

**Minutes of BFACT Council Meeting  
Friday 24 August 2007 at the Canberra Bridge Club**

1. Roy Nixon (President BFACT) opened the meeting at 5.30pm and welcomed Lyn Turner (ANC 2009 Convenor).

**PRESENT:** Roy Nixon, Ian Dalziell, Susan Scerri, Rebecca Plush, Lyn Turner, Earl Dudley, Bruce Crossman, Andrew Struik.

**APOLOGIES:** Carmel Herald, Griff Ware, Valmai Mitchell.

## **2.MINUTES**

### **2.1** Acceptance

**Motion:** That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 28 July 2007 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

**Moved:** Roy Nixon      **Seconded:** Susan Scerri      **Carried**

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

- The BFACT Website is now active at [wwwbfact.com.au](http://wwwbfact.com.au). Rebecca Plush is liaising with Avril Mitchell regarding the content. BFACT Council now needs to help them both with content and feedback.
- Ian Dalziell tabled a list of Club, Congress and State level Directors in the ACT to add to the list of national level Directors already available from the ABF. Earl Dudley pointed out several corrections that needed to be made. BFACT Council thanked Ian for his efforts in compiling the list and endorsed the list. (Attached to these Minutes.) BFACT Council asked Ian to send a copy of the list to each BFACT Affiliated Club. A list of BFACT accredited directors, with their accreditation levels but no personal contact details for privacy reasons, will be posted on the BFACT Website.
- Ian Dalziell tabled a copy of the Accreditation of Bridge Directors in the ACT Region BFACT Guidelines endorsed at the July 28 BFACT Council Meeting. (Attached to these Minutes.)
- Roy Nixon advised the ABF of BFACT Council's support for the return to full system cards at the 2008 ANC. The ABF has decided that full system cards will be required at the ANC in 2008. BFACT Council will defer further discussion of whether to pay someone to coordinate the lodging of ANC system cards till the BFACT Council Meeting of February 2008. Earl Dudley asked BFACT Council to investigate the ABF's ability to impose a financial penalty for late entries and changed entries to the ANC. (All fines were waived in 2007.) Roy Nixon will follow this up with the ABF.

### **3.1 ANC 2009**

Roy Nixon invited Lyn Turner (Convenor of the 2009 ANC) to address BFACT Council regarding the planning for the 2009 ANC to be held in Canberra.

Lyn has emailed a copy of the ANC Handbook to Susan Scerri (BFACT Secretary) for distribution to BFACT Council.

Lyn has been liaising with Sean Mullamphy with regards to the venue, accommodation and the Congress Events.

### **Venue**

The ANC booking at the Hellenic Club has been extended by one day to allow for a free day in the middle of the ANC. This arrangement proved very successful in Fremantle. The Teams will now end on Friday. The Vugraph will be on Saturday and the Victory Dinner will be on Saturday night. Roy

Nixon pointed out that this arrangement might have to be altered if the ABF decided to change the structure of the State Pairs Events.

### **Events**

- The Welcome Teams Event was very successful at Fremantle.
- In Fremantle, the Seniors Butler was run concurrently with the Open and Women's Butler Events. In the past, the Seniors Butler has commenced at Stage 2 of the Open and Women's Butler. BFACT Council recommended that this be the case in 2009 as we need to maximise the possibility of Sydney and Melbourne players staying on and not returning home after Stage 1 of the Open Butler.
- The ABF will organise the ANC Butler Pairs and Teams Events. The Canberra ANC Committee needs to focus on ensuring the success of the Congress Events.

### **Accommodation**

- Lyn Turner raised the possibility of making a block booking at The Quality Inn (nearest accommodation to the venue) for the ANC. This would require a deposit. BFACT Council agreed in principle to the suggestion and asked the ANC Committee to investigate the cost of accommodation, the number of rooms required and the amount of the deposit.
- Lyn Turner informed BFACT that the YHA offered dormitory style accommodation at \$25 per night, which would be an option for Youth Players.

### **Parking**

- Free parking will be available at the nearby Canberra College.
- Earl Dudley suggested the ANC Committee approach the ACT Government regarding the possibility of providing a number of free passes to the Park and Ride parking lot close to the Hellenic Club to ANC Players for the duration of the ANC.

### **Sponsorship**

- Roy Nixon suggested the ANC Committee approach the ACT Government Events Corporation re the possibility of financial assistance.
- It was noted that local wineries held promotions and provided prizes at Congress Events in Fremantle. Roy Nixon suggested the ANC Committee approach local wineries for sponsorship.

### **Congress Events**

- The ABF has not yet notified the ANC Committee of the fee structure for the 2009 ANC.
- In Fremantle books of session tickets were sold prior to the Congress at a discount to the set entry fee for events. This proved popular and Roy Nixon suggested the ANC Committee consider a similar scheme for 2009.

### **Planning**

- Andrew Struik asked Lyn Turner to investigate whether BFACT would receive any money from the ANC Butler Events.
- Bruce Crossman suggested that the ANC Committee develop a draft program and a timetable of actions to be taken prior to the ANC and report back to BFACT.
- Andrew Struik suggested that the ANC Committee report to BFACT Council on a regular basis, outlining developments in the planning process.
- BFACT Council invited Lyn Turner to the first BFACT Council Meeting after the BFACT AGM to meet the new Council and to discuss developments.

