted.
- ***No single warm up session.*** Agreed by BFACT Council. The usual Friday afternoon session at CBC was suggested as a possible alternative.
- ***Have only two sessions per day for Congress Events.***  
In the discussion of this point, it was agreed that evening sessions were popular and should be held both weeks. Peter Kahler commented that at the Perth ANC local clubs had successfully run the evening sessions and suggested that the ACT clubs be invited to do the same. Lyn Turner noted that there was an overlap of club membership in the ACT and that this might have an effect on evening numbers if clubs ran the evening sessions. Andrew Struik raised the question of cost of venue and the fees clubs would charge for Congress Events compared to their usual session fees. BFACT Council members felt that this would not be a problem. The suggestion was made that the Congress should comprise afternoon and evening sessions. It was suggested that morning walk in sessions with volunteer directors could be an option.
- ***Follow the Perth example of having a day off between the Butler Pairs and the ANC Teams.*** BFACT Council supported this suggestion.

- ***Raising Revenue*** It was noted that the walk in pairs would be much better attended in Week 1. Stratifying results in the Swiss pairs was suggested as a means of encouraging local entries. Roy Nixon suggested that Lyn Turner approach ACT clubs to run a two or three session event in the second week. It was suggested that a flier advertising the 2009 ANC be prepared for distribution at the 2008 ANC and a more detailed flier be distributed at the 2009 Summer Festival.
- ***Restricted Players*** BFACT Council supported Lyn's suggestion to award restricted prizes in Week 2.
- ***Proposed Congress Timetable*** BFACT Council supported the first of the two proposed Congress Timetables Lyn presented.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

Saturday 9 February 2007 at 10am at the Canberra Bridge Club Deakin

**Meeting closed at 1.05pm**

Susan Scerri  
BFACT Secretary