

Minutes 2008 AGM and 2008-09 BFACT Council Meetings
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Annual General Meeting

**BRIDGE FEDERATION ACT INC. (BFACT)
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
at CBC Sunday 19 October 2008 commencing at 5.10pm**

1. Present

Andrew Struik, Roy Nixon, Susan Scerri, Andrew Leslie, David Hoffman, Val Hopwood, Bruce Crossman, Bev Crossman, Niek Van Vucht, Klavs Kalejs, Julia Hoffman, Earl Dudley, Janet Strzelecki, Dora Theunissen, Terry Edwards, Ruth Gallagher, Denis Grahame, Jeanette Grahame, Lynne Moss, Janet Kahler, Mary Weddell, Richard Hills, Peter Kahler, Brian Thorp, Peter Andersson, Valmai Mitchell, Ian Dalziell, Emlyn Williams, Allen Scerri, Sharon Carver, Jane Rasmussen (31)

2. Apologies

Rebecca Plush, Rebecca Thornberry, Beverley Carmichael, Lyn Turner

3. Proxy Votes

Rebecca Plush (assigned to Roy Nixon)

4. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2007 AGM

Moved: Valmai Mitchell Seconded: Janet Kahler Carried

5. Matters Arising

Roy Nixon informed the meeting that the concern expressed by Margaret Bourke that ACT International Representatives were not mentioned in the President's and Tournament Secretary's reports in 2007 has been acted on. The 2007 Minutes include a list of International Representatives for that year and the 2008 reports list the achievements of all ACT National and International Representatives.

6. President

The President (Roy Nixon) tabled his report and thanked all members of BFACT Council for their help and support throughout the year. He highlighted the following:

- Planning for the 2009 ANC to be held in Canberra is well advanced. The President tabled a progress report from the Convenor (Lyn Turner) and thanked the ANC Organising Committee for their work thus far.
- BFACT Website has been running for about a year at www.bfact.com.au. The President acknowledged the work of Rebecca Plush and the excellent voluntary contribution of Avril Barrett, BFACT website controller.
- BFACT partially subsidised a seminar by Sean Mullamphy in May 2008 advising on the new Bridge Laws. A Club Level Director's Course will be held on Sunday 26 October 2008. The President thanked Ian Dalziell for organising the courses and maintaining an updated list of BFACT Accredited Directors.

- The President thanked Valmai Mitchell and Griff Ware for their efforts in promoting Youth Bridge in the ACT and commended CBC's initiative to strengthen Women's Bridge in the ACT.
- The President congratulated the Capital Bridge Club on winning the Seniors Event and Valley Bridge Club on winning the Restricted Event in the BFACT Interclub Competition and expressed his thanks to David Hoffman for his work over the years in running the event. Bruce Crossman will run the event in 2009. The President thanked Tim Bourke for providing the bridge hands and commentary for the 2008 Simultaneous Pairs, Valmai Mitchell for her organisation and to Jane Rasmussen who will score the event.
- The President thanked Peter Kahler for organising the Butler Pairs Event to select the Canberra 2 Team and the Restricted/Provincial Team for the 2008 GNOT. He expressed thanks to Earl Dudley and CBC for taking on the responsibility for organising the ABF Grand National Restricted Pairs qualifying.
- The achievements of ACT representatives at the ANC, GNOT and PABF were acknowledged.
- BFACT has two representatives on ABF Council. Roy Nixon continues to serve as BFACT representative to the ABF Council. Earl Dudley resigned his position as BFACT representative to ABF Council in December 2007. In 2008 Peter Kahler was nominated to fill the position vacated by Earl Dudley. Roy Nixon was elected ABF Treasurer and Management Committee member in March 2008 for a period of two years.
- BFACT has received \$6600 from the ABF Bridge Promotion Grants. BFACT Council has approved applications from Affiliated Clubs for funding from the Grant.
- The President noted with regret the stepping down of the Secretary Susan Scerri and Treasurer Andrew Struik and thanked them for all their efforts. A small gift from BFACT was presented to each.

