

Minutes 2006 AGM and 2006-07 BFACT Council Meetings
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Annual General Meeting

**BRIDGE FEDERATION ACT INC.(BFACT)
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
4.45 PM SUNDAY 22nd OCTOBER 2006
MINUTES**

1. **ATTENDANCE** :Val Mitchell, Rebecca Plush, Earl Dudley, Roger Curnow, Gary Hollands, Sue Hollands, Tony Jowett, George Stockham, Andrew Struik, Roy Nixon, Elaine Leach, Geoff Hutchins, Peter Andersson, Sue Scerri, Mark Abraham, , Tim Davis, Brian Thorp, Lynne Moss, Don Beer, Ella Beer, Wendy Boxall, David Luck, Ken Colbert, Beverley Carmichael, Sean Mullamphy (25)

APOLOGIES : Griff Ware

2. **PROXY VOTES**: Nil received

3. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF AGM OF 2005 AS A TRUE RECORD OF THE MEETING.**

Moved Roy Nixon Seconded: Beverley Carmichael Carried

4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES FOR 2005** -- Nil

5. **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. She highlighted the following:

- special thanks to George Stockham for his contribution to BFACT since its inception in 1997 including as Public Officer, South Canberra delegate and in running the Simultaneous Pairs for several years. It was noted that the new Public Officer would be Eric Glass.
- the excellent performances of the ACT teams in the Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship and in the ANC – the captains reports had described the behaviour of all ACT players as exemplary.
- Thanks again to David Hoffman for all his hard work running the InterClub Teams event and congratulations to the winning Clubs.
- Griff Ware, Peter Andersson and all those people that help with the Youth Bridge program and teaching. All people helping have been cleared by the AFP.

Acceptance of the full report was moved by Valmai Mitchell and seconded by Wendy Boxall – carried.

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS** (Attached)

The Treasurer reported that BFACT made a modest surplus of about \$2,400 mainly because of income received from the Barry Turner Travel Fund that paid for 50% of the travel costs for this year's ANC.

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

Moved Andrew Struik

Seconded Beverley Carmichael Carried

7 AMENDMENT TO THE BFACT CONSTITUTION

Motion: That Clause 88 of the BFACT Constitution (as amended to 24 October 2004) be amended to read: "At Each Annual General Meeting of the Federation, an auditor who is not an officer of the Federation shall be elected as the auditor of the Federation."

This motion which had been sent to all affiliated clubs well before the AGM and drew no comment was proposed by Andrew Struik and seconded by Rebecca Plush. The motion was required to allow members of the Federation (ie a member of an affiliated club) to be the auditor provided they were not also an "officer" of the Federation (ie an office bearer or Councillor). The motion was carried.

8 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR FOR 2006 – 2007

Motion : That Ian Thomson be appointed Auditor for BFACT for 2006 –2007.

Moved : Andrew Struik Seconded: Mark Abraham Carried

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

9. AFFILIATION FEES

Motion : That the annual affiliation fee for 2006-7 be \$7.00 (incl GST) for all members.

Moved Andrew.Struik Seconded V Mitchell Carried

10. REPORT OF TOURNAMENT SECRETARY (Attached)

Mark Abraham moved acceptance of the report.

Seconded: Valmai Mitchell

11 APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER

Wendy Boxall was appointed Returning Officer and took charge of the Meeting.

12. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

- President – Roy Nixon –Nominated Valmai Mitchell, Seconded: Earl Dudley
- Vice President – Rebecca Plush – Nominated, Griff Ware, Seconded Ian Dalziell
- Secretary – Susan Scerri – Nominated Valmai Mitchell; Seconded: Roy Nixon
- Treasurer – Andrew Struik Nominated: Valmai Mitchell; Seconded: Roy Nixon
- Tournament Secretary – Griff Ware – Nominated George Stockham Seconded Andrew Struik

There being no other nominations all five were elected unopposed

13. OTHER BUSINESS

There was some discussion of a number of issues pertaining to the ACT's relationship with the ABF including the proposed Gold Point Event, redevelopment of the ABF Masterpoint centre project, and Ozone. It was also noted that Lynne Turner had kindly accepted the position of Convenor for the 2009 ANC in Canberra.

The Meeting closed at 5.40PM.

Roy Nixon
Secretary

28 October 2006

PRESENT: Roy Nixon, Earl Dudley, Andrew Struik, Bruce Crossman, Griff Ware, Ian Dalziell, Susan Scerri, Rebecca Plush

APOLOGIES: Carmel Herald, Valmai Mitchell

1. WELCOME TO NEW COUNCIL

The President (Roy Nixon) opened the meeting at 10 am and extended a welcome to the new council elected at the Annual General Meeting on Sunday 22 October 2006. Roy welcomed Bruce Crossman as councillor representing the South Canberra Bridge Club, replacing George Stockham.

2. MINUTES

2.1 Acceptance

Motion: That the minutes of the previous meeting, held on Saturday 30 September 2006 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Andrew Struik Seconded: Griff Ware Carried

2.2 Matters arising from the previous meeting minutes and action points

- Griff Ware (Tournament Secretary) to contact Mark Abraham to get the updated list of Club Directors following 2005 courses.
- Masterpointing issues have been resolved. Griff to confirm details with Mark Abraham and Griff or Andrew to undertake responsibility for masterpoints.
- Susan Scerri (Secretary) to contact George Stockham to ensure procedures are in place for the notification that Eric Glass is now the Public Officer for BFACT.

3. YOUTH BRIDGE REPORT

Griff Ware reported that he had given an introductory lesson to two new players at ANU. Ideas for next year are in the planning stage. He will be contacting Valmai Mitchell to advertise Under Sixteen bridge events. Griff will provide Andrew Struik (Treasurer) with details of Youth Teams and players to be subsidised for the Summer Festival of Bridge Youth Week.

4. BFACT TOURNAMENT ISSUES

4.1 Report from Tournament Secretary:

Griff is the new Tournament Secretary and is developing some ideas for tournament organization for 2007. The draft review of tournament regulations, begun by Mark Abraham and Earl Dudley, is to be forwarded to Griff for further development. Roy raised the need for a Tournament Sub-Committee which could advise on

tournament matters generally and in the event that Griff was unavailable at BFACT events. Griff is to approach suitably experienced players to form the sub committee.

4.2 BFACT/CBC Calendar for 2007

- Discussion of conflict caused by the running of the ANC Women's and Open Butler Pairs (ANC Stage II) selection events as separate fields in April. Griff suggested that perhaps we could utilise the current Women's (and Men's) Pairs event in November to select the Women's Butler ANC Stage II qualifier thereby leaving the April event as a single-field separate Open Pairs selection event. He is to float the idea with club members as soon as possible.
- Point A Board Teams to be reduced from five to three weeks and to become a BFACT event rather than a CBC event.
- Weekend dates for BFACT events to be decided when Klinger Tour and local congress dates are known.

4.3 GNOT 2007

Discussion over number of teams to be sent. It was decided to continue with two open teams and a provincial team. There has been a problem attracting sufficient entries to the Regional Open Final to select the second Open Team. Griff proposed a Home Knockout Event in which teams nominate and play a knockout competition. Teams to play one match each month, starting in February, in the homes of the entrants (or at CBC on a fixed date for an extra fee). This idea is based on a model devised by John Brockwell for the country based regions whom Griff is to contact to ensure he would be happy with the ACT adopting this model.

4.4 Proposed ACT Gold Point Event

Roy has advised the ABF that March and April are unsuitable dates for this event. BFACT's preference is September. Roy will discuss the matter at the ABF Management Committee meeting on 4-5 November and report back.

4.5 Interclub Teams for 2007

- There was discussion of the current format of the competition. It was agreed that the intent of the event is to provide players, who would not otherwise have had the opportunity, with team competition outside their own clubs. It was decided to continue with the current format, three one-day weekend events held at different venues except that there will be no knockout.
 - It was confirmed that the prize is awarded to the winning club (s) to pay for entry to an event at the Summer Festival on the condition that the players nominated were ABF members, members of a BFACT affiliated club and had played in at least one of the three Interclub MTeams competition days. Non-affiliated clubs were welcome to field teams, would be eligible to win the event but they or the team members were ineligible to receive the prize.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

- Three accounts have been paid since the last meeting.
ABF (\$2685.00, GNOT Entry)

ABFMPC (\$924.11, Sept Quarter a/c)
CBC (\$99.00, GNOT Room Hire)

- Andrew tabled the proposed budget for 2006/2007, noting the increase in travel subsidies because the ANC will be in Perth in 2007 and changes to the ABF subsidising arrangements for Ron Klinger's Tour.

