

Minutes 2005 AGM and 2005-2006 BFACT Council Meetings
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Annual General Meeting

**BRIDGE FEDERATION ACT INC. (BFACT)
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
at CBC Sunday 23 October 2005 commencing at 4.00pm**

1. Present

Val Mitchell, Rebecca Plush, Earl Dudley, Rebecca Plush Andrew Leslie, Ann Pettigrew, Adrienne Stephens, Richard Hills, George Stockham, Andrew Struik, Roy Nixon, David Hoffman, Ian Dalziell, Julia Hoffman, Tony Kershaw, David Randles, Griff Ware, Allan Scerri, Sue Scerri, Val Hopwood, Mark Abraham, Len Van Der Hor, Claire Wehner, Brian Thorp, Ian Thomson, Allan Scerri, Susan Scerri, Nye Griffiths, Peter Andersson, Wendy Boxall, Jane Kidd, Len Dixon, J Ascione, (32)

2. Apologies

Sharen Carver

3. Proxy Votes

Nil received

4. Confirmation of minutes of AGM of 2004 as a true record of the meeting

Moved Earl Dudley Seconded Mark Abraham Carried

5. Matters arising from the Minutes -- Nil

6. Report of the president VAL MITCHELL (Attached)

The President read out her report and thanked all members of the Council and CBC Committee for all their help and support during the year.

7. Treasurer's report and statement of accounts (attached)

Motion : That the financial statements of BFACT as tabled be adopted.

Moved Andrew Struik

Seconded Roy Nixon Carried

The Treasurer reported that there had been a healthy income from Selection Events. Expenditure was approximately \$1000 more than income because we spent \$5,500 on ANC because the Barry Turner Fund was not used this year for ANC expenses. The planned expenditure on youth programs was not implemented through lack of helpers.

Appointment of auditor for 2005 – 2006

Motion: That Chris Fearon be appointed Auditor for BFACT for 2005 –2006.

Moved: A. Struik Seconded R.Plush Carried

The Treasurer Andrew Struik expressed thanks to Chris Fearon for his work. Secretary to write to Chris Fearon expressing thanks again.

Affiliation Fees

Motion : That the annual affiliation fee for 2005-6 be \$7.00 (incl GST) for all members.
Moved A.Struik Seconded V Mitchell Carried

8. Report of Tournament Secretary (attached)

Mark Abraham moved acceptance of the report.
Seconded: R Hills

9. Election of office bearers

Earl Dudley was appointed Returning Officer and took charge of the Meeting.

President – Val Mitchell –Nominated Roy Nixon, Seconded: Earl Dudley
Vice President – Rebecca Plush – Nominated, Mark Abraham, Seconded Griff Ware
Secretary – Roy Nixon – Nominated; Earl Dudley, Seconded: Val Mitchell
Treasurer – Andrew Struik Nominated: George Stockham–, Seconded Rebecca Plush

There being no other nominations all four were elected unopposed
Tournament Secretary – Mark Abraham – Nominated G Ware Seconded Val Mitchell
Richard Hills, Nominated: Hashmat Ali, Seconded Val Hopwood

An election was held by secret ballot and as a result Mark Abraham was elected.

10. Other Business

There was a brief discussion of the teams scoring system recently used in BFACT events with no indication from the meeting that the system should be changed at this stage but should be kept under review.

The Meeting closed at 5.15PM.

04 November 2005

Minutes BFACT Council Meeting
at CBC Friday 4 November 2004 commencing at 5.45pm

1. Present

V. Mitchell, M. Abraham, E. Dudley, R Nixon, A. Struik, R Plush, G. Stockham, I Dalziell.

Apologies

C Herald, G. Ware,

2. Motion to appoint Griff Ware as a Supplemental Councillor

“That Griff Ware be appointed a Supplemental Councillor for 2005-2006 to continue his work as BFACT Youth Co-ordinator”

Proposed: V Mitchell. Seconded R Nixon. Carried

3. Minutes of meeting of 24 September 2005

Confirmed

4. Treasurer

The Treasurer did not submit a formal report as this had been done at the AGM. The Treasurer raised the matter of entry fees for BFACT events in 2006.

“That the following selection event entry fees should apply in 2005:

All events - \$3.00 per person per session

Weekend type events:

Open - \$75

Women's - \$75

Senior's - \$75

Youth - \$20”

Moved: A Struik Seconded: G Stockham Carried

Fees for the Interclub teams will be considered at the next meeting.

Payments made: CBC (MP management Sep Qtr \$297, Room hire GNOT \$99); S Mullamphy (GNOT direction and boards \$356; Interclub boards \$66; Directors course exam marking \$40); ABF (GNOT entry \$2770)

5. Tournament Secretary

State of play on Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship

R Plush reported that the three way playoff would now take place on November 26th. Director to be found by M Abraham and to be paid on a cost recovered basis (\$100 per team is likely to be indicative table money for the day).

GNOT 2006 – preliminary discussion

Council noted there had been a discussion with the CBC and certain events have been agreed. There was some discussion about whether to leave it as a butler pairs final or revert to teams. Council agreed to keep to butler pairs for 2006. ABF has confirmed ACT will get three places in 2006 on the same basis as 2005.

Calendar

CBC representative noted that draft calendar would be made available shortly to all members. Major competition night is to switch from Monday to Tuesday night (subject to ratification by CBC Committee). The Secretary noted that he had sent out an invitation to clubs to run ANC pairs selection events in 2006. SCBC had indicated that it would run a similar event in 2006 to that run in 2005.

Scoring method for teams events

The scoring method used for teams events was not discussed and held over to the next meeting. However, there was some discussion about general tournament issues and Council felt that the Tournament Secretary should set up a consultation group to advise on these sorts of things as the occasion arose.

Captains' Reports

There was a further discussion about the issues arising from the captain's reports from the ANC and certain other related matters. Earl Dudley to follow up on these issues and to report back.

6. Youth Bridge

There was no Youth bridge report as Youth Co-ordinator, Griff Ware was unable to attend due to a prior commitment. President said some of the Friday afternoon group may play in SFOB Youth Week and proposed that their entry be subsidised from the Youth Budget, subject to agreement of the Youth Coordinator.

7. Other Business

Developing a BFACT website

The Council considered a paper from Henry Hudson outlining various options regarding the setting up of a website for BFACT. The paper outlined a number of technical issues and decisions to be made by Council including an estimate of the projected set up cost plus annual running expenses. Council discussed what is the benefit of having our own website and decided to have a special discussion at the next meeting with a view to making a decision whether to proceed. Secretary requested that Council members with strong views on this be encouraged to circulate views before next meeting. R Plush requested to prepare background information on other BA websites in Australia and to collate and circulate the views of other Council members prior to the next meeting.

Masterpointing

No progress to report.

Public Officer – Report from G Stockham

George Stockham advised Council that the processes for Eric Glass replacing him as Public Officer are still in progress and will be lodged by 31 December 2005.