7. Treasurer

Financial Statements

The Treasurer (Andrew Struik) presented the financial statements for 2007-08. He noted that not all the funds from the ABF Bridge Promotion Grant have allocated.

Questions and Comments

- Roy Nixon asked for information concerning the investments in the Barry Turner Fund which assists BFACT in subsidising ANC Representatives. Earl Dudley replied that while the Barry Turner Fund, had been affected by recent movements on the Stock Exchange, it was in a sound position to assist with the subsidies from 2010. (No subsidies will be required in 2009 since the ANC will be held in Canberra.)
- Earl Dudley noted that the ABF Bridge Promotion Grant incorporates funding for the Ron Klinger Teaching Tour.

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

Moved: Andrew Struik Seconded: Val Hopwood Carried

Appointment of Auditor for 2008 – 2009

Motion: That Ian Thomson be appointed Auditor for BFACT for 2008 –2009.

Moved: Andrew Struik Seconded: Valmai Mitchell Carried

The Treasurer Andrew Struik expressed thanks to Ian Thomson for his work.

Affiliation Fees

Motion: That the annual affiliation fee for 2007-8 be \$7.00 (including GST) for all members.

Moved: Janet Kahler Seconded: Earl Dudley Carried

8. Tournament Secretary

The Tournament Secretary (Peter Kahler) tabled his report and highlighted the following:

- BFACT Tournament Objectives
- BFACT Tournament Regulations were reviewed during the year and promulgated from 1 July 2008. They are available on the BFACT Website.
- The Tournament Secretary listed ACT Representative Players in 2008 and acknowledged their achievements.
- The success of the Women's Training Squad was noted and the leaders congratulated.
- The Gala Butler Pairs Event has been introduced to select Canberra 2 and the Restricted/Provincial GNOT Teams and to provide an opportunity for pairs at all levels to be competitive.
- A Last Train Butler Pairs Event will be held on March 29 2009 to qualify two pairs for the 2009 ACT Open Team Selection final to be held on 3-5 April 2009.

9. Election of Office Bearers

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

- President – Roy Nixon
Nominated: Rebecca Plush Seconded: Susan Scerri
- Vice President – Rebecca Plush
Nominated: Susan Scerri Seconded: Earl Dudley
- Secretary – Rebecca Thornberry
Nominated Susan Scerri Seconded: Andrew Struik
- Treasurer – Emlyn Williams
Nominated Andrew Struik Seconded: Rebecca Plush
- Tournament Secretary – Peter Kahler
Nominated: Rebecca Plush Seconded: Roy Nixon

There being no other nominations all five were declared elected unopposed

10. Other Business

Janet Kahler asked the meeting to record its appreciation to Valmai Mitchell for her contributions to bridge in the ACT through her work on BFACT Council and at the Canberra

Bridge Club. Roy Nixon endorsed Janet Kahler's remarks and expressed his personal thanks for Valmai's contributions to BFACT activities

The meeting closed at 5.35 pm.

24 October 2008

Minutes of BFACT Council Meeting
Friday 24 October 2008 at the Canberra Bridge Club

1. WELCOME

Roy Nixon (President BFACT) opened the meeting at 5.35pm and welcomed the new council.

Present: Roy Nixon, Rebecca Plush, Peter Kahler, Earl Dudley, Emlyn Williams, Andrew Struik.

Apologies: Bec Thornberry, Bruce Crossman.

Quorum: As there were five or more members of Council present, there was a quorum.

2. BFACT AGM

Consideration of this item was brought forward.

2.1. Matters Arising

Earl Dudley formally notified the Council that he was continuing as the CBC representative.

Roy Nixon informed Council that Bruce Crossman would be continuing as the SCBC representative.

Action: Bec Thornberry to contact the other clubs (Monaro, Cootamundra, Capital) to confirm their representatives.

2.2. Supplemental Councillors

Motion: That Andrew Struik be appointed a Supplemental Councillor.

Moved: Earl Dudley Seconded: Peter Kahler Motion Carried.