6. ABF MATTERS

Motion: That Roy Nixon and Earl Dudley are nominated as BFACT representatives to the ABF.

Moved: Bruce Crossman Seconded: Griff Ware Carried

Susan will notify the ABF.

Earl Dudley (CBC President and BFACT councillor) will write an article for BFACT News on the survey by the ABF re the possibility of banning alcohol at ABF events.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 BFACT Website.

Rebecca Plush (Vice President) has been liaising with Henry Hudson who has volunteered to assist with the setting up of the website. Rebecca outlined details of the proposed content of the site. She will be contacting all BFACT committee members to provide her with their contact details and information for the website.

7.2 2009 ANC

Wendy Boxall has agreed to be treasurer of the ANC Coordinating Committee. It was decided that Lyn Turner (convenor) need not be made a Supplemental Councillor at present but the need would be kept under review.

8. NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

Capital Bridge Club Thursday session is moving from Belconnen Soccer Club to Belconnen Community Centre.

9. NEXT MEETING

Saturday 2 December at CBC at 10am.

Meeting Closed at 12.30pm

02 December 2006

1. The President opened the meeting at 10 am.

PRESENT: Roy Nixon, Earl Dudley, Andrew Struik, Bruce Crossman, Ian Dalziell, Susan Scerri, Valmai Mitchell

APOLOGIES: Carmel Herald, Rebecca Plush, Griff Ware

2. MINUTES

2.1 Acceptance

Motion: That the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 28 October 2006 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

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

2.2 Matters arising from the previous meeting minutes and action points:

- Susan Scerri has notified ABF of BFACT Councillors for 2007 (Roy Nixon and Earl Dudley).
- Earl Dudley has emailed Roy Nixon and Rebecca Plush (BFACT newsletter editor) a report on the ABF survey re alcohol ban at ABF events.
- Griff Ware has posted the proposed format for the Canberra 2 GNOT Team “Home Knockout” Selection on the noticeboard at CBC. Susan Scerri to contact Griff and then send a copy of the format to all Bridge Clubs in the ACT region with an invitation to participate.
- Roy Nixon to contact Mark Abraham to obtain an up to date list of Club Directors following recent training courses.
- Roy Nixon to contact Griff Ware to check progress on the formation of the Tournament Regulations Sub Committee.
- Valmai Mitchell has spoken to David Hoffman who has agreed to run the Inter Club Teams event in 2007. Valmai has agreed to be the BFACT contact for the Inter Club Teams in 2007. There will be three sessions in 2007: on 21 April, 16 June and 25 August. Valmai will discuss changes to the format of the event with David Hoffman and write to the clubs inviting them to participate and stating the changes to the format.
- Eric Glass is the new Public Officer. He has registered the change to the constitution passed at the AGM on October 22. He has finalised details for the Annual Return that has to be submitted by 31 December.
- The suitability of the Hellenic Club as a venue for the 2009 ANC will be assessed following the Summer Festival of Bridge.

3. YOUTH BRIDGE REPORT

Valmai Mitchell has eight youth players on Friday afternoon and is pleased with their enthusiasm and progress.

4. BFACT TOURNAMENT ISSUES

4.1 The Tournament Secretary was absent. No report presented.

4.2 BFACT/CBC Calendar for 2007

- Earl Dudley (CBC Representative to BFACT) reported on the CBC Calendar for 2007. Following several detailed proposals from members regarding the format of Tuesday and Thursday night events and much discussion, the CBC Calendar for 2007 has been arranged so that there are more pairs events on Thursday nights. A number of teams events have been transferred from Thursday to Tuesday nights. The calendar for 2007 will have two teams events on Thursday nights.
- In future, ANC Butler Pairs Selection events will be held late in the year preceding the ANC. This will commence with the Butler Selection Events for the 2008 ANC. Andrew Struik asked whether these changes would affect table numbers and questioned whether there was too great a time between the selection events and the ANC. Earl Dudley replied that it should not affect table numbers and Valmai Mitchell pointed out that other states had similar timing for selection events.

4.3 Proposed Gold Point Event – report from President

Roy Nixon (BFACT President) reported on his meeting with the ABF Management Committee. The ABF Management Committee felt that if BFACT held an event in September, this would impact on the Northern Territory and Tasmanian events held in the same period. The ABF Management Committee suggested BFACT look again at holding a Gold Point Event in March/April and offered to sponsor ten pairs to the proposed event.

Following discussion, the BFACT Council agreed to trial a three-day event in 2008 and 2009, to be held on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday closest to Anzac Day and to reassess the situation after the event held in 2009.

4.4 Simultaneous Pairs in 2007

It was agreed to hold one session of the Simultaneous Pairs in 2007 to be run in the week 21-26 November. Valmai Mitchell will approach Peter Kahler to run and/or score the event.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

The following accounts have been paid since the last meeting:

8.11.2006 Cootamundra Bridge Club \$21.93 Late Penalty refund for Cong. MPs

13.11.2006	ACT Registrar General	\$30.00	Constitutional Amendment
24.11.2006	Summer Festival of Bridge	\$420.00	Interclub Seniors Prize
24.11.2006	G. Stockham	\$280.17	May Simultaneous Pairs
26.11.2006	E. Glass	\$30.00	Refund Cost of Annual Return
1.12.2006	G. Stockham	\$225.77	Nov Simultaneous Pairs
1.12.2006	Summer Festival of Bridge	\$420.00	Interclub Restricted Prize
2.12.2006	V. Mitchell	\$53.92	Paper and printer costs

Andrew Struik (Treasurer) presented an overview and projected costs of Ron Klinger's Tour. (See attachment.) The ABF has changed its subsidy arrangements. From 2007 the ABF subsidy will be on a dollar for dollar basis. (i.e. 50% of the cost to clubs.)

The BFACT Council agreed to the proposed costing arrangement as listed under 2007 (second column) on the overview.

The Canberra sessions will be held at the Canberra Bridge Club.

6. ABF MATTERS

Earl Dudley has responded to the ABF survey on banning alcohol at ABF events, indicating a range of views.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

ABF Website

Valmai Mitchell will contact Henry Hudson to check progress of the website development and, depending on the results of that conversation, may explore other options for setting up a website.

8. NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

Canberra Bridge Club will be increasing table money in 2007.

The Monaro Bridge Club does not wish to run selection events in 2007.

9. NEXT MEETING

Saturday 10 February at 10am.

Meeting Closed at 12.25pm

10 February 2007

1. Earl Dudley opened the meeting at 10am.

PRESENT: Earl Dudley, Bruce Crossman, Susan Scerri, Valmai Mitchell, Griff Ware

APOLOGIES: Carmel Herald, Rebecca Plush, Ian Dalziell, Andrew Struik, Roy Nixon

2. MINUTES

2.1 Acceptance

Motion: That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 2 December be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Valmai Mitchell **Seconded:** Bruce Crossman

Carried

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

- Valmai Mitchell has been in contact with Henry Hudson who has indicated he is now in a position to proceed with setting up the Website.
- Susan Scerri has written to clubs advising them of 'Home Knockout' Selection for Canberra 2 Team. Griff Ware has publicised it at the Canberra Bridge Club and in the Summer Festival Bulletin.
- Griff Ware is following up the updating of the list of Club Directors following 2005 and 2006 courses.
- Rebecca Plush's intention to withdraw from position of BFACT Newsletter Editor was noted. (See correspondence.) The appointment of a new BFACT Editor is a matter for Council to decide. It was decided to review the future of the BFACT Newsletter when the BFACT Website is set up.
- Earl Dudley will provide a copy of the BFACT Calendar for 2007 to all affiliated Clubs. The Seniors Trials will take place on the dates published in the Calendar.
- Griff Ware confirmed that the payment had been made to the Youth Team subsidised by BFACT at the Summer Festival of Bridge. The accounts for Youth Week have not been finalised. Griff will send the accounts to BFACT when he has all the details.
- Eligibility criteria for selection events to choose ACT Bridge Representatives were discussed. Bruce Crossman will draft and circulate proposed criteria.
- Valmai Mitchell has discussed the format of the Inter Clubs Teams Event with David Hoffman who has agreed to run the event. The format has been revised based on feedback from last year's participants. Valmai has written a letter to the clubs inviting their participation. Susan Scerri will send the letter.
- Valmai Mitchell has agreed to be the BFACT liaison contact with the 2009 ANC Committee and will report to BFACT Council on a regular basis.
- Tim Bourke has agreed to run the Simultaneous Pairs in 2007. Susan Scerri will write to him expressing the Council's appreciation.