Motion: “Council agree that as soon as possible Eric Glass will be appointed as the Public officer of BFACT”. Proposed: G Stockham Seconded R Nixon Carried

Congress directing course

The President confirmed that the intermediate directing course that was cancelled from September has been rescheduled for Sunday 4 December 2005 at the CBC. Publicity material has already been released. We have 8 participants. It was also agreed that we need to keep the list of currently qualified directors as up to date as possible and the Treasurer handed over the list of those who qualified at the Club level from the last course. The matter of some states requiring directors to resit the test every five years was noted and it was suggested that BFACT consider new tests soon after the next revision of the bridge laws.

Club Reports – CBC reported that Judith Anderson would take over as Acting Manager for 6 months from 2 December. Tony Bennett new webmaster for Capital. SCBC Christmas Bash/AGM will be on Wednesday 7 or 14 December.

BFACT News – no discussion except a plea from the editor for more substantive content from the Clubs.

Next Meetings –. Saturday 10 December at 10am.

10 December 2005

Minutes BFACT Council Meeting

at CBC Saturday 10 November 2005 commencing at 10.10am

1. Present

V. Mitchell, M. Abraham, E. Dudley, R Nixon, A. Struik, R Plush, G. Stockham, Lyn Moss, G Ware. Henry Hudson attended for part of the meeting (Agenda Item 2).

Apologies

C Herald, I Dalziell.

2. Minutes of meeting of 4 November 2005:

Confirmed

3. Treasurer

The Treasurer circulated a note of discussions with the CBC about the framework of BFACT's financial arrangements with the CBC. CBC MP management fee has history but we could not find it. BFACT now doing photocopying elsewhere. Payment to CBC for MP to cease and to be replaced by annual general administration fee payable to CBC to cover sundries of \$400-\$500 per annum.

Motion: "That BFACT now pay to the CBC an annual administration fee of \$450 + GST which will cover sundry office expenses including minor photocopying etc (but excluding BFACT News)" Moved: A Struik. Seconded: V Mitchell Carried.

Payments made: C Bridgland (\$140 Directing CNBC), Summer Festival (\$480 Inter Club Seniors Prize), CBC (\$99 GNOT room hire) and R Plush (\$26.40 BFACT News printing).

Treasurer gave Council a draft budget as a working document which was noted and we undertook to discuss next year.

4. Tournament Secretary

Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championships

The Thomson team (Thomson, Brightling, Hoffman and Wawn) won the Playoff for the right to enter to the Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championships and had been told by email from the President of the next steps to complete the entry process.

InterClub Teams 2006

Motion : "That the fees for the InterClub Teams for 2006 be \$40 per team if they play within 50 km of their place of origin, else \$20 for teams that have to travel more than 50km". Proposed: V Mitchell, Seconded G Stockham – Carried.

A Struik mentioned that the present prize structure for the InterClub was messy – should be restricted to the relevant Summer Festival of Bridge (SFOB) event and that the winning club

should appoint a team captain to take responsibility for any administration associated with this task. G Stockham said BFACT needed to make this new responsibility clear at the prize-giving.

Simultaneous Pairs

George Stockham reported that there slightly lower numbers, results were still to be tabulated but the feedback so far had been very positive. He will make sure the results will be out before Christmas which will then go into the first BFACT News after the SFOB.

The *CBC Calendar* is almost ready to go and will go to the printers on 12 December. A Struik said Monaro will not hold any ANC selection events in 2006 because there was not enough interest in Adelaide. It was noted that the CBC Calendar does not list separately the other affiliated Clubs GNOT events on the BFACT Page.

Earl Dudley noted that he had been asked to look into whether there should be any further discussion about the **issues arising from the captain's reports from the ANC** and their effect on the current NPC guidelines issued to captains. He also noted that there are also the BFACT Tournament Regs which have detailed disciplinary regulations that cover the ANC. BFACT discussed revising the BFACT Tournament Regulations which Council believed were deficient in a number of important respects. It was noted that this was already an item on the Tournament Secretary's list of things to do. Earl Dudley offered to look more at the TRs with a report for the April 2006 meeting. Earl Dudley also thought we should strengthen the existing captain's guidelines in this area and consider the possibility of players signing agreements with BFACT similar to those used by the ABF or alternatively a letter detailing BFACT expectations and the consequences of not playing.

On the *GNOT for 2006*, Council agreed that President, Tournament Secretary and Earl Dudley act as a steering group and keep Council informed as necessary.

5. Youth Bridge

Griff Ware informed Council that there will be a team from the ANU entering Youth Week. ANU BC has ended up with 3 regular players and Griff indicated that he will try and run it on similar lines for 2006. He will apply to the Student Union for some funding as usual but it is not so clear yet whether similar funding will be available in 2006 given recent Government policy changes towards the student union. Val Mitchell said Friday afternoon sessions were continuing – there may be some interest in the Youth Camp in January – up to 6 people.

Motion: At the recommendation of the BFACT Youth Coordinator, BFACT will pay for the entry fees for any youth player presently attending ANU Bridge Club or the Friday afternoon sessions for the ABF Youth Week Proposed; V Mitchell, Seconded A Struik.
Carried.

6. Other business

Developing a BFACT website

The Council considered various papers - one from Henry Hudson outlining various options regarding the setting up of a website for BFACT. Another paper by Rebecca Plush presented background information on other BA websites in Australia. There was a considered discussion by Council and a wide range of views including about the advantages of BFACT having its own website, the role of a website in storing both static and dynamic information and some of the

practical difficulties of keeping a website up to date. Henry Hudson made a very generous offer to help all he could with any technical aspects of running the website to minimise the impact on Council or whoever is involved in the administration of the website. It was clear however, that some members of Council remain to be convinced of the real value of BFACT having its own website so at this stage asked Rebecca Plush to draw together in a checklist what it is BFACT wants on a “basic” website and to revisit the matter again in the New Year.

Masterpointing

BFACT was told that the CBC has just advertised for someone to do the MPs for CBC events. BFACT Treasurer has spoken to Sean Mullamphy about whether the directors should be doing the BFACT events or not. Sean has said he will give BFACT a quote for doing this. BFACT heard that the only outstanding masterpointing were the GNOT Finals plus the current Womens event on Monday night. Council also discussed how we might now handle our own MP needs – asked current State Masterpoint Secretary if he would be prepared to continue to do this task for a fee of \$500 per year. BFACT noted that Council can always review this later if a better system is developed or the CBC person could more easily perform this function in later years.

Motion: “That Council authorise the payment of \$500 in FY2005/2006 to do MP of BFACT events subject to this payment being consistent with BFACT Constitution”.

Proposed: A Struik, Seconded: R Plush. Carried

Public officer – report from G Stockham

George Stockham advised Council that the matter will be concluded by end of 2005.

Club Reports – The Capital Bridge Club thanked the President for attending their recent Xmas function which helped build BFACT’s profile with the Club.

BFACT News – next edition after the SFOB.

Next Meeting – Saturday 4 February 2006 at 10am at the CBC.

Meeting Closed at 12.35pm.