3. MINUTES

3.1. Acceptance

Motion: That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 September 2008, be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Roy Nixon Seconded: Peter Kahler Motion Carried

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

Action items have been discussed either as part of the agenda, are complete or have been deferred with the exception of item 3. Their current status is listed in the Attachment.

Action Item 3 – Andrew Struik reported that he believed all masterpointing had been done until at least 30 June 2008, however Earl Dudley reported that he had received some complaints about some events that had not been done.

Action: Earl Dudley to compile a list of events that have not yet been masterpointed to present to Council at the next meeting.

Council discussed various issues around masterpointing including who would be the State Masterpoint Secretary into the future.

*Motion: Andrew Struik to investigate options for masterpointing and to report back at the next meeting.
Moved: Peter Kabler Secoded: Earl Dudley Motion Carried*

4. YOUTH BRIDGE

4.1. Youth Bridge Report

In the absence of the Youth Coordinator, there was no youth bridge report.

4.2. Youth Week and the Summer Festival of Bridge (SFOB)

Council discussed the subsidy for Youth Week and the SFOB, specifically whether this was funded from the general youth budget and whether we needed to approve subsidies each year. Andrew Struik indicated that as it was highly discretionary. In prior years, it has been left to the Youth Coordinator to determine what is the best way to expend these funds.

Earl Dudley suggested that all youth activities be put into a single budgetary item and that a youth sub-committee composed of the youth coordinator and one other councillor to manage this budget and liaise with Council on key issues.

*Motion: That a budget of \$1000 be retained for Youth Bridge to cover all activities (noting that the PABF subsidy this year was an extraordinary event and is considered separate). Moved: Earl Dudley
Secoded: Peter Kabler. Motion Carried.*

Action: The Youth Coordinator is to prepare a budget for youth bridge in consultation with the Treasurer for presentation to Council.

All expenditure must be made in consultation with the Treasurer and reported to Council in the usual manner.

5. BFACT TOURNAMENT ISSUES

5.1. Tournament Secretary Report

Peter Kahler tabled a report on the GNOT Gala Pairs event run 19 October 2008 (attached).

Motion: That the Canberra 2 team of Stephen Fischer, Marianne Bookalil, Earl Dudley, Niek van Vucht be ratified.

*Moved: Peter Kahler Seconded: Rebecca Plush
Note – Earl Dudley abstained from the vote.*

Motion Carried.

Motion: That the Canberra Provincial team of Tony Jowett, Francis McCoull, Ian Dalziel, Terry Berrenger, Laura Ginnan, Stephen Williams be ratified.

Moved: Peter Kahler Seconded: Rebecca Plush

Motion Carried.

Peter Kahler then tabled the draft BFACT calendar (attached). Council discussed:

- Open team qualification – Five places will be offered to go to the final. Places will only be offered down to 50% of the field. Any remaining places will be left to the last train.
- The Novice/Intermediate/Restricted last train will be held concurrently with the open event.
- Bridge players outside the BFACT region will be allowed to participate.
- State Swiss Pairs – This appears to have been dropped as a State event and has reverted to being a CBC event

Action – Peter Kahler to discuss with David Hoffman regard BFACT taking on the State Swiss Pairs, including putting up an honour board.

- Council discussed getting clubs other than CBC to run events. Earl mentioned that there has been some player resistance to paying \$3 for BFACT events. This appears to largely be due to players not understanding the difference between CBC and BFACT events. To counteract this, BFACT will work with CBC to promote BFACT events as special.
- Novice is less than 100 masterpoints per person, Restricted is less than 300 masterpoints per person and Intermediate is a combined total of less than 1000 masterpoints. This needs to be translated in some equitable way to Grand Slam player ratings.

Action – Peter Kahler to develop specific policy for translation of masterpoint rankings to Grand Slam player rankings.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

The following payments since the last BFACT Council meeting were ratified:

-	Capital Bridge Club	Advance for promotion	\$550.00
-	Monaro Bridge Club	Advance for promotion	\$550.00
-	A.Struik	7x\$40 ANC assistance Youth Team	\$280.00
-	ABF MPC	Sep Qtr a/c	\$215.63
-	S Scerri	USB memory stick	\$12.98
-	ATO	GST for 2007-08	\$84.00
-	V Mitchell	Gift for D Hoffman	\$40.00

Andrew Struik gave the report as the outgoing Treasurer.