- Griff Ware will compile a list of winners of BFACT events and forward them to Valmai Mitchell who will give them to the Manager of the Canberra Bridge Club for inclusion on Honour Boards.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Incoming

ABF re Advertising Marketing Grant
 ABF re Subscription to Australian Bridge Magazine
 ABF re WBF Capitation Fee
 ABF re AGM and President's Meeting
 Rebecca Plush re Intention to withdraw from BFACT Council
 Directory of Australian Associations re BFACT Entry
 Registrar General's Office re annual Return

Outgoing

Letter of thanks to C. Fearon (Auditor)
 Directory of Australian Associations re BFACT entry
 ABF Masterpoints Centre re BFACT Council Details
 ABF Website re BFACT Council Details
 Regional Clubs re Selection of Canberra 2 Team for 2007 GNOT
 BFACT affiliated clubs re ABF sponsored subscription to Australian Bridge Magazine.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Valmai Mitchell will be acting Treasurer of BFACT for February and March.

The following monies have been received:

\$850 from the ABF for the Klinger Tour
 \$3,300 from the ABF Advertising Marketing Grant

The following payments were made:

\$17.25 (receipts provided) to Susan Scerri for secretarial expenses.
 A replacement cheque was sent to Bernie Waters for his participation in the ANC.

6. ABF

- The ABF Advertising Marketing Grant was discussed. Procedures for administering the Grant to be discussed at the next BFACT Council Meeting.

- **Motion**

That Roy Nixon be reappointed as BFACT Council Delegate to the ABF for the period March 2007 to March 2009.

Moved: Earl Dudley

Seconded: Bruce Crossman

Carried

7. YOUTH BRIDGE REPORT

Valmai Mitchell will be recommending the Friday afternoon bridge sessions shortly.
 The Police Checks have been received for leaders of the Youth Bridge in Schools Program.

Griff Ware advised that a Youth Bridge Class will be commencing at Jerrabombera Primary School.

Motion

That BFACT provides up to \$50 to cover stationery/equipment costs for setting up the Bridge Class at Jerrabombera Primary School.

Moved: Susan Scerri

Seconded: Griff Ware

Carried

Griff Ware is continuing with the Youth Bridge sessions at the ANU.

8. BFACT TOURNAMENT ISSUES

Griff Ware reported that a minimum of eight teams would be required to stage the 'Home Knockout' Selection for the Canberra 2 GNOT Team. He has sufficient teams to run the competition and is hoping to increase the number of entries.

Griff Ware will email affiliated clubs re the running of qualifying events to select teams for the Restricted/Provincial GNOT Selection Final.

9. NEXT MEETING

Saturday 3 March at 10am.

Meeting Closed at 11.45am

03 March 2007

1. Roy Nixon opened the meeting at 10.10am.

PRESENT: Earl Dudley, Ian Dalziell, Susan Scerri, Valmai Mitchell, Griff Ware, Roy Nixon.

APOLOGIES: Carmel Herald, Rebecca Plush, Bruce Crossman, Andrew Struik.

2. MINUTES

2.1 Acceptance

Motion: That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 February be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Valmai Mitchell **Seconded:** Griff Ware

Carried

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

- Henry Hudson has sent BFACT a timeline for the setting up of the BFACT Website. Valmai Mitchell will contact Henry to check on progress.
- Griff Ware (Tournament Secretary) reported that ten teams have entered the Knockout Teams competition to select the second Canberra Team for the GNOT. Griff will contact the CBC Manager to get the results of the matches put on the Canberra Bridge Club Website.
- Griff Ware is following up the updating of the list of Club Directors following 2005 and 2006 courses and has contacted Mark Abraham.
- Earl Dudley will provide a copy of the BFACT Calendar for 2007 to all affiliated Clubs.
- The accounts for Youth Week have not been finalised. Griff will send the accounts to the BFACT Treasurer when he has all the details.
- Griff Ware (Tournament Secretary) informed BFACT Council that David Hoffman and Sheila Bird have agreed to sit on the Tournament Regulations Sub Committee.

Motion: That BFACT Council ratifies the following members of the Tournament Regulations Sub Committee: Griff Ware, Sheila Bird and David Hoffman.

Moved: Griff Ware **Seconded:** Susan Scerri

Carried

- Invitations have been sent for the Inter Clubs Teams Events and several replies have been received.
- Tim Bourke has prepared hand records for the Simultaneous Pairs in 2007. Valmai Mitchell will coordinate the event and Jane Rasmussen will score the event across the field.
- Griff Ware is in the process of organising a list of winners of BFACT events and will forward them to Valmai Mitchell who will forward them to the Manager of the Canberra Bridge Club for inclusion on Honour Boards.

3. YOUTH BRIDGE REPORT

- Griff Ware reported that he had organised a stand for the ANU Bridge Club at Orientation Week and had received a number of expressions of interest.
- Valmai Mitchell reported that the Friday afternoon Youth Bridge Sessions are proceeding well. Valmai will be sending a letter to schools close to the CBC asking them to advertise the sessions and informing them that police checks have been completed for the session supervisors.
- Griff Ware informed BFACT Council that the Youth Team Selection Trials will be held on the same weekend as the Senior Team Trials but will probably be completed in one day. Griff will advertise the event among Youth Players.

Motion: That BFACT subsidise up to ten Youth players to the Ron Klinger Tour.

Moved: Valmai Mitchell

Seconded: Griff Ware

Carried

4. BFACT TOURNAMENT ISSUES

- Griff Ware (Tournament Secretary) reported that ten pairs have entered the ANC Women's Butler Pairs Selection Event that commences on Monday 5 March. Richard Hills will be directing the event.
- Griff Ware will look at the policy and process for ratifying directors for State Selection Events and report back to BFACT Council.
- The ANC Open Team Selection Qualifying Competition commenced on Tuesday 27 February with eighteen tables.
- BFACT Council discussed residential requirements for eligibility to represent the ACT in National Events (specifically, the ANC) and decided that any participants with historic links with BFACT Clubs, who are not currently residents of the ACT, will not be excluded for 2007 on the basis of residency. The position will be reviewed for 2008.
- The Tournament Regulations Committee is to investigate the possibility of introducing a fractional VP scale to replace Net IMP scoring in BFACT Events. Griff Ware will report back to BFACT Council.
- Roy Nixon (President) will raise the proposed BFACT Gold Point Event at the ABF AGM on 17 March 2007. The President had not received a response to his earlier email to the ABF President suggesting the event be run in late April 2008 on a trial basis with support from the ABF similar to that given to the NT Teams.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Valmai Mitchell is acting Treasurer of BFACT for February and March.

The following payments were made:

\$247.50: Management Fees to the Canberra Bridge Club

\$30: Reimbursement to Eric Glass for lodging the change to BFACT Constitution with The Registrar General.

6. ABF

- BFACT Council congratulated Roy Nixon (President) on his appointment to the ABF Management Committee until March 2008.
- BFACT Council discussed the following issues to be raised by Roy Nixon and Earl Dudley at the ABF AGM on March 17 2007:

Subscriptions to Australian Bridge Magazine paid for by the ABF

Professional Indemnity Insurance

Reduction of Capitation Fees

- The ABF Advertising /Marketing Grant was discussed. Applications for funding to be received from Affiliated Clubs by 30 April 2007. BFACT Council to decide on applications by 30 June 2007. Susan Scerri (Secretary) to contact Affiliated Clubs inviting them to make applications for funding projects and to advise them that BFACT Council had decided to distribute the Grant broadly on a proportional basis determined by club membership. This would work out at approximately \$4 per club member. Clubs would also be invited to suggest regional applications for the use of the Grant.

7. **ANC**

Valmai Mitchell (BFACT liaison contact with the 2009 ANC Committee) is meeting with Lyn Turner (ANC 2009 Convenor) and Wendy Boxall (ANC 2009 Treasurer) to discuss proposed venues, timing and organisational details and will report back to BFACT Council.

8. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Correspondence

Incoming

Henry Hudson: Website Implementation Schedule

Outgoing

Letter of thanks to Tim Bourke

Invitation to regional clubs to participate in the 2007 Interclub Restricted and Seniors Team Championships

ABF Secretariat: Notification that Roy Nixon has been ratified as BFACT Councillor to the ABF.

ABF Secretariat: Letter of thanks for Advertising/ Marketing Grant. Tax Invoice to be sent on return of Treasurer in late March 2007.

BFACT Website

BFACT Council noted the timeframe provided by Henry Hudson and will check progress at the next Council Meeting.

BFACT News Editor and Vice President Positions

Ian Dalziell has agreed to assist with the production of the next two issues of BFACT News. Roy Nixon (President) to discuss the position of Vice President with Rebecca Plush (Vice President).

Directors Courses

BFACT Council plans to run Directors Courses at Club and Intermediate Levels in 2007. Ian Dalziell will contact Sean Mullamphy with regard to possible dates.

9. NEXT MEETING

Saturday 31 March at 10am at the Canberra Bridge Club Deakin

Meeting closed at 12.40pm

31 March 2007

1. Roy Nixon opened the meeting at 10.07am.

PRESENT: Earl Dudley, Ian Dalziell, Susan Scerri, Valmai Mitchell, Griff Ware, Roy Nixon, Bruce Crossman.

APOLOGIES: Carmel Herald, Rebecca Plush, Bruce Hovey, Andrew Struik.

2. MINUTES

2.1 Acceptance

Motion: That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 3 March 2007 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Valmai Mitchell **Seconded:** Ian Dalziell

Carried

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

- Griff Ware is updating the list of Club Directors following 2005 and 2006 courses and has contacted Mark Abraham. BFACT Council was recently informed that two of its previously Nationally Accredited Directors have been moved from the Active to the Inactive list of Nationally Accredited Directors (David Hoffman and John Brockwell).
- Griff Ware provided details of the amounts owing for some of the extra subsidies for Youth players who played in the Summer Festival to the Acting Treasurer (Valmai Mitchell).
- Griff Ware is still in the process of organising a list of winners of BFACT events to be forwarded to the Manager of the Canberra Bridge Club for inclusion on Honour Boards.

3. YOUTH BRIDGE REPORT

- Griff Ware has been promoting the Youth Team Selection Event and will be emailing the details to youth players to encourage entries. Valmai Mitchell has been assisting youth players from the Friday afternoon sessions to develop system cards for the event
- Griff Ware and Valmai Mitchell will send items on Youth Bridge to Ian Dalziell (Acting Editor) for inclusion in the BFACT Newsletter.
- It was noted that 2-3 youth players took advantage of BFACT's offer to subsidise their attendance at the recent Klinger lectures with very positive feedback by those concerned.

4. BFACT TOURNAMENT ISSUES

- Following BFACT Council discussion of the 2007 Canberra Open Teams Selection Final, there was considerable confusion about who had or had not accepted a place in the Final. This is an unacceptable situation. Council therefore instructed Griff

Ware (Tournament Secretary) to contact those pairs in doubt and tell them that the deadline for acceptance to participate in the Final is 5pm on Wednesday 4 April. There was considerable discussion about some deterioration in the quality of the Open Selection Final field so BFACT will review the possibility of a five table Final in future years. BFACT Council also discussed the possibility of modifying regulations for the selection process in 2008 to include a penalty for players who withdraw from the Open Final, having previously indicated that they will be participating in it. .

- The use of a Fractional VP Scale is being trialled in the first two sessions of the Open Butler Pairs Selection for the 2007 ANC. Griff Ware will survey players at the end of the trial period and report back to BFACT Council. BFACT Council discussed the advantages and disadvantages of various scoring systems and will review the scoring methods used in future BFACT Selection Events following feedback on the use of the Fractional VP Scale during 2007. For the 3 ANC Teams Selections Finals in 2007, Council asked the Tournament secretary to poll several of the leading contenders next week to get their input on whether to use either a normal VP scale, Fractional VP scale or capped netimps and to discuss this intersessionally with Council before next weekend.
- Griff Ware reported that eight teams have entered the Knockout Selection Event for the Canberra 2 Team for the GNOT. Sean Mullamphy (Director) has completed the seeding for the event and the competition will commence in April.
- Jane Rasmussen will be Director for the Seniors and Youth Selection Events for the 2007 ANC.
- Valmai Mitchell reported that preparations for the Simultaneous Pairs are proceeding smoothly.
- Valmai Mitchell advised that eight clubs have entered the Seniors Event and seven clubs have entered the Restricted Event in the Interclub Teams Championship that commences on 21 April. We welcome teams from Bungendore for the first time into the event. Valmai Mitchell will contact David Hoffman to confirm his availability on that date.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Valmai Mitchell is acting Treasurer of BFACT for February and March.

The following payment was made:

\$65: Deakin Post Office

A cheque for \$30 was sent to Eric Glass (Public Officer) as reimbursement for registering the change to the BFACT constitution. Eric has advised BFACT Council that Andrew Struik had already reimbursed him in November. Valmai Mitchell will confirm this with Andrew Struik (Treasurer) on his return.

6. ABF

Roy Nixon (BFACT President) and Earl Dudley (BFACT Councillor to the ABF) reported back to BFACT Council on the ABF AGM and President's Meetings held on March 17 and 18 2007.

Issues arising from ABF AGM and President's Meeting

Earl Dudley raised the question of Professional Indemnity Insurance at the ABF AGM. The ABF is not interested in proceeding with it. Earl Dudley has approached Allan Scerri who is willing to facilitate an interactive session with members of CBC Committee and BFACT Council to assess the risks re Professional Indemnity. BFACT and CBC can then discuss how to proceed on the issue.

Roy Nixon (President) raised the proposed BFACT Gold Point Event with the ABF. No reply has been received to Roy's previous suggestion that BFACT hold a Gold Point Event in April 2008 and it appears that there is now insufficient time to organise and publicise such an event. With BFACT hosting the ANC in 2009, it would prefer not to run a Gold Point Event in that year. There is also concern at the ABF level (expressed by NSWBA President in particular) about the overcrowded calendar of events. In the BFACT Council discussion that followed his report, Roy Nixon suggested that BFACT Council put the following proposal to the ABF: BFACT is willing to defer the Gold Point Event for two years if it receives some recompense from the ABF, since the event was offered to BFACT as compensation for the loss of masterpointing revenue from the Summer Festival of Bridge. BFACT Council supported this approach. Roy will follow it through. Valmai Mitchell (Acting Treasurer) reported that the ABF commission from the 2007 Summer Festival of Bridge has not yet been received. Andrew Struik (Treasurer) to write to the ABF re the missing payment.

Roy Nixon reported that the proposal for Grand National Restricted Pairs was discussed at the ABF AGM. Concerns were again expressed re the overcrowded calendar. A suggestion was made to alternate the GNOT with the proposed GNRP with the Final remaining in its current November timeslot and Banora Point venue. Many felt that a Pairs format may be more attractive to Clubs. The CBC representative said that the CBC reserved its position on this proposal until more details are known – in any event, the CBC would be against any further explicit subsidising of the event by the Clubs or BFACT. While a decision has not been reached it was decided to examine the possibility of BFACT reducing the number of teams sent to the GNOT in 2008 from three to two (one Open Team and one Restricted Team).

The ABF has purchased the Grand Slam Cards Rating System. In future Affiliated Clubs may have the option of choosing Masterpoints or the Cards (Grand Slam) system. This will continued to be developed during 2007 alongside the Willcox project to produce a club-based scoring/masterpointing system which is currently being trialled in Victorian Regional Clubs.

7. ANC

Valmai Mitchell (BFACT liaison contact with the 2009 ANC Committee) met with Lyn Turner (ANC 2009 Convenor) and Wendy Boxall (ANC 2009 Treasurer). The Hellenic Club has offered favourable venue rates for the period 3-15 July 2009 for the ANC. Since this is in the school holidays, the 2009 ANC Committee will approach Canberra College for use of its parking area. A deposit of \$400 is required to secure the booking of the Hellenic Club.