04 February 2006

Minutes BFACT Council Meeting
at CBC Saturday 04 February 2006 commencing at 10.00am

1. Present

V. Mitchell, M. Abraham, E. Dudley, R Nixon, A. Struik, R Plush, G. Stockham, I Dalziell,

Apologies

C Herald, G Ware

2. Minutes of meeting of 10 December 2005

Confirmed

3. Treasurer

Payments made: M Abraham (\$250 masterpointing July-Dec) G Ware (\$154 Youth Team T Shirts), S Mullamphy (\$156 Directors Course), SFOB (\$187.50 Youth Team subsidy), CBC (\$394.01 admin fees), W Boxall (\$210 Restricted Teams prize), B Midgley (\$210 Restricted teams prize), G Stockham \$249.98 Sim Pairs expenses).

4. Tournament Secretary

Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship

The President confirmed that all six members have now been entered formally for this event.

Simultaneous Pairs

George Stockham reported that the results are now available – the winner was Alison Farthing/partner from Tumbarumba and all the results will appear in the next issue of the BFACT news. Masterpoint file to be sent soon to State Masterpoint Secretary. Next event will be held in June – hands possibly from the successful ACT Youth Team from the 2005 ANC.

Possibility of running an ACT Gold Point Event.

The President introduced a letter from Jane Rasmussen inviting the ACT to run a gold point event in the Calendar for 2006. This offer arose out of the President's attendance before the ABF Management Committee during the SFOB (see section 8.1 below). Council decided to set up a small Sub-Committee (Secretary, Treasurer, President, Earl Dudley + possibly Julia Hoffman) to put together a business case by May 2006 to investigate the possibility of running a gold point event in 2007.

Setting of GNOT fees for 2006

The Treasurer noted that we needed to set the entry fees for the GNOT events for 2006.

Motion: That the following fees would apply in 2006: Knockout Teams is \$3 per player per session (ie \$12 per table) + \$100 from the Canberra 1 team in lieu of the normal entry fee to the playoff. For other GNOT events: \$2.50 per player per session (ie \$10 per table) for all other events including restricted events. Proposed V Mitchell Seconded: Mark Abraham Carried.

Extra sessions for ANC Selection events

In April 2005 the Tournament Secretary distributed and spoke to a spreadsheet detailing options for handling extra sessions in Selection Finals based on some assumptions – no Wed matches, max 70 boards a day, no play Sat evening. Council decided BFACT policy should be to avoid Wed night matches and try to retain as long as possible matches consistent with a minimum of about 150 boards.

5. Youth Bridge

Council congratulated Griff Ware on his receipt of the Hellman Klinger Award at the SFOB for his contribution to youth bridge in 2005. Council also noted Mark Abraham's appointment as the Chairman of the ABF Youth Committee. There was no report from Griff Ware as he was absent. BFACT News to include letter from Laura Tough a participant at the Youth Camp in January. Council also congratulated Griff Ware and Mark Abraham on the success of the Youth Championships including the large ACT contingent.

6. Other business

Developing a BFACT website

The President advised that Jeff Brokenshire and Tony Kershaw were prepared to assist in servicing a website if we decide to go forward. Rebecca Plush had drawn together a checklist of what BFACT mainly requires in a "basic" website. The Council had further discussion on these requirements and on the desirability of a BFACT website as a whole and some amendments were suggested. There was concern expressed by some about the burden of ongoing maintenance.

Motion: That BFACT commission Henry Hudson to set up a BFACT website based upon the basic framework as amended" Proposed: V Mitchell Seconded: R Plush Carried.

Council asked Rebecca Plush to liaise with Henry Hudson and report back progress to Council.

Masterpointing

Masterpointing of local congresses: The Treasurer noted that in light of an apparent breakdown in the procedures for masterpointing the Cooma Congress last year, BFACT needs to review its procedures to ensure that future congresses are processed promptly. There was a strong view that BFACT should tell the Clubs that it is the duty of directors to prepare the masterpoint file for all congress events and to submit that for checking to the State MP secretary. It is not the job of the State Masterpoint Secretary to prepare the file itself. Secretary to advise Clubs.

Masterpoint Grade for Point a Board teams: listed CBC event but can be run as a State event (category B).

Motion: BFACT noted that the PAB teams is being run as a state event, CBC paying for masterpoints and matter to be reviewed in next calendar. Proposed: A Struik Seconded E Dudley. Carried.

Public officer – Report from G Stockham

George Stockham advised Council that the matter will be concluded by April 2006 – but he had completed all necessary tasks for 2005.

ABF Matters

Report on recent discussions with ABF on SFOB income from masterpoints: The President reported on her meeting with the ABF Management Committee about its decision in February 2005 to gradually phase out the 10% of masterpoint income currently paid to BFACT starting this year with a cut to 7.5% and reducing to zero in 2009. The President had expressed the Council's concern at the apparent lack of prior consultation with the present BFACT Council before taking such an important decision affecting our finances. The President had also reiterated our long held view that by holding the SFOB in Canberra, the ABF had in effect made it very difficult for BFACT to run another major gold point event here. The ABF Management Committee decided to re-instate the full 10% for 2006 and then phase it out after that. Meanwhile the ABF also suggested that BFACT give consideration to the holding of a gold point event to which the ABF will lend their full support. The ABF Secretariat had provided information about running a Gold Point event.

Council discussed the upcoming ABF Council meeting and the ABF President's Meeting to be held in Canberra on the weekend of 18/19 March. The inadequacy of the committee system was flagged. Council also endorsed Earl Dudley being re-appointed as an ACT delegate.

Motion: That Council endorse Earl Dudley as one of its delegates from 2006 for three years. Proposed Ian Dalziel Seconded Val Mitchell. Carried.

Earl Dudley to take up the professional indemnity issue and developing a reporting template for ABF events. Also MC decisions affecting state association especially finances should involve full prior consultation.

Club Reports – SCBC confirmed they would be holding a three week qualifying event for the ANC Seniors and Mixed Pairs. SCBC can nominate an open pair but final decision would depend on numbers and financial issues. Capital BC said it would participate in the InterClub teams but not the Simultaneous Pairs this year. Possible venue for Tuesday night? Likely to move back to Labor Club in March. CBC has new intermediate session on Wednesdays.

BFACT News – next edition is coming out soon. Capital and Monaro to provide brief item.

Klinger Tour: two sessions at CBC, one Cooma and two Cootamundra. Clubs still thinking but we need topics. R Plush to update the flyer by the middle of February before she goes to the Gold Coast.

Request from Yass for assistance – do we have any spare sets of duplicated boards? Authorise V Mitchell to spend up to \$100 to supply stationary. Tuesday afternoon at Yass RSL.

Next Meeting – Saturday 4 March 2006 at 10am at the CBC.

Meeting Closed at 12.45 pm.

04 March 2006

Minutes BFACT Council Meeting
at CBC Saturday 04 March 2006 commencing at 10.00am

1. Present

V. Mitchell, M. Abraham, E. Dudley, R Nixon, A. Struik, R Plush,

Apologies

C Herald, I Dalziell, L Moss, G. Stockham, G Ware

2. Minutes of meeting of 4 February 2006

Confirmed

3. Treasurer

Payments made: ABF Masterpoint Centre (\$150.07) and ATO (\$420 BAS payment). Nothing else reported – budget on track.