- Budget – a budget was presented and agreed by council.
- Payments – the list of payments was endorsed.
- The fees and revenue base was discussed as we would like to enhance the revenue base. The new treasurer, Emlyn Williams, will look into this as part of his role. Council discussed the per session, capitation and weekend fees.

Motion: That the fees or 2009 remain at the same level as 2008.

Moved: Andrew Struik.

Seconded: Peter Kabler

Motion Carried.

7. ABF

No discussion.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

8.1. Correspondence

Nil.

8.2. BFACT Website

Rebecca Plush is continuing to work with Avril to update the website.

8.3. ANC 2009

No discussion.

8.4. Other

It is likely that Val Mitchell will be leaving Canberra. BFACT is grateful for her service and will arrange an appropriate farewell.

Action – Peter Kahler to discuss with Janet Kahler for an appropriate farewell if Val does leave.

9. CLUB HAPPENINGS

Earl Dudley discussed the CBC Bulletin (produced intermediately at best) and BFACT News (currently not being produced). All State/ Territory association have bulletins except the NT and us. The NSW bulletin is especially good. Council agreed that BFACT should have a bulletin and that it may be that someone needs to be paid to do it. To be discussed further.

10. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting to be held Friday, 21 November 2008 at the CBC at 5:30pm.

The meeting closed at 7:05pm.

06 February 2009

**Minutes BFACT Council Meeting
at CBC Friday 6 February 2009 commencing at 5.34pm**

1. Present

Roy Nixon, Rebecca Plush, Earl Dudley, Emlyn Williams, Andrew Struik, Bec Thornberry, Peter Kahler, Ian Dalziell

Observer

Griff Ware

Apologies

Dora Theunissen and Michael Rabey.

2. Minutes of the meeting of 21 November 2008

Confirmed.

3. Treasurer

Motion: That the following payments be endorsed:

ABF GNOT entry fees \$2350.00

Sean Mullamphy GNOT boards \$105.60

Sean Mullamphy Directors' course \$195.00

Summer Festival Youth entry subsidy \$80.00

Moved: Roy Nixon Seconded: Earl Dudley Carried

4. Tournament Secretary

State Mixed Pairs

A proposal for the State Mixed Pairs event was tabled.

Council discussed the participation of players not eligible to represent the ACT, in particular, people from outside the ACT participating in selection events. It was noted that ABF Youth club members who are residents of the BFACT region can be granted temporary membership of BFACT. The rules regarding eligibility were approved for this particular event. This issue will be reconsidered for other events.

Last Train and Gala Butler Pairs

A proposal for the Last Train and Gala Butler Pairs was tabled.

Council supported the idea of including an intermediate category, although it was acknowledged that using MP to define categories may not be an accurate measure of a player's skill. These divisions were successful in the last Gala Event, attracting lots of daytime players, and as such act as a good promotional exercise and may encourage these players to compete in other BFACT events.

It is hoped that the event will attract 30+ tables. Even allowing for the set-up costs for trophies, it was expected that the event would make a profit over time.

Motion: The trophies for the Last Train Gala Event be approved pending consultation with CBC.

Moved: Earl Dudley Seconded: Rebecca Plush Carried

5. Youth Bridge

Youth Week and the Summer Festival

Six ACT youth players qualified for the selection event for the Australian Youth Team. Sebastian Yuen progressed to the playoff for the Australian, but narrowly missed out on a place. A number of other local players participated in youth week and went on to compete in Summer Festival events.

Youth Budget

Income

BFACT Contribution	1000
Donations	0
ANUSA	200
Fundraising	0

Expenditure

BFACT Entry Fees*	300
SFOB Entry Fees*	200
ABF Youth Week*	150
Travel Subsidies (Triathlon)*	100
Klinger Tour*	50
ANUBC	200
Friday Afternoon Costs*	100
Admin costs*	50
	1150

* indicates items to be covered by BFACT funds.