Motion: That BFACT Council authorises Valmai Mitchell to pay a deposit of \$400 for the use of the Hellenic Club as the venue for the ANC for the period from 3 to 15 July 2009

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

Valmai will notify the ABF of the proposed venue and dates for the 2009 ANC.
The 2009 ANC Committee will liaise with Eric Ramshaw re entry fees for the ANC

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Correspondence

Incoming

ABF: Alcohol Policy

ABF: GRNP

Directory of Australian Associations

Outgoing

Invitation to BFACT affiliated clubs for applications for the ABF Advertising/Marketing Grant

BFACT Calendar of Events sent to Regional Clubs

Directory of Australian Associations

BFACT Website

Henry Hudson has registered the BFACT Website at www.bfact.com.au. Valmai Mitchell will continue liaising with Henry on the development of the BFACT Website.

Directors Courses

Ian Dalziell has contacted Sean Mullamphy (instructor for the courses). The Club Level Course will be held on Saturday 19 May 2007. The Congress Level Course will be held on Sunday 7 October 2007. Ian Dalziell to advertise the courses in BFACT News.

The ABF Advertising /Marketing Grant

Invitations for applications have been sent to affiliated clubs. Canberra Bridge Club has discussed the grant and is considering applying for funding to produce a CBC handbook and promotional material. Discussion of possible uses for the funding by smaller clubs followed.

Ron Klinger Tour

Feedback from participants has been good and numbers were consistent with previous years.

NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

Cootamundra reported that 24 participants ranging from beginners to intermediate players attended the Klinger Tour. Feedback was very positive. Cootamundra Congress will be held on 23 and 24 June 2007.

Bruce Hovey (Monaro Bridge Club) requested an annual publication of Club's addresses, preferably with the name of the current secretary.

Susan Scerri (Secretary) will contact all Affiliated Clubs to update their details for inclusion on the ABF Website under the BFACT entry and will forward a copy of the updated list to all BFACT Council members.

NEXT MEETING

Saturday 12 May at 10am at the Canberra Bridge Club Deakin

Meeting closed at 12.24pm

Susan Scerri (Secretary)

12 May 2007

Roy Nixon opened the meeting at 10.05am.

PRESENT: Earl Dudley, Ian Dalziell, Susan Scerri, Valmai Mitchell, Andrew Struik, Roy Nixon, Rebecca Plush.

APOLOGIES: Carmel Herald, Griff Ware, Bruce Crossman.

MINUTES

2.1 Acceptance

Motion: That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 31 March 2007 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

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

Matters arising from the previous meeting minutes and action points.

Henry Hudson has informed Valmai Mitchell that the BFACT Website should be set up within the next two to three weeks. Valmai to continue liaising with Henry.

Griff Ware has sent a copy of the Tournament Regulations to all participants in the GNOT Qualifying Home Knockout Competition.

BFACT Council expressed concern that the list of Club Directors has still not been updated following the 2005/2006 courses. Ian Dalziell will undertake the task as an urgent priority. Valmai Mitchell and Andrew Struik to assist by forwarding existing lists to Ian.

Ian Dalziell will be publishing an edition of BFACT News before the next BFACT Council Meeting. Earl Dudley to contact CBC Club Manager re distribution of the News to CBC members. Ian to organise the printing and postage of 10 copies each of the BFACT News to Cootamundra and Monaro Bridge Clubs. The remaining Affiliated Clubs will organise their own hard copy distribution. Ian to email the BFACT News to the BFACT Councillors.

Valmai Mitchell reported that the first session of the Inter Clubs Teams Championship went well and expressed thanks to David Hoffman. The next session to be held on June 21 2007. South Canberra Bridge Club has been asked to host the event.

Rebecca Plush agreed to provide an article for the next issue of BFACT News on Director Accreditation.

The proposed ACT Gold Point Event is to be discussed at the ABF Management Committee Meeting to be held in Canberra at the end of May. Roy Nixon will report back to BFACT Council. This relates to the issue of the % of masterpoint income from SFOB being returned to the ACT.

Valmai Mitchell reported that the venue and dates for the 2009 ANC have been confirmed. (The Hellenic Club – 3 to 17 July 2009).

Susan Scerri has provided the ABF Webmaster with updated details for Affiliated Clubs listed under the BFACT heading on the ABF Website.

YOUTH BRIDGE REPORT

Griff Ware was absent. No Youth Report presented.

Valmai Mitchell gave positive feedback on the Friday afternoon Youth sessions.

BFACT Council discussed ways to encourage and develop Youth Bridge in the ACT. Valmai Mitchell suggested a “Teams of Three” half-day competition with experienced players as captains of youth teams. The competition could be preceded by a short lesson. Council endorsed this suggestion. Valmai will liaise with Griff Ware on the development of the proposal. South Canberra offered a financial contribution to assist with the costs of the day.

4. BFACT TOURNAMENT ISSUES

Griff Ware was absent. No report from the Tournament Secretary presented.

2007 ANC

The Selection Events for the 2007 ANC Teams have been completed. BFACT Council ratified the following Teams and Non-Playing Captains.

Open Team

Mark Abraham Daniel Geromboux
Michael Smart David Vaughan
Griff Ware Nye Griffiths
Non-Playing Captain: Ian Thomson

Women’s Team

Barbara Toohey Liz Van Der Hor
Sue Wilkinson Christy Geromboux
Janet Kahler Alison Farthing
Non-Playing Captain Peter Kahler

Senior Team

David Hoffman Margaret Bourke
Hashmat Ali John Brockwell
Denis Grahame Jeanette Grahame
Captain: To Be Advised

Youth Team

Alexandra Morris* Sebastian Yuen
Rebecca Thornberry* James Higgins*
Lucy Stevenson Robin Stevenson

Captain: To Be Advised

Council understood that the Seniors may submit for endorsement David Hoffman as the playing captain of the team. Council noted their preference for Non-Playing Captains wherever possible/practicable.

These players will need to be registered with the ABF. Rebecca Plush to liaise with Griff Ware.

Rebecca Plush to liaise with Griff Ware to obtain a list of the players who will be representing the ACT in the ANC Pairs Events.

Rebecca Plush to submit ACT ANC entries by 8 June 2007.

Susan Scerri to write to ratified Team Members and Non-Playing Captains.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

- Modern Bridge (\$3300 Klinger lessons)
- Hellenic Club (\$400 ANC 2009 booking deposit)
- ABF (\$280 youth week entry subsidies)
- L Stevenson (\$32 SF youth subsidy)
- J Bloomfield (\$32 SF youth subsidy)

Motion: That

1. A subsidy of \$1000 will be paid to ANC team representatives (including team captains) to meet travel and accommodation costs of participating in the Fremantle ANC, of which \$900 will be advanced and the remaining \$100 payable on production of receipts (for which a GST rebate can be claimed by BFACT).
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.

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

It was noted that, as a result of an inadvertent error, the BFACT fee for the Canberra Bridge Club 2007 Daytime GNOT Selection Event was set at \$1 per player per session. Council has decided to ratify this.

Motion: That the BFACT fee for the 2007 Daytime GNOT Selection Event held at CBC will be \$1 per person per session.

Moved: Andrew Struik **Seconded:** Rebecca Plush **Carried**

The net cost to BFACT of the Klinger Tour was \$900. This was higher than in previous years due to the new ABF subsidy policy of 50-50 on net costs rather than gross costs. Despite this growing subsidy, the Council expressed support for the Tour to continue in its current format. An overview is attached.

Jane Rasmussen directed the Seniors and Youth Selection Events for the ANC. Andrew Struik (Treasurer) negotiated a payment fee of \$130 per session.

Motion: That BFACT Council ratifies the payment of \$130 per session to Jane Rasmussen for directing the 2007 Seniors and Youth Selection Events.

Moved: Andrew Struik

Seconded: Valmai Mitchell

Carried

6. ABF

The ABF advised BFACT of the World Wide Bridge Contest to be held on 1st and 2nd June. Susan Scerri forwarded the information to all BFACT Affiliated Clubs.

7. ANC

Valmai Mitchell advised BFACT Council that the Hellenic Club booking (venue for the 2009 ANC) has been confirmed.

ANC organisers to be advised that it could be advantageous to approach the ACT Government with a view to exploring the possibility of obtaining temporary Parking Permits in the Park and Ride Section of the car park near the Hellenic Club for participants in the 2009 ANC.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Correspondence

Incoming

ABF: World Wide Bridge Contest

ABF: ANC Entry Form

Sapphire Coast Bridge Club

CBC: Travel Subsidy for 2007 ANC

Outgoing

Sapphire Coast Bridge Club

CBC: Travel Subsidy for 2007 ANC

Directors Courses

Numbers are down for the course to be held on 19 May. Ian Dalziell asked Council Members to promote the course in their clubs.