4. Tournament Secretary

Several entries have been received for the Inter-Club teams and for running a GNOT. Treasurer asked if we had received final dates for club events for the ANC pairs selection. Secretary would check with SCBC President about them hosting one round of the InterClub teams. He also raised Director Training for 2006. Treasurer was happy to renegotiate contract with Sean Mullamphy. Council was happy with the model adopted for 2005. Resolved to ask George Stockham if he would take the organising role on for 2006 – Treasurer to handle the money side. Article to be included in BFACT News on Director Accreditation. Tournament Secretary and Rebecca Plush to action as soon as possible.

5. Youth Bridge

Mark Abraham reported to Council that 100 people had signed up at the ANU and there had been 5 tables or so each lunchtime. Also someone at Fenner Hall may set up a bridge club. Teaching youth is occurring twice a week. Picture on the front of Australian Bridge of Youth Week was mentioned as good publicity. 7 students turned up for the Friday afternoon session which has recommenced.

6. Other business

Developing a BFACT website

The Council received a report from Rebecca Plush that she had commenced discussions with Henry Hudson and would continue those now that she had returned from the Gold Coast.

Masterpointing

Council discussed (again) the problems experienced with the masterpointing of the Cooma Congress given that the failure to submit the points on time had incurred a late fee of \$20! Further discussion ensued about the BFACT management process of red point congresses and maybe the need to tighten contractual arrangements with directors.

ANC subsidies

The Treasurer mentioned that the standard full economy air fare to Adelaide was about \$400 so this figure was being suggested.

Motion: BFACT to propose to the CBC Committee that we pay \$400 subsidy with BFACT paying 50% of the total cost and 50% by the Barry Turner Fund. Carried

It was decided that an initial payment of \$360 would be paid to players and captains and the residual \$40 only after receipts for travel and accommodation have been produced to the Treasurer before 31 August 2006. Discussion of whether BFACT can subsidise the ANC Victory Dinner has been deferred until after the CBC considers the matter.

ABF matters

Council discussed the vacancies on the ABF Management Committee following Eric Ramshaw and Martin Wilcox are stepping down. There will be an election so it was suggested that we ask the ABF to circulate bios for consideration.

Club Reports – nothing to report.

BFACT News – next edition to go out this week.

Yass Bridge Club – Monaro provided 32 wallets for them and they have set themselves up and are playing once a week at the Yass RSL.

Next Meeting – Sunday 2 April 2006 at 10am at the CBC.

Meeting Closed at 11.45 pm.

02 April 2006

Minutes BFACT Council Meeting
at CBC Sunday 02 April 2006 commencing at 10.00am

1. Present

Valmai Mitchell, Mark Abraham, Ian Dalziell, Earl Dudley, Andrew Struik, Griff Ware.

Apologies

Carmel Herald, Roy Nixon, Rebecca Plush.

2. Minutes of meeting of 4 March 2006

Confirmed

Business arising

- BFACT Website: Rebecca Plush has initiated discussions with Henry Hudson.
- Possible competition between ANU versus the University of Sydney: Griff Ware reported possible difficulties in arranging a team from the University of Sydney. He will follow up with Gabby Feiler. Griff Ware would also contact David McDonald the new NSW Youth Co-ordinator with a view to explore a possible interclub match between Sydney and Canberra
- Strengthening of ANC Team Captains guidelines: Earl Dudley will circulate a draft before the next meeting.
- Inter club teams: Arrangements are being made; Goulburn will not be sending a Restricted Team and Cooma may not be able to field a team for the Restricted competition.
- Review of BFACT Tournament Regulations: Partly redrafted - Earl Dudley to consult with Mark Abraham on a redraft before circulating to Council.
- Updated list of Club Directors following 2005 courses: Sean Mullamphy has yet to provide a list of participants in the 2nd course held during 2005. Valmai Mitchell will follow up with Lynn Moss who attended this course to ask if she remembers the names of the other people who attended.
- Masterpointing issues: ASE8 is now operational – its capacity to handle BFACT's masterpointing requirements yet to be assessed.
- BFACT News to include calendar of all BFACT events at all clubs: Clubs invited to e-mail Rebecca Plush with details of events to be included.
- Ron Klinger Tour: Very successful – greater numbers than last year.
- ANC Subsidies: Noted that CBC has approved a payment of \$200 per person from the Barry Turner Fund but no payment by way of subsidy to attend the Victory Dinner.

Council reviewed its approach to providing subsidies for its representative teams to participate in the Adelaide ANC and specifically subsidising attendance at the Victory Dinner. It was agreed that all BFACT representatives should be encouraged to attend the Victory Dinner.

Motion: That

1. A subsidy of \$400 will be paid to ANC team representatives (including team captains) to meet travel and accommodation costs of participating in the Adelaide ANC, of which \$360 will be advanced and the remaining \$40 payable on production of receipts (for which a GST rebate can be claimed).
2. ANC team representatives (including team captains) will be reimbursed for half of the cost of attending the Victory Dinner, payable on production of the receipt for the purchase of a Victory Dinner Ticket.
3. BFACT will reimburse team captains for the cost of attending the welcome drinks function at the ANC. The draw for the team numbers did not take place at the President's Meeting and will be done, as in years gone by, at the welcoming drinks function.

Moved: Valmai Mitchell

Seconded: Griff Ware

Carried

- Director Training 2006: Ian Dalziell to organise. Venue and dates have yet to be determined. The fee to be charged to be determined in consultation with Andrew Struik.

3. Treasurer

Payments made: Australia Post (\$60.00 PO Box rental), ABF Masterpoint Centre (\$150.07 December quarter payment) and Brad Coles (\$335.00 subsidies to participate in the Youth Championships).

4. Tournament Secretary

Council gave detailed consideration to a request from Julia Hoffman, Nola Church, Sheila Bird and Karen Creet to run the ANC Butler Pairs Selection as one movement to select an open pair and women's pair to enter Stage 2 of the ANC Butler trials. Council agreed to run separate open and women's event for 2006 provided that 10 or more pairs elected to enter the event.

Motion: That the Women's ANC Butler Pairs Selection event will be run as a stand-alone event if 10 or more pairs enter the event. Should fewer pairs nominate to enter such an event a combined Women's and Open Butler Pairs Selection event will be run.

Moved: Mark Abraham

Seconded: Andrew Struik

Carried

Motion: That direct entry to the Stage 2 of the 2006 Women's ANC Butler Pairs will be offered in order of priority.

If a separate Women's ANC Butler Pairs Selection event is run the offer to represent ACT at the ANC will be made to pairs in the following order:

1. The top three place getters in that event;
2. Women's pairs placed in the top 25 per cent of the Open Butler Pairs Selection event; and
3. Pairs in the 2006 ACT Women's Team selected to participate in the ANC.