6. ABF

VBA Intervention

BFACT Council considered the motion to expel the VBA pursuant to clause 29(3) of the Constitution to be put to the ABF AGM in March (subject to compliance with the By-Laws). It was noted that only one of the three motions proposed was consistent with the ABF Constitution and could be put to the ABF meeting. The question for BFACT to address is whether Council is in favour of allowing the resolution to be discussed at the AGM.

It was agreed that there are insufficient criteria relating to membership by State Associations in the ABF constitution to resolve the motion being put forward which means that even if the motion were allowed to proceed, the issue could not be resolved fairly. There are no grounds specified in the Constitution upon which membership of the ABF can be questioned. The importance of setting criteria by which to measure the success and fairness of the representative nature of state bodies was noted as being particularly important in deciding issues such as this.

Council agreed that there is no objection to putting forward a motion along the lines being put. However BFACT is strongly of the view that the present Constitution is seriously deficient in that it does not set down the criteria against which Councillors would be able to assess the suitability of a state/territory organisation to become an affiliate to the ABF. In the opinion of BFACT this flaw in the Constitution makes the removal of state affiliates for any reason difficult to justify. This flaw is not sufficient reason however for not letting Councillors bring such a motion to expel if they wish.

Secondly BFACT would see merit in a second motion being put to the AGM to rectify the deficiencies in the Constitution ie authorising work to begin immediately on changes to the Constitution establishing proper criteria that state and territory affiliates must conform to in order to maintain their affiliate status. These criteria should recognise the need for each state or territory affiliate to provide equal representation to every ABF affiliated club within their jurisdiction

BFACT appointment to ABF council

Motion: That Roy Nixon be reappointed as BFACT representative to the ABF.

Moved :Peter Kahler Seconded: Earl Dudley Carried

Action: The Secretary to notify the ABF Secretary of BFACT's decision to reappoint Roy Nixon as their representative to ABF.

Marketing Grant

Capital Bridge Club Report

A report from Capital Bridge Club is attached.

South Canberra Bridge Club Application

An application from South Canberra Bridge Club for reimbursement for attendance at the Director's Development Course is attached.

Motion: That BFACT approve the application from South Canberra Bridge Club.

Moved: Peter Kahler Seconded: Roy Nixon Carried

Ron Klinger Tour

Funds from the marketing grant will also be used for the joint costs of the Klinger Tour.

Motion: That BFACT allocate funds from the ABF Marketing Grant to cover the joint costs of the Ron Klinger Tour.

Moved: Peter Kahler Seconded: Earl Dudley Carried

CBC Application

Canberra Bridge Club put forward a proposal to use funds from the ABF Marketing Grant to contribute towards projects to improve the club rooms to make them more attractive to new members. An amended version of this application will be circulated before the next BFACT meeting.

7. Other business

Masterpoint for BFACT Events

A report outlining the procedure for masterpointing BFACT events was tabled by the Masterpoint Secretary. The main issues are that in the case of multi-stage events, the directors need to know that there may be issues with masterpoints

When developing tournament regulations it needs to be on the Tournament Secretary's checklist to consider complexities regarding masterpoints. To resolve this issue the Tournament Secretary should notify the Masterpoint Secretary of the regulations of upcoming events.

The proposal was approved. It was agreed that the Masterpoint Secretary should be formally on the Tournament Committee and that the Masterpoint Secretary be consulted when BFACT considers new tournament regulations.

Interclub Teams

A report on the progress of the Interclub Teams event was tabled.

Clubs have been invited to participate in the Interclub Teams event. The first round of the event will be held on 18th April at Canberra Bridge Club.

Directors' Course

Thirteen people attended the Director's Course, with six subsequently submitting papers to qualify as directors.

It was agreed that it would be beneficial to run another Director's Course later this year, and that it would consider running an advanced course. It was also noted that the mentoring of new directors by senior directors is an effective way of improving the standard of directing.