The ABF Advertising /Marketing Grant

Monaro, SCBC, Capital and Canberra Bridge Clubs have advised BFACT Council that they intend applying for funds under the grant and will be submitting detailed applications shortly.

Acting Treasurer

Valmai Mitchell has agreed to act as BFACT Treasurer from mid June to August 2007 in Andrew Struik's absence.

NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

Cootamundra Congress will be held on 23 and 24 June 2007.

Capital Bridge Club has increased its membership.

SCBC is running a qualifying event over 4 weeks in May for ANC pairs events – details will follow.

NEXT MEETING

Saturday 16 June at 10am at the Canberra Bridge Club Deakin

Meeting closed at 12.20pm

Susan Scerri (BFACT Secretary)

15 June 2007

1. Valmai Mitchell opened the meeting at 5.15pm.

Valmai Mitchell chaired the Meeting until the arrival of Roy Nixon at 5.30pm.

PRESENT: Earl Dudley, Ian Dalziell, Susan Scerri, Valmai Mitchell, Andrew Struik, Bruce Crossman, Roy Nixon.

APOLOGIES: Carmel Herald, Griff Ware, Bruce Hovey, Rebecca Plush.

2. MINUTES

2.1 Acceptance

Motion: That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 31 March 2007 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Earl Dudley **Seconded:** Ian Dalziell **Carried**

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

- Henry Hudson has been ill and the BFACT Website is not set up. Valmai to continue liaising with Henry.
- Results of the Home Knockout Teams are being entered on the CBC Website.
- Ian Dalziell has been in contact with Mark Abraham re updating the list of Club Directors
- Distribution arrangements are in place for the next issue of BFACT News.
- The Final session of the Inter Club Teams to be held on August 25 2007 at the Southern Cross Club.
- Roy Nixon reported back on the decision of the ABF Management Committee Meeting in May on the matter of the Summer Festival of Bridge Masterpoints income and compensation for the ACT agreeing not to hold a Gold Point Event in 2008 and 2009. The Management Committee decided that BFACT should receive compensation in the amount of \$2,000 in each of 2008 and 2009 with the matter to be reviewed again in 2009 for possible starting date of 2010 for an ACT GP event. This compensation is in addition to the declining amount that BFACT shall still receive from the Summer Festival of Bridge in those 2 years.

3. YOUTH BRIDGE REPORT

Griff Ware was absent. No Youth Report presented.

Valmai Mitchell gave positive feedback on the Friday afternoon Youth sessions.

4. BFACT TOURNAMENT ISSUES

Tournament Secretary's Report

Griff Ware was absent. No report from the Tournament Secretary presented.

2007 ANC: Rebecca Plush, who is submitting the ACT 2007 ANC entries, notified BFACT Council that she had not yet received Systems Summaries from five pairs representing the ACT in the 2007 ANC Teams. She indicated that it was likely BFACT would be fined if the System Summaries were not submitted by the deadline. The Council believed this

requirement not to be an onerous one and expressed considerable dissatisfaction with this situation which seems to be a perennial problem – it is clear players/NPCs are not taking these requests seriously. Thus BFACT Council decided that in future, beginning in 2008, payment of the travel subsidy to ACT ANC Team Members would be conditional on completion of a Systems Summary template which would be included in the letter notifying Team Members that BFACT Council had ratified their places.

Interclub Teams

There has been very positive feedback on the new format under which two rounds are played before the knockout stage.

GNOT Teams Selection Events

The Knockout Teams Event to select the Number 1 Team to represent the ACT at the GNOT has begun at CBC.

The Home Knockout Competition to select the Number 2 Team has also commenced.

If the same team wins both the Knockout Teams held at CBC and the Home Knockout Teams Competition, then the team that came second in the Home Knockout Competition will be selected to form the Number 2 Team for the GNOT.

BFACT Council had a lengthy discussion of the process for selecting the ACT Restricted/Provincial Team for the GNOT. With the declining number of entries and the fact that fewer clubs are holding qualifying events, concerns were raised regarding the quality of the Selection Final for the ACT Restricted/Provincial GNOT Team in 2007 and cost recovery.

BFACT supports in principle the sending of an ACT Restricted/Provincial Team to the GNOT. Declining participation at the qualifying stages means that BFACT is incurring significant costs in sending a Restricted/Provincial Team. It was decided that BFACT Council should explore with John Brockwell the concept of reducing the entry fee to the GNOT for the ACT Restricted/Provincial Team by 50% in future years with the amount of that deduction to be taken from the travel subsidy for the Restricted/Provincial Team.

Motion

That the ACT GNOT Restricted/Provincial Team Selection Final in 2007 include pairs nominated by Regional Clubs which did not run qualifying events.

Players who participate in the ACT GNOT Restricted/Provincial Team Selection Final who did not participate in a qualifying event will be required to pay an entry fee of \$10 per player in addition to table money.

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

The President instructed Councillors (for the Secretary to note) that the next Council meeting in July be declared a “GNOT/GNRP discussion free zone”.

5. TREASURER’S REPORT

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

Canberra Bridge Club for Honour Board updating	\$ 360
Susan Scerri for secretarial expenses	\$ 15
Perth ANC Entry	\$4950
S. Mullamphy for Director Training	\$ 180

6. ABF

6.1 ABF Mid Year Meeting

Earl Dudley advised BFACT Council that he is unable to attend the ABF Mid Year Meeting as Councillor for the ACT. Ian Thomson has indicated that he is available to attend as a Deputy Councillor.

Motion

That BFACT Council appoints Ian Thomson as Deputy Councillor to attend the ABF Mid Year Meeting on 21 July 2007 in Perth as deputy for Earl Dudley.

Moved: Earl Dudley **Seconded:** Roy Nixon **Carried**
Susan Scerri to inform the ABF Secretariat and to write to Ian Thomson.

6.2 Definitions of Restricted and Novice Players

BFACT Council discussed an email from the ABF asking State Bodies to consider the number of Masterpoints used in the definition of Restricted and Novice Players and the possibility of varying the number of points used in the definition according to the size of the club.

BFACT Council believes the upper limit on the number of Master points required to qualify as a Restricted Player should remain at 300 and the upper limit on the number required to participate in a Novice Congress should remain at 100.

President to inform Richard Grenside of BFACT Council's views.

6.3 ABF Advertising/ Marketing Grant

BFACT Council received applications for funding under the terms of the ABF Advertising/ Marketing Grant from The Canberra Bridge Club, The Monaro Bridge Club and Capital Bridge Club.

All applications were approved.

Motion

That BFACT Council approves the applications for funding under the terms of the ABF Advertising/ Marketing Grant from The Canberra Bridge Club, The Monaro Bridge Club and Capital Bridge Club and authorises the following amounts to be paid to those clubs:

The Canberra Bridge Club	\$2200
The Monaro Bridge Club	\$ 550
Capital Bridge Club	\$ 550

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

Secretary will need to confirm monitoring/reporting requirements with these Clubs when the cheques are sent out to comply with ABF's requirements.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Correspondence

Outgoing

Letters to ACT ANC Team Members and Captains

Risk Assessment Workshop

BFACT Council expressed its thanks to Allen Scerri for facilitating the workshop.

Earl Dudley reported back on the results of the discussion at the workshop regarding Professional Indemnity.

Risk management actions to be followed up include:

1. Developing a Code of Expectations for Players
2. Developing of a Code of Conduct for Directors

Developing a written protocol for dealing with disputed outcomes in selection events.

Canberra Bridge Club is reviewing its By-Laws and will examine these issues in the process. Earl Dudley will keep BFACT Council informed and will investigate what is happening in other clubs.

Ian Dalziell will approach Sean Mullamphy with regard to incorporating the Code of Conduct issues in future Directors Courses.

NEXT MEETING

Saturday 28 July at 10am at the Canberra Bridge Club Deakin

Meeting closed at 6.55pm

28 July 2007

1. Roy Nixon opened the meeting at 10.30am

PRESENT: Ian Dalziell, Susan Scerri, Rebecca Plush, Griff Ware, Roy Nixon.

APOLOGIES: Carmel Herald, Earl Dudley, Bruce Hovey, Valmai Mitchell.