If a combined Women's and Open ANC Butler Pairs Selection event is run the offer to represent ACT at the ANC will be made to pairs in the following order:

- Women's pairs placed in the top half of the Open Butler Pairs Selection event; and
- Pairs in the 2006 ACT Women's Team selected to participate in the ANC.

Moved: Mark Abraham

Seconded: Andrew Struik

Carried

Council discussed the draft ABF Systems Regulations and specifically the prohibition on the use on encrypted signals, for which the wording mirrored a similar provision in the WBF Systems Regulations. Council affirmed two broad principles, namely:

- The regulations need to be formulated in an unambiguous way to avoid any unintended consequences, such as in the case of the section on encrypted signals, to prohibit conventions and treatments that are widely considered to be acceptable by the Australian bridge community; and
- There should be the maximum possible consistency between the ABF and WBF Systems Regulations.

Council agreed that the existing wording on encrypted signals was flawed and that the ABF Systems Committee should be asked to revise the wording to limit its application. Council did not form a view on whether encrypted signals should be prohibited.

5. Youth Bridge

Griff Ware reported that:

- ANU Bridge Club is doing okay.
- Notwithstanding advice provided to the ABF Presidents' Meeting, the ANC will clash with the World Youth Championships. It was noted that, as a consequence, the ACT is likely to field a relatively inexperienced youth team to participate in the ANC. It was considered that the increased opportunity for "new" players to represent the ACT was to be welcomed. Valmai Mitchell undertook to advise Di Marler of scheduling difficulties.
- A concerted effort was being made to ensure a viable Youth Selection event. Consideration was to be given to using the datums from the Seniors' Trials which is being held concurrently. Noted that the announced closing date (3 April 2006) would not be enforced.
- Valmai Mitchell asked for further feedback on a proposed letter of invitation to schools to invite students to participate in the Friday Afternoon Youth Bridge Sessions.

Motion: That payment of \$100 for the purchase of 20 books for the ANU Bridge Club be approved.

Moved: Griff Ware

Seconded: Valmai Mitchell

Carried

6. Other business

Developing a BFACT website

To be listed for discussion at the May meeting.

Masterpointing Issues

Council discussed a technical matter relating to the categorisation of the CBC Sunday Special Teams.

Motion: That approval be given for CBC to run their CBC Sunday Special Teams as congresses at the championship level, thus entitling the award of masterpoints at the B4 level

Moved: Mark Abraham

Seconded: Andrew Struik

Carried

ABF Matters

Earl Dudley reported on the ABF AGM held on 18 March and Valmai Mitchell reported on the Presidents' meeting held on the following day. Valmai Mitchell tabled her written report and Earl Dudley reported orally covering the following matters:

- Overall, the ABF AGM was constructive in large part due to the preparatory work undertaken by Keith McDonald as ABF President.
- Di Marler and Andrew Halmos were elected to the Management Committee to replace Eric Ramshaw (retiring) and Martin Wilcox (stepping down to focus his attention on a major contract to redevelop the ABF masterpoint processing systems).
- Greater guidance was provided to the system of ABF Committees.
- That Earl has agreed to Chair the Accreditation of State Bridge Directors Committee
- Broad details were provided of an ambitious plan to redevelop the ABF masterpoint processing systems with a timeframe for development of 18 months with a significant risk of an extension of the timeframe.
- The position of ABF Newsletter Editor is to be advertised.
- Any major review of the masterpoint system has been put on hold.
- Work of Valmai Mitchell on the Library Committee was acknowledged.
- Significant continuing opposition was expressed to the relocation of the GNOT finals to Tweed Heads (largely, Sydney-based).
- The system of honoraria is to be reviewed.

Club Reports – CBC to advertise the position of manager.

BFACT News – next edition to go out shortly.

Yass Bridge Club – continuing discussions to help establish the Club.

Next Meeting – Thursday 4 May 2006 at 5.30pm at the CBC.

Meeting Closed at 1.00 pm.

04 May 2006

Minutes BFACT Council Meeting
at CBC Thursday 04 May 2006 commencing at 5.30am

1. Present

Valmai Mitchell, Roy Nixon, Mark Abraham, Earl Dudley, Andrew Struik, Griff Ware, Rebecca Plush, George Stockham, Ian Dalziell.

2. Apologies

Carmel Herald.

2. Minutes of meeting of 2 April 2006

Confirmed

Business arising

- The issue of whether ASE8 was suitable for masterpointing BFACT events remains an open for investigation.
- Noted that the ANC entry and SCBC event needs to be sorted out by about third week of June.
- Earl Dudley noted that we might want to wait until the ABF decides what it intends to do on national level accreditation before doing the article in BFACT News on director accreditation.

3. Treasurer

Income and expenditure have been broadly in line with the budget. Payments made: R Klinger (\$3,000 Teaching Tour fee); CBC (\$247.50 office expenses Jan-June 2006); S Mullamphy (\$2,901.30 – weekend selection events).

4. Tournament Secretary

Results of BFACT Teams trials selections:

Open Team: 1st: Niek Van Vucht/Stephen White; 2nd: Liz Havas/David Lilley; 3rd: George Jesner/Bernie Waters.

Womens Team: 1st: Sheila Bird/ Karen Creet; 2nd: Dorothy Jesner/Sue Coleman; 3rd: Rebecca Plush/Wendy Boxall.

Seniors Team: 1st: Stephen Mendick/Peter Kahler, 2nd: Margaret Bourke/David Hoffman; 3rd: Andrew Struik/Brian Thorp

Youth Team:

1st: Robin Stevenson and Sebastian Yuen; 2nd: Kevin Kinnison and Stephen Williams; 3rd: Paul Bonato and Kirsten Gottschalk

Ratification of ANC Teams and Captains:

Advice has been received that Coleman and Jesner are withdrawing from the Womens Teams for personal reasons. Council decided that we should set a deadline of 24 May for all pairs to

indicate acceptance of their place in the teams. Advice of captains should also be received by 31 May.

ANC Teams Captain Guidelines

Earl Dudley said he had written the guidelines and we would look at the paper next meeting. Paper circulated at the meeting.

Review of BFACT Tournament Regulations

A work in progress is still being prepared and will be discussed at the June meeting.

Women's Trials – scoring issues

There was a discussion of the email received from Sue Coleman over the scoring of the Women's trials and Mark Abraham was asked to reply that proper procedure was applied and BFACT has complete faith in the Director on this occasion.

InterClub Teams

The first round was held at the Southern Cross Club. Next round is June 17th in Cooma.

5. Youth Bridge

Griff Ware reported that things are plodding along with the usual slowing down in second semester at ANU Bridge Club. Council discussed the response from Canberra Grammar School about the need for child protection screening of all people involved which we understood to be costly and lengthy. Council decided to investigate further the cost of child protection screening. Griff/Treasurer agreed to look into this.

Other business

Developing a BFACT website

Rebecca Plush reported that she had sent Henry Hudson the list of requirements etc and had not heard back from him yet. We asked him to reserve the domain name which she thinks has been done.