Ron Klinger Tour

Micheal Rabey has been co-ordinating this event. Suggestions for topics are required.

ANC 2009

A proposed budget is attached.

The budget presented is based on an ABF approved template. Difficulties have been encountered in deciphering the ABF budget and the budgets from previous ANCs. These budgets are providing little use as a precedent for the committee to follow.

It was noted that Council needs to ensure that the costs that are projected are off-set by the numbers of participants that we expect to be attracting. It was emphasised that these costs must be proportional to the size of each event

The ANC committee asked BFACT to consider whether it would be feasible to run a bus service between accommodation and the ANC venue.

The ANC committee has asked Peter Kahler to draw up congress regulations; the championship regulations come from the tournament unit.

New Honour Boards

Canberra Bridge Club President, David Hoffman, has suggested that there is a need to review our current honour boards (format, costs, location etc.).

Peter Kahler and Earl Dudley will liaise with Canberra Bridge Club.

Proposal for New Screens

An offer to build new screens for BFACT was considered. It was agreed that it is not practical for BFACT at this present stage.

Next meeting: at CBC 20 March 2009

Attachments

Report of the Capital Bridge Club use of the second ABF Marketing Grant

Capital Bridge Club has used the funds provided by the ABF Marketing Grant to supplement the library created and financed by the first ABF Marketing Grant. \$550 was expended to purchase 25 new books. These books were purchased through Paul Lavings of Post Free Bridge. Most of the books have been delivered as at 28 January 2009. The list of books ordered is available if required. Finalisation of payment will occur when all books are received.

Our library has been a great success and is being well used by many of the members including those who would not have bothered to do so if the books were not so readily available. The level of interest in improving bridge skills has definitely increased and more of our players are becoming interested in entering higher levels of competition. This is evidenced by the number of pairs we entered in the GNP Regional Final. It might also be evidenced by the success of the team made up entirely of Capital Bridge Club players coming first in the National Novice Teams Championship at the Summer Festival of Bridge.

The additional books will provide an even wider range of resources to our new and improving players.

The Club has had 4 new members join the ABF since the end of March 2008 which represents a 5.5% increase in membership. The number of players whose home membership is with another affiliated club is also on the increase.

Capital Bridge Club
28 January 2009

Bridge Development Grant

South Canberra Bridge Club
Director Development Course

28 January 2009

The Club's Director Bruce Crossman attended the ABDA Director's Workshop in Melbourne on the weekend of 8 and 9 November, 2008. Bruce is working towards gaining his Congress Level Director's qualification. He will be running the BFACT Interclub Competition this year, taking over from David Hoffman. Bruce is also being mentored By Sean Mullumphy.

The costs are set out below.

Airfare	400
Taxis	150
Total	550
Less – ABDA travel Subsidy	270
Claim Total	280

Note there were no accommodation costs as Bruce stayed with friends in Melbourne.

SCBC would like to support the development of Directors as part of its contribution to the wider bridge fraternity in the ACT and beyond.

Budget for ANC 2009

Budget for ANC 2009	Number of tables	Bus issues at bottom Per pair	Value	Less 10% GST	Net value	
INCOME						
Sponsorship					\$5,000	
Advertising						need to develop this area in next few months
Sales						
Total marketing income						
Entry fees						
1.1 ANC Swiss Pairs	40	\$160	\$12,800	\$1,280	\$11,520	
1.2 Open Butler I	55	\$160	\$17,600	\$1,760	\$15,840	
1.3 Open Butler II	14	\$190	\$5,320	\$532	\$4,788	
1.4 Open Butler III	7	\$190	\$2,660	\$266	\$2,394	
1.5 Womens Butler I	35	\$160	\$11,200	\$1,120	\$10,080	
1.6 Womens Butler II	14	\$190	\$5,320	\$532	\$4,788	
1.7 Womens Butler III	7	\$190	\$2,660	\$266	\$2,394	
1.8 Seniors Butler A	25	\$160	\$8,000	\$800	\$7,200	
1.9 Seniors Butler B	7	\$190	\$2,660	\$266	\$2,394	
1.10 Restricted Butler	11	\$100	\$2,200	\$220	\$1,980	
2 ANC Teams			\$39,840	\$3,984	\$35,856	may
3.1 Open Pairs	11	\$80	\$1,760	\$176	\$1,584	overstate
3.2 Mixed Pairs	11	\$80	\$1,760	\$176	\$1,584	
3.3 Seniors Pairs	11	\$80	\$1,760	\$176	\$1,584	
3.4 Womens	11	\$80	\$1,760	\$176	\$1,584	