MINUTES

2.1 Acceptance

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

Moved: Roy Nixon **Seconded:** Ian Dalziell **Carried**

Matters arising from the previous meeting minutes and action points.

Henry Hudson is unable to continue with the development of the BFACT Website. Avril Mitchell is now designing the front of the Website. Rebecca Plush is liaising with Avril re the content of the Website. Rebecca will report on progress to BFACT Council at the next meeting

Ian Dalziell has compiled 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. He is continuing to work on the list and is checking the information on it with members of BFACT Council.

Griff Ware is continuing to look at BFACT policy for ratifying Directors for State Selection Events set out in the paper prepared for BFACT Council in 2006 by George Stockham. He said he may make a few minor modifications to the paper and will bring this back to Council.

Rebecca Plush has provided Ian Dalziell with an article on Director Accreditation for BFACT News.

Susan Scerri has written to the successful applicants for funding from the ABF Advertising/Marketing Grant and advised them of their obligations re receipts and reporting progress to BFACT. Roy Nixon advised that the ABF may consider making similar promotional grants in 2008 where States comply with reporting requirements and those reports demonstrate the initiative has achieved its objectives.

3. YOUTH BRIDGE REPORT

Griff Ware reported that the Youth Team that represented the ACT at the 2007 ANC in Fremantle enjoyed the experience and came fourth. Lucy Stevenson leaving before the final session created no problems. As a general principle, BFACT Council expects team members to stay for the entire ANC. The members of the team are continuing to show enthusiasm for bridge and are currently entered in events at CBC.

ANU Bridge sessions are continuing.

There is a reasonable number of Youth Players available for the Youth Bridge in January 2008.

Roy Nixon reported back from the ABF Mid Year Meeting that the ABF had discussed its policy regarding their responsibilities when minors enter ABF events. The basic advice from Legal Counsel was that where a minor entered an "open" entry ABF event, then the parent retains responsibility for the child when attending the event. However, if the event was specifically restricted to "youth" players (eg Youth Teams at ANC, SFOB Youth Championships) then the ABF is responsible and not the parents for chaperoning the under 18 players and ensuring all state/territory requirements are met. The ABF is further investigating this matter. Council had a further discussion on this matter and concluded that for any events that BFACT runs specifically for Youth Players (eg Friday afternoons, Youth Team Selection trials) must comply with ACT legal requirements for activities involving youth under the age of eighteen. It is BFACT's responsibility to ensure that this happens. (It was also agreed that this issue was overlooked when BFACT (and the CBC) did its risk assessment recently.)

4. BFACT TOURNAMENT ISSUES

Tournament Secretary's Report

The First 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. The Knockout Teams Competition to select the Second Team is underway.

ANC Report

Roy Nixon reported that the ANC at Fremantle ran smoothly. BFACT Council congratulated the ACT Open Team, which came first. We will need to ask Captains for reports to be presented in due course plus receipts to be given to the Treasurer as set out in the advice letter giving players the subsidy. (Anecdotal evidence from players from other states in Perth was that the ACT subsidy was very much in the higher bracket of those states on the east coast.)

ANC Pairs Events

Rebecca Plush reported on the difficulties she experienced in getting eligible Pairs to commit to participating in Stage II of the Women's Butler Pairs and in the Pairs Events at the ANC. Roy Nixon reported that the ABF had received a great deal of criticism over the running of the ANC Pairs Events (article by Ron Klinger in the SMH), particularly the decision to merge the different categories into one field. The ABF is currently reviewing the event for 2008. If the event is retained in its current state entry graded format, BFACT noted that it will have to improve its present procedures for nominating Pairs to the ANC. BFACT Council proposed setting a deadline of May 1 for acceptance of places in the Butler and Pairs Events and advising players that in the event of the Stage 2 pair withdrawing and incurring a fine, BFACT retains the discretion to recoup the money from the players concerned if it considers withdrawal was not justified by circumstances.

2008 ANC Selection Events

BFACT 2008 ANC Selection Events will need to be held earlier in the year since the dates for the Australian Women's, Senior and Open Play Offs have been moved forward in 2008 (and many ACT players are likely to be involved.). Easter is also early next year (21-23 March). The Open and Women's Play Off Events will be held in Canberra from 26 to 30 March 2008 and the Senior Play Off Event will be held in Sydney from 9-13 April 2008. BFACT Council discussed dates in March and April for ACT ANC Selection Finals. The dates, when finalised, will be advertised in BFACT News before the end of 2007. Council asked Griff Ware to discuss these dates as soon as possible with the CBC Calendar Committee to ensure they are aware of when BFACT needs to schedule these various selection trials.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Andrew Struik was absent. No Treasurer's Report.

6. ABF

6.1 ABF Mid Year Meeting

Roy Nixon reported back to BFACT Council. The main issues that were relevant to BFACT related to Youth Bridge and the ANC and were discussed under those topics on the agenda.

6.2 ANC System Disclosures

BFACT Council discussed an email from Keith McDonald advising that the ABF has received a request for all future ANCs " that a complete ABF systems card be provided on the ABF website (or ANC website) for each pair intending to play in the Interstate Teams". This would need to be sent by a stated date. Failure to lodge on time would incur a penalty, payable by the State responsible for the pair/team. If the State wished to recover the charge from the players that is for each State to regulate.

BFACT Council felt that complete ABF systems cards were preferable and that if the ABF decided to request them, that BFACT should pay someone to coordinate the collection and submission of systems cards for the ACT ANC Teams. This task would include the provision of four laminated hard copies of each card (one for each Pair Member and two for the Team Captain) in addition to a soft copy.

7. ANC 2009

BFACT Council decided to invite Lyn Turner (ANC 2009 Convenor) to the next BFACT Council Meeting. Roy Nixon would like to pass on some of the changes made to the ANC format at Fremantle.

BFACT would like to liaise with Lyn on the following:

- Accommodation
- Transport
- Parking
- Sponsorship
- Assistance from BFACT

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Correspondence

Incoming

ABF: Permission Form for Colts Team
Request from Leone Moffat re ANC Selection Finals

Outgoing

Letters to Monaro, Capital and Canberra Bridge Clubs re ABF Advertising/Marketing Grant
ABF: Permission Form for Colts Team
Mr Emlyn Williams: Permission Form for Colts Team
Agenda for the AGM to be developed at the next BFACT Council Meeting.

9. NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

South Canberra's Annual Congress will be a Swiss Pairs Event to be held on Sunday 26 August 2007.

Capital Bridge Club has a new Website: www.capital.bridge-club.org/

NEXT MEETING

Friday 24 August at 5.30pm at the Canberra Bridge Club Deakin
Meeting closed at 12.20 pm

24 August 2007

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**

Matters arising from the previous meeting minutes and action points.

The BFACT Website is now active at wwwbfact.com.au. Rebecca Plush is liaising with Avril Mitchell regarding the content. We need to help them both with content and feedback now.

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 deficit of \$5190 reflected the increased cost of travel to the ANC, which was held in Western Australia.

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 9.30m at the Canberra Bridge Club Deakin

Meeting closed at 7.30pm

15 September 2007

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

PRESENT: Roy Nixon, Ian Dalziell, Susan Scerri, Rebecca Plush, Valmai Mitchell, Earl Dudley, Griff Ware, Andrew Struik.

APOLOGIES: Carmel Herald, Bruce Crossman.

2.MINUTES

2.1 Acceptance

Motion: That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 24 August 2007 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Andrew Struik Seconded: Roy Nixon Carried

Matters arising from the previous meeting minutes and action points.

Ian Dalziell is checking details on the 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. He will then send a copy of the corrected 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.

Griff Ware (Tournament Secretary) raised the issue of the difficulty in getting Directors accredited to State Level by BFACT. Roy Nixon (President) pointed out that BFACT Council has the discretionary power to appoint suitably experienced persons to act as State Level Director for BFACT events. BFACT Council discussed options to make it easier for Directors to attain accreditation at State Level.

Sean Mullamphy's contract with CBC and his arrangements with BFACT are to be renegotiated at the end of 2007.

Motion: BFACT Council agrees that payments to Sean Mullamphy to direct weekend selection events for BFACT continue to be adjusted by CPI as per the present agreement pending the review of arrangements between Sean Mullamphy and CBC and Sean Mullamphy and BFACT Council in the near future.