Possibility of ACT gold point event

Mark Abraham reported back on informal discussions held with Earl Dudley and President about holding such an event in 2007 especially the difficulty of being able to identify a Convenor. Indicative reaction from CBC was positive on the event being held in the slot traditionally taken by the Floriade (Spring) Congress. Business case hard to judge though analysis of similar existing ABF Gold point events is that most turn a small profit. Floriade proximity could be a drawback. Possibility of running a Point a Board format to distinguish the event as a true Swiss was discussed. In seeking a Convenor it was noted that such a position is usually “modestly remunerated”.

Motion: Subject to final advice from the CBC on taking the Floriade Congress timeslot, the President advise the ABF that they intend to hold a gold point event in September 2007 and will advise formally as soon as they have a Convenor.

Proposed: Roy Nixon Seconded: Rebecca Plush. Carried.

Director Training

Ian Dalziell advised that director training sessions had been arranged at the Club level for Sunday 18 June at the Southern Cross Club (details on flyer attached) and at the Intermediate level for a Sunday in September also at the Southern Cross Club. It was noted that a clash with CBC Spring Congress to be avoided.

ABF Matters

The ABF Treasurer advised he is investigating the possibility of extending its Director's Liability Insurance to be an umbrella styled policy similar to the Public Liability Insurance. The advantage of an umbrella styled policy is the potential for savings to clubs who currently have individual policies. Unlike the Public Liability Insurance, the ABF would be requiring each named party to the Liability Policy to pay their share of the premium. i.e. the ABF will not be paying for the clubs' insurance, only the ABF's portion of it.

Public Officer

Nothing to report. Must be completed prior to next AGM. Treasurer raised issue of changing constitution to allow member of affiliated club to be auditor. George Stockham to check ACT Model rules and report back.

BFACT News – to come out Sunday possibly with information provided by Capital and Monaro Clubs. Ad for Convenor of Gold Point event.

Next Meeting – Saturday 3 June 2006 at 10 am at the CBC.

Meeting Closed at 7.05 pm.

03 June 2006

Minutes BFACT Council Meeting

at CBC Saturday 03 June 2006 commencing at 10.00am

1. Present

Valmai Mitchell, Roy Nixon, Mark Abraham, Earl Dudley, Andrew Struik, Rebecca Plush., Ian Dalziell.

Apologies

Griff Ware, George Stockham, Carmel Herald.

2. Minutes of meeting of 4 May 2006

Confirmed

3. Treasurer

Income and expenditure have been broadly in line with the budget. Payments made: CBC (\$718 selection events room hire). Auditor question and changing the constitution. Under ACT Associations Act, due to size of club there is a great deal of flexibility. Only constitutional change required would be to change the word member to officer.

Motion: That Paragraph 88 of the Constitution be amended so that the words “not a member of the Federation” be replaced by “not an officer of the Federation” Moved: Andrew Struik Seconded Roy Nixon Carried.

Need to Check: Constitution requirements for when to lodge motion for AGM to amend.

4. Tournament Secretary

Ratification of ACT Teams for Adelaide ANC:

Motion: Council ratified the following team members and captains to represent the ACT in Adelaide: Moved: Mark Abraham, Seconded: Val Mitchell Carried

Open Team: Nick Van Vucht/Stephen White; Liz Havas/David Lilley; George Jesner/Bernie Waters with David Lilley as playing captain*

Womens Team: Rebecca Plush/Wendy Boxall, Janet Kahler/Val Hopwood, .Mary Weddell/Ruth Thompson, Julia Hoffman (NPC)

Seniors Team: Stephen Mendick/Peter Kahler, Margaret Bourke/David Hoffman, Andrew Struik/Brian Thorp, Peter Grant, (NPC)

Youth Team: Robin Stevenson and Sebastian Yuen; Kevin Kinnison and Stephen Williams; Paul Bonato and Kirsten Gottschalk, Dorothy Jesner (NPC).

* Since the meeting, Havas/Lilley have withdrawn from the team on health grounds and Council has ratified intersessionally Carter/Creet as the next qualifying pair. Len Dixon has also been ratified as NPC for the Open team.

Ratification of ANC Butler Representatives:

Council ratified the following players to represent the ACT at the Adelaide ANC in Stage 2 of the Butler competition:

Open: need to be ratified later**

Women: Rebecca Plush/Wendy Boxall

Pairs:

Youth Team members will be entered.

Seniors: to invite Seniors teams members

** Ian Thomson and Richard Brightling have since been ratified.

**Motion: President to ratify remaining pairs subject to availability and Council guidelines
Moved Earl Dudley Seconded Mark Abraham Carried**

ANC Teams Captain Guidelines

Council discussed a paper drafted by Earl Dudley.

**Motion: That BFACT adopt the BFACT Team Captains Procedures, June 2006. Moved
Earl Dudley Seconded: Val Mitchell. Carried**

Review of BFACT Disciplinary Procedures

Council discussed a paper provided by Earl Dudley and Mark Abraham on the disciplinary procedures to be followed by BFACT. Council decided to adopt the procedures as amended.

Motion: That BFACT adopt the Conduct of Members at BFACT Affiliated Clubs, June 2006 as a By-Law subject to checking that the procedures are consistent with the BFACT Constitution” Moved Earl Dudley Seconded Roy Nixon. Carried

5. Youth Bridge

There was no formal report from Griff Ware as he is currently overseas representing Australia at the PABF Championships. President to respond to inquiry about running classes in the school holidays in July. Council further discussed the information provided by the Treasurer on the position of the ACT Government on the need for child protection screening of all people involved in teaching and how this may affect our present classes for teaching young children. Council thought that doing the child protection screening is good policy. Treasurer noted that we should consider applying for an exemption from the cost of having this done. Treasurer to draft letter for Secretary to send out.

6. Other Business

Developing a BFACT website

Rebecca Plush reported that she has been unable to contact Henry Hudson so no progress.

Possibility of ACT gold point event

Council discussed this further in light of the ABF proposal to run a GNOP event (see item 8.1). There was some concern that the GNOP event could adversely affect the viability of our Gold Point Event. There was concern about the financial impact on club's entry fee and it was noted that the GNOP itself was barely financially viable and put quite a strain on club resources. Council decided to list it for discussion at the next meeting so as to direct the ABF Councillors to take this view to the ABF Mid Year meeting. Roy Nixon agreed to be the Convenor for the event in September 2007. We would need to put a proposal to the MC but this would not be called a "business case".

Director Training

Ian Dalziell advised that director training sessions had been arranged at the Club level for Sunday 18 June at the Southern Cross Club and at the Intermediate level for 7 October also at the Southern Cross Club. 15 people have signed up for the course in June which Council noted was very encouraging.

ABF Matters

Grand National Pairs proposal:

Council discussed a paper received from the ABF about the possibility of holding a GNOP in 2007 – see under item 5.

Mid Year ABF Council meeting:

Council was advised that the ABF Mid Year Council meeting will be held on 5 August in Adelaide. At this stage Roy Nixon is a “tentative attendee” and Earl Dudley will attend. The decision to relocate the GNOT to Tweed Heads is being reviewed in the Governance Committee because of concerns raised by the NSWBA.. Report of GC likely to uphold ABF process – circulated widely.