#### **4. YOUTH BRIDGE REPORT**

Valmai Mitchell and Griff Ware were absent so there was no Youth Bridge Report.

#### **5. BFACT TOURNAMENT ISSUES**

##### **5.1 Tournament Secretary's Report**

**Griff Ware (Tournament Secretary) sent his apologies to the meeting and emailed a Tournament Secretary's Report that was read to the meeting by Roy Nixon.**

- **GNOT**

Canberra 1 Team to represent the ACT at the GNOT (A. DeLivera, I. Robinson, P. Reynolds, D. Lilley, R. Brightling and I. Thomson) has been selected through the CBC Knockout Teams.

Canberra 2 will be decided by the Home Knockout final, which will take place on Sunday 2nd September, concurrently with the ACT Restricted/Provincial final.

The ACT Restricted/Provincial Final will be held on Sunday 2 September. Entries are down since a number of players who qualified through Selection Events are unable to attend and not all Affiliated Clubs that did not run a Qualifying Event have taken up BFACT's offer to nominate up to three pairs to the Final. Griff Ware is inviting Restricted Pairs that participated in the Home Knockout Qualifier or who did not complete all sessions of a Qualifying Event to take part in the Final which will select two pairs to represent the ACT as the Restricted/Provincial Team.

- Griff Ware advised BFACT that he does not intend to be Tournament Secretary for BFACT Council in 2008 but is willing to be elected as a Supplemental Councillor to continue work he has begun on Tournament Policy updates. He is also happy to continue as Masterpoint Secretary.
- The State Open Teams Event will be Victory Pointed with a completely independent (i.e. no carry forward) Consolation.

##### **5.2 ANC Captains' Reports**

Reports from the Captains of the Open, Women's and Senior Team were tabled for discussion.

- It was noted that all of the Team Captains praised the organization of the event by WABA.

**Motion:** That the Secretary of BFACT write to WABA congratulating them on the organization and running of the 2007 ANC.

**Moved:** Bruce Crossman      **Seconded:** Ian Dalziell      **Carried**

- Peter Kahler (NPC of the Women's Team) recommended that BFACT develop a package to help Captains to prepare ANC Teams for the event. Earl Dudley undertook to speak to Peter about the possibility of linking this idea with the CBC initiative to prepare Women Players to represent the ACT.
- Peter Kahler also gave a detailed proposal with costing for the development of an information kit for ANC Captains regarding the purchase of team uniforms. BFACT Council deferred discussion of team uniforms until the next Council Meeting to give Council members time to review previous policy on uniforms.

## 6. TREASURER'S REPORT

- BFACT Council ratified the following payments made since the last BFACT Council Meeting:

CBC Marketing Grant:	\$2200.00
Monaro BC Marketing Grant:	\$ 550.00
Capital BC Marketing Grant:	\$ 550.00
CBC July-December Administration Fee:	\$ 247.50
S. Mullamphy Interclub Boards:	\$ 99.00
A. De Livera Stage 3 Butler Entry:	\$ 90.00

7 ANC and Victory Dinner refunds.
- BFACT provided a subsidy of \$900 for ANC costs to each Player and Team Captain with a further \$100 to be paid on production of receipts allowing BFACT to claim GST reimbursement. Andrew Struik (Treasurer) advised BFACT Council that a number of the requests for the remaining \$100 of funding per Player or Captain for ANC expenses had not provided GST receipts to the amount requested.

**Motion: If players and captains who represented BFACT at the 2007 ANC provided receipts for items including GST that were significantly less than \$1000, then the further payment of \$100 should be reduced proportionally.**

**Moved:** Andrew Struik      **Seconded:** Susan Scerri      **Carried**

- The Treasurer presented a preliminary statement of financial outcomes for the year. The expected deficit of \$5190 reflected the increased cost of travel to the ANC, which was held in Western Australia and was within budget.
- The Treasurer proposed that BFACT affiliation fees remain unchanged in 2008.

**Motion: That the annual BFACT affiliation fee for 2008 be \$7.00 (including GST) for all members of affiliated bridge clubs”.**

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

- The Treasurer proposed that BFACT fees for BFACT events other than the GNOT, Interclub Teams and Simultaneous Pairs remain unchanged in 2008.
- Motion: That BFACT entry fees for BFACT Events held in 2008 other than the GNOT, Interclub Teams and Simultaneous Pairs be set as follows:**  
**Regular Events:      \$3 per person per session**  
**Weekend Events:      \$75 per person other than Youth Players who will pay a fee of \$20.**

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

## 7. OTHER BUSINESS

- The Agenda for BFACT AGM will be discussed at the next BFACT Council Meeting.
- Roy Nixon (President) asked Susan Scerri (Secretary) to send a notice to all Affiliated Clubs advising them of the BFACT AGM to be held on Sunday 21 October at 5pm.

## NEXT MEETING

Saturday 15 September at 9.30am at the Canberra Bridge Club Deakin

**Meeting closed at 7.30pm**

Susan Scerri  
BFACT Secretary