Moved: Andrew Struik Seconded: Griff Ware Carried

Simultaneous Pairs 2007

Valmai Mitchell is BFACT Project Officer for this event. BFACT Council asked Valmai to send a letter to clubs reminding them of the dates of the competition and inviting them to participate. Roy Nixon asked Valmai to contact Tim Bourke to check whether the hands have been put through the Deep Finesse Analyser.

A copy of the ANC Handbook has been emailed to all BFACT Council Members.

Youth Bridge and Teams of Three Events

Valmai Mitchell and Griff Ware will liaise to organise an event before the end of 2007.

Roy Nixon will follow up BFACT Council's questions re the issuing of fines for late and amended ANC entries at the ABF Presidents Meeting.

YOUTH BRIDGE REPORT

Griff Ware reported a decline in numbers at the ANU Bridge Club. The core players at the ANU Bridge Club now play regularly at CBC. Griff Ware may need to restart the ANU Bridge Club in 2008 if numbers do not improve over the next few months.

The fact that there were three tables at the ANC Youth Selection Trials is a positive sign. Valmai Mitchell reported that the Friday afternoon sessions are popular. Ten youth players attended the most recent session.

Val Hopwood is assisting with sessions at Marist Brothers College.

4. BFACT TOURNAMENT ISSUES

4.1 Tournament Secretary's Report

The Canberra 2 Team to represent BFACT at the GNOT was decided by the Home Knockout Final on Sunday 2nd September.

Team Members: G.Ware, M.Abraham, N.Griffith and D. Geromboux.

The Selection Final held on Sunday 2 September decided the ACT Restricted/Provincial Team.

Team Members: J.Wilkinson, S.Yuen, Beverly and Bruce Crossman.

Griff Ware (Tournament Secretary) noted that the process to select the Canberra 2 Team and the Restricted/Provincial Team to represent BFACT at the GNOT is not attracting sufficient entries. The money to fund GNOT participation should be raised from the fees paid by participants in Qualifying Events. Twelve teams were needed to break even in the Knock Out Teams Event. Eight teams entered and one of those teams has reported that it will not be entering in 2008. BFACT Council discussed the issue. It was decided to review the possibility of sending only one Open Team to the GNOT in 2008. Griff Ware suggested that BFACT Council investigate the possibility of holding a one day Teams Congress to select the Restricted/Provincial Team. BFACT Council endorsed this approach. The new BFACT Council will review the GNOT selection process after the BFACT AGM on 21 October.

Griff Ware (Tournament Secretary) is to liaise with a group of CBC members in the third week in September to discuss the 2008 Calendar of Events. Some players have suggested to Griff that, in 2008, the State Open Teams Event be extended to eight weeks in length. Griff suggested changing the structure of the event so that after the qualifying rounds a separate new Teams Event is run in parallel with the finals sessions. Griff will survey the players entered in the current State Open Teams to assess their reactions to this proposed change.

4.2 ANC Captains' Reports

The report from the Captain of the Youth Team was tabled for discussion. BFACT Council noted the request from the Youth Captain for full reimbursement for the Victory Dinner for Youth Players. Griff Ware will liaise with the Youth Team players to see if any were out of pocket for expenses at the ANC after receiving the BFACT contribution towards expenses. BFACT Council noted that BFACT sets a budget each year to support Youth Bridge in the region. BFACT Council felt that the reimbursement of the extra 50% of the cost of the Victory Dinner was not the most appropriate form of assistance to Youth Bridge.

BFACT Council noted the concerns raised by Ian Thomson (NPC) in his report on the Open Team. Roy Nixon undertook to pass them on informally to the ABF.

Peter Kahler (NPC of the Women's Team) provided in his report a detailed proposal with costing for the development of an information kit for ANC Captains regarding the purchase of team uniforms. BFACT Council Policy, decided on 7 February 2004, is that BFACT would be prepared to pay for the cost of the Team Logo on shirts paid for by ANC Team Members. Andrew Struik liaised with Paddywack Promotional Products who supplied the Women's team vests organised by Peter Kahler for the 2007 ANC. Paddywack Promotional Products has details of the BFACT logo for team uniforms. The artwork will be retained for 3 years and the embroidery indefinitely under the name of Bridge Federation ACT. If BFACT teams bring their own garments to Paddywack, the fee is currently around \$15 per embroidery for <20 items. Paddywack believes they can provide a better overall deal if they are also selected to provide the garments.

Motion: BFACT Council endorses the ACT Team logo developed by Paddywack Promotional Products in consultation with Peter Kahler and agrees to pay Peter Kahler reimbursement of the set up costs of \$123.

Moved: Andrew Struik Seconded: Roy Nixon Carried

4.3 Eligibility for State Selection

BFACT Council discussed residential eligibility criteria for State Selection Events. Griff Ware (Tournament Secretary) will develop a set of guidelines for residential eligibility criteria to apply from 2008. It was noted that the Women's Butler Selection Event for the 2008 ANC is to be held in November 2007. Griff Ware reported that he had received a request to consider changing the date to Monday nights later in the BFACT Calendar. BFACT Council decided not to change the advertised date and decided to review the timing of the Women's Butler Pairs Selection Event after the completion of the event to be held in November 2007.

4.4 State Selection Events

Roy Nixon (BFACT President) to contact the ABF to check whether the ANC Pairs will be an Open Entry Event in 2008. This would have implications for BFACT Calendar in 2008 and for the organization of the 2009 ANC.

Valmai Mitchell to write to BFACT affiliated Clubs to invite them to run State Selection Events.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

G. Ware:	Masterpointing October 2006 to June 2007	\$375.00
I. Robinson	ANC Butler Stage III Entry	\$ 90.00
D.Hoffman	Engraving Inter Club Teams Trophies	\$ 24.20
5 ANC Victory Dinner refunds		

Moved: Valmai Mitchell Seconded: Roy Nixon Carried

6. BFACT AGM

6.1 BFACT AGM Agenda

BFACT Council agreed that the Agenda for the 2007 AGM on October 21 2007 be the same as that for 2006 with the necessary changes made to dates and names of Office Bearers and with the omission of the Amendment to the Constitution item that was passed in 2006. (Copy of 2007 Agenda attached to Minutes.) Susan Scerri to send a copy of the Agenda to all BFACT Affiliated Clubs.

6.2 BFACT Supplemental Councillors 2007-2008

BFACT Council recommended the appointment of Griff Ware and Valmai Mitchell as Supplemental Councillors to the new BFACT Council, which will be elected at the AGM.

6.3 Attendance at AGM

Earl Dudley expressed concern that the 2006 AGM had started earlier than the scheduled time. The difficulty in ensuring a quorum at the AGM was discussed. It was decided to approach the Director of the Special Sunday Teams Event which is to be held prior to the AGM to request him to time the event so that it concludes close to 5pm (the scheduled time of the AGM.)

7. Canberra Games Festival

BFACT Council considered a suggestion by Len Dixon that BFACT participate in the 2008 Canberra Games Festival. BFACT Council decided not to participate in the festival on the basis that the potential benefit did not justify the amount of effort required in making a contribution to the festival. BFACT Council noted that it was exploring other ways of promoting bridge in the ACT, notably through the ABF Advertising/Marketing Grant. BFACT Council asked Susan Scerri (Secretary) to write to Len Dixon outlining BFACT's position.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Correspondence

Incoming

BAWA congratulating ACT Open Team

ABF Secretariat: The Grand National Pairs (Susan Scerri to request an electronic copy so that it can be forwarded to BFACT Councillors.)

Outgoing

BAWA congratulating BAWA on the organization of the ANC

John McIlrath advising that Bruce Crossman would attend the ABTA and ABDA Workshop/Seminar.

BFACT Website

BFACT Councillors to send material to Avril Mitchell who is setting up the website. Susan Scerri (on behalf of BFACT Council) to send a letter of thanks to Avril for her efforts

ANC 2009

Val Mitchell (BFACT liaison with 2009 ANC Committee) to advise Lyn Turner (2009 Convenor) that if the ANC Pairs Event, currently under review by the ABF, is restructured, there may be a conflict with the timing of the Welcome Teams Event that the ANC Committee is planning.

NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

The Canberra Bridge Club will be holding its AGM on Sunday 23 September 2007 at 4pm.

NEXT MEETING

Friday 2 November at 5pm at the Canberra Bridge Club Deakin

Meeting closed at 12.30pm