B4C events and Club advertising

Council discussed the issue of whether clubs are able to advertise B4C special club events on their own websites. MC of ABF has decided to leave it to states to regulate the issue subject to ABF MPC regulations being adhered to. Council’s view was that the role of the state body should not extend to interfering with the clubs advertising of any of its events. Council further noted that the ABF MPC book currently states that clubs should only advertise their events within the club.

Director Accreditation

Council received and discussed a copy of a letter to Richard Hills re- his national level director accreditation. Council discussed whether BFACT should only submit candidates for appraisal if they are already state level qualified.

Club Reports – Capital to meet Tuesday/Thursday nights from next Tuesday. Nationwide Pairs is run on Thursday sometimes – need to get access to the hand records earlier. Could be solved if Capital played the Sunday set of hands (ie different hands to those played at CBC) so they can release hand records earlier. Capital to run GNOT Qualifying in June. Capital offered to host next round of the InterClub teams.

BFACT News – plan to do one end of June. Clubs put something in please.

Next Meeting – Saturday 8 July 2006 at 10 am at the CBC.

Meeting Closed at 12.35 pm.

06 July 2006

Minutes BFACT Council Meeting
at CBC Thursday 06 July 2006 commencing at 5.30pm

1. Present

Valmai Mitchell, Mark Abraham, Earl Dudley, Andrew Struik, Rebecca Plush, Griff Ware.

Apologies

George Stockham, Roy Nixon, Ian Dalziell

2. Minutes of meeting of 3 June 2006

Confirmed

3. Treasurer

The following payments were ratified by Council:

Rebecca Plush - \$67.20 printing of BFACT News

SABF - \$5030 ANC entry

ANC team members - \$360 x 28

4. Tournament Secretary

Paper on Disciplinary Procedures circulated by Earl Dudley (and Tournament Secretary) has yet to be checked for consistency with the Constitution.

The issue of conflicting advice on the masterpointing GNOT qualifying events was discussed. John Brockwell has advised that the masterpoints can be awarded on conclusion of each qualifying event but John Hansen has advised that the masterpointing cannot be finalised until all events have been finalised. Andrew Struik undertook to pursue the issue with John Hansen during the ANC.

Motion: That BFACT subsidy for ACT representatives participating in the ANC Teams be \$200 per person (in addition to the payment of \$200 per person from the Barry Turner Fund) subject to the production of receipts.

Moved: Griff Ware

Seconded: Mark Abraham

Carried

It was agreed that initial payment to ACT representatives and Captains would be \$360 with a further \$40 being paid on receipts for expenditure being given to the Treasurer.

Roy Nixon has agreed to be convenor of the ACT Gold Point Event. ABF will be advised. Earl Dudley advised that the proposal to proceed with the event had the support of the Canberra Bridge Club Committee.

Lyn Turner has agreed to be convenor of the 2009 ANC to be held in Canberra.

5. Other business

Developing a BFACT Website

Rebecca Plush reported that she had recently provided specifications to Henry Hudson. The proposed content of the website was discussed.

ANC Entry

Completed. Rebecca Plush reported on an ABF decision to require state associations to submit summaries of unusual treatments in the bidding systems of ANC representatives as opposed to full system summaries. Rebecca reported that she had experienced difficulties in seeking clarification on the change of policy from ABF representatives.

* Since the meeting, Brian Thorp withdrew from the team on health grounds and Council ratified intersessionally Grant/Struik as the replacement pair with Len Dixon ratified as NPC.

Director Training

Sean is to be asked to provide a list of participants in recent director training.

ABF matters

Grand National Pairs proposal:

Council did not form a firm view on the proposal but expressed reservations concerning the impact on local programming if there is a need to generate substantial income to finance participation in the event.

Mid Year ABF Council meeting:

Council was advised that the ABF Mid Year Council meeting will be held on 5 August in Adelaide and that Roy Nixon and Earl Dudley will attend. Council members were asked to contact the BFACT representatives to advise of any issues to be pursued.

BFACT News – plan to do one mid July. Clubs input being sought.

Next Meeting – to be advised.

Meeting Closed at 7.15 pm.

22 August 2006

Minutes BFACT Council Meeting
at CBC Friday 22 August 2006 commencing at 5.00pm

1. Present

Valmai Mitchell, Mark Abraham, Earl Dudley, Andrew Struik, Rebecca Plush, George Stockham, Roy Nixon.

Apologies

Griff Ware, Ian Dalziell

2. Minutes of meeting of 6 July 2006

Confirmed

Business arising

Matters ABF meeting de-brief was given by Earl Dudley and Roy Nixon who attended and covered issues including rules re-representation in international youth bridge events (decided to remain fairly flexible about to handle problems); tardy uploading of minutes on ABF website; National Authority has been fairly busy; ABF licence agreements are close to finalisation – need termination provisions; ABF systems regulations were discussed for ANC and they would be looked at again to cover issues like defensive signalling; Stephen Lester is new newsletter editor; extended discussion about OzOne relationship and the drafting of contracts between ABF with players and coach; Secretary to query Treasurer about professional indemnity.

The BFACT Disciplinary Procedures were finalised by Earl Dudley to be consistent with the Constitution.

Motion: That the revised BFACT Disciplinary Procedures be accepted as a By Law”

Moved Earl Dudley **Seconded** Val Mitchell **Carried**

3. Treasurer report

Budget and actual outcome look on track. No payments to be reported as he has been away.

4. Tournament Secretary

Report from Tournament Secretary: Nothing specific.

Australian National Championships No captains reports received as yet. Congratulations to excellent performance by the Seniors in winning and a creditable third by the Open. President to chase up Captain’s reports and receipts for the Treasurer from players and captains for the GST return.

GNOT 2006 – Canberra 1 team has accepted their place. Final is on 3 September being run as a Butler Pairs. List of eligible pairs is being circulated and will be finalised after the SCBC teams and the CBC Restricted Butler pairs.

Proposed ACT Gold Point Event – update given by Secretary.

2009 ANC – discussions with Lyn Turner on what Council can do to assist – the need to set up a small committee as soon as possible to help Lyn in regard to critical issues such as venue choice (Sean Mullamphy offered his assistance), and sponsorship (thought that initial contacts might be forthcoming from Julia Hoffman on how to go about this. Some names were given to Lyn as possible Committee members for follow-up.

Proposed ABF Gold Point – Grand National Open Pairs Event – starting 2007: discussion at the ABF Mid year meeting was less than enthusiastic and that this proposal may not get up. Populous states not in favour – smaller states OK though we indicated we still had some problems with making the GNOT work in its current teams format and felt another national event could add further pressure and be hard to make viable.

5. Youth Bridge

No youth report as Griff Ware was absent. ANU Bridge Club has 1-2 tables a week for supervised play on a very informal basis. AFP prepared to do police checks for those involved on supervising youth bridge. Friday afternoon has 2 tables.

6. Other Business

Masterpointing issues:

Have we received any clear instructions on what has to be done in relation to GNOT and when it has to be done?

Agenda for the 2007 BFACT AGM, 22 October

Council considered and approved for distribution a draft agenda including a motion to amend Clause 88 dealing with the appointment of the Auditor (attached).

BFACT News – plan to do one mid July. Clubs input being sought.

Next Meeting – Sat 30 September at 10am

Meeting Closed at 6.45pm.

30 September 2006

Minutes BFACT Council Meeting
at CBC Saturday 30 September 2006 commencing at 10.10am

1. Present

Valmai Mitchell, Earl Dudley, Andrew Struik, George Stockham, Roy Nixon, Griff Ware, Ian Dalziell, Mark Abraham

Apologies

Carmel Herald, Rebecca Plush

2. Minutes of meeting of 22 August 2006

Confirmed

Business arising

Correction made to reference to BFACT News in action points list. George Stockham told the Council that this would be his last meeting as he proposed to step down as SCBC delegate before next meeting and that another delegate had been found. Council thanked George for all his years of service. There was some discussion about whether when we get the website up and running we can do an e-news services rather than a hard copy of BFACT News. While many felt that hard copies were still important this matter was left for further discussion. Council also discussed the situation re- the website and the President said she would ask Gary Hollands if he would be interested in helping us as he had done the one for SABA. Council agreed. Council also agreed to chase down hard copy of Director's list which we need to update as soon as possible and then publish in the BFACT News. Council also thanked Mark Abraham for bringing the Masterpoints backlog up-to-date. George advised that he would complete hand over of Public Officer duties to Eric Glass prior to AGM. Council thanked Ian Dalziell for arranging the two Director training courses this year. President advised that about 12 people had been cleared under the child protection screening procedures.

3. Treasurer

The Treasurer submitted prior to the meeting the accounts passed to the auditors for scrutiny (attached) which show that BFACT earned a surplus of \$2,246 last year. Payments reported were: S Mullamphy (Club Director's Training - \$210, Interclub boards - \$66, GNOT Final - \$364.78, Congress Director's Marking - \$20), M Abraham (Masterpointing - \$250) and CBC (Admin fee - \$247.50) and ANC team members – various to cover GST claims/welcome function and dinner subsidies.

Motion: BFACT reimburse cost of welcome function to all players that attended at ANC

Proposed: A Struik Seconded: Griff Ware Carried

Motion: BFACT does not seek to recover the 50% shortfall in the entry fees paid at last session of the InterClub Teams where \$10 was paid instead of \$20.

Proposed: A Struik Seconded: Griff Ware Carried

4. Tournament Secretary

Good entry for the State Open teams including some youth players.

Australian National Championships. All captains' reports now received but not sure they all comply with the new format. They were all complimentary of the behaviour both at and away from the table. The captain's reports were all accepted.

GNOT 2006 and 2007 – Some complaints that people did not know they had qualified. Better advertising may have given people idea the event was on. Next year we should tell qualifiers their eligibility as we go along. Council will need to discuss GNOT for 2007 as a matter of priority once new Council is formed. It was noted that as Liz Havas could not take her place in Canberra 1 team, that agreement was given intersessionally for a substitute player to be added (either Bagchi or Reynolds).

Proposed ACT Gold Point Event – the Secretary informed the Council that there had been a discussion of our event scheduled for September 2007 at the recent ABF Management Committee meeting. ABF President reported that he hoped the ABF could assist with a promotional effort along the lines of what has been done for the NT Gold. However, the licence agreement between the ACT and the ABF will have the standard clause:

"The tournament will be held on the date allotted to it by the ABF Calendar which as proposed by the Tournament Committee and approved by the ABF Management Committee."

While the ABF understood our preference to hold the event in the latter part of the year, the ABF Management Committee has no recommendation from the Tournament Committee to consider but wanted our advice on the prospect of March/ April noting that any time in winter is unlikely to be attractive but that we need to avoid further complications with the current events and not be in competition. The current event dates have all involved a great deal of pain and each has unique considerations. The clash between the VCC and the Barrier Reef is annoying to some players but at the end of the day could not be avoided. We will have inconvenient dates for the Zone 7 Championship 2007 and the PABF 2008 but again not options. The ABF thus asked for our advice on the suggestion of March/April. Council agreed that March/April was impractical for us so we should push back on this and ask ABF if they had any other suggestions. Secretary to action.

Progress on 2009 ANC – next Council to consider making Lyn Turner a Supplemental Councillor.

5. Youth Bridge

Griff Ware reported that he was still maintaining the status quo at ANU Bridge Club with 2-3 really interested. Youth Team did not do well but they were keen. Paul + Kirsten had not been seen ANC since but Griff will chase. Neither of them had cashed their cheques! Friday arvo still at 1-2 tables. Are we happy to continue to subsidise youth players for part of the cost on entry to the SFOB (policy established in previous years).

Motion: BFACT continue its practice of paying One-quarter of full team entry fee for the NOT at SFOB or other SFOB events for inexperienced youth players to encourage them to play –

choice of eligible players left to the discretion of Griff Ware. **Proposed:** Griff Ware **Seconded** Andrew Struik Carried. Treasurer to pay one cheque to SFOB.

6. Other Business

Preparations for the 2007 BFACT AGM, 22 October

Secretary advised that the draft agenda and request for possible notice of motions to put onto the agenda was sent out to affiliated clubs with no comments or motions received. That draft agenda has thus become the final agenda. Nomination forms for the various positions were circulated.

ABF matters

Secretary informed meeting that ABF MC had asked Di Marler to do a quick survey of ABF Council and bridge club administrators about the possibility of the ABF banning alcohol at ABF events. Reactions so far have been mainly negative or focussing on the many practical problems of such a ban and how it could be enforced at ABF licensed events.

ABF Finance Committee has looked into different options for investing cash surplus and has decided to move about \$500,000 into higher interest bearing accounts.

Simultaneous Pairs – CBC to check why numbers fell so far last time – competing with Nationwide Pairs. Maybe we need a new format? Do we really need this? George is leaving the Committee so maybe somebody else should be thinking of doing it.

Inter club teams

Vote of thanks to David Hoffman recorded for running InterClub Teams successfully again in 2006. Some suggestions for future format have been given to BFACT especially that it not be run as a knockout but as a round robin and the need to minimise travel for non-Canberra teams. Some discussion about paying the prize as cash – never been done before - for this years winners of the Restricted (Valley) suggestion was that we invite VBC to nominate players to receive the prize, they must be members of VBC and ABF and then we pay the money to SFOB – this to be done by end-November. Ongoing issue of eligibility of VBC and IC Teams to be discussed by incoming Council.

News from other Clubs - Capital held elections – Ian still President and Sandy Bennett is Secretary – Lynne Moss is Treasurer. Capital is looking to run more set hand events (maybe the November Simultaneous Pairs).

Next Meeting – To be decided by incoming Council but tentatively scheduled for Saturday 26 October.

Meeting Closed at 12.20pm.