Pairs						
3.5 Youth Pairs	8	\$40	\$640	\$64	\$576	
Congress events	240	\$25	\$30,000	\$3,000	\$27,000	
Total entry fees						\$138,146
Functions						
Welcome Cocktail party						need to decide on nature of this if at all
Victory dinner						
Total function income						\$25,735

EXPENDITURE

Venue hire						
Hellenic Club					\$25,000	
Official's accommodation					\$3,600	\$28,600
Functions/catering						
Butler						
presentation						
Welcome Cocktail party						
Victory dinner						\$25,735
Overheads General						
Postage					\$600	
Bulletin					\$3,200	
Office supplies /Stationary					\$5,000	
Equipment hire					\$3,100	
Transport costs - Min bus					\$2,000	
PR equipment/VU						
graph/BBO					\$4,000	
Photocopying					\$2,500	
Telephone/ cable at venue					\$1,000	
IT expenses					\$3,000	
Program leaflets/						
Advertising					\$1,450	
Tourism Welcome						
packages					\$1,000	
Other costs for congress						
director					\$550	
Committee						
expenses					\$2,500	
Mini bus driver					\$4,500	
Preparation and analysis of						
participant survey					\$500	
Committee expenses						
Bank charges					\$470	
Welcome kit					\$1,000	
Fund raising						

supplies		
Competition expenses		
ANC & ABPC less venue		
Directors etc		\$21,007
Caddies		\$1,718
Boards		\$4,058
Trophies/ engraving	(to be paid by ABF)	
Masterpoints/ABF fees		\$8,496
Congress events		
Directors		\$14,967
Caddies		\$859
Boards		\$2,106
Prizes		\$2,000
Masterpoints /ABF fees		\$4,500
Total expenses`		\$150,416

Buses

Tables by day		NOT only needed one bus.		
		Picked up at Kingston 1		
Jul-03	90	hour before		
		Dropped off at		
Jul-04	101	venue.		
Jul-05	101	Picked up at Civic		
		Dropped off at		
Jul-06	75	venue.		
		Picked up at		
Jul-07	75	ANU * 2		
		Dropped off at		
Jul-08	61	venue.		
Jul-09	61	We would need two to cover distances		
Jul-10	61	Cost say \$6,500		
		Say Bus attracts extra tables @ \$50 per table per		
Jul-11	64	day		
Jul-12	64	No of tables	Table Revenue	People
Jul-13	43	5	\$3,500	20
Jul-14	43	10	\$7,000	40
Jul-15	43	15	\$10,500	60
Jul-16	43	20	\$14,000	80
Jul-17	43	25	\$17,500	100
Jul-18	20	30	\$21,000	120

If we attract 15 + more tables we would need more buses. No benefit in attracting up to 10 tables.

Intertown buses go every 5 minutes from Civic or Woden in day, 15 min at w/e and nights.

27 March 2009

Minutes BFACT Council Meeting
at CBC Friday 27 March 2009 commencing at 5.38pm

1. Present

Roy Nixon, Earl Dudley, Emlyn Williams, Bec Thornberry, Peter Kahler

Apologies

Rebecca Plush, Dora Theunissen, Ian Dalziell and Michael Rabey.

2. Minutes of meeting of 6 February 2009

Confirmed

3. Treasurer

Budget

Payments		
Date	Details	Amount
Feb 6	Management Fee	\$247.50
Feb 8	Sth Canberra Development Course	\$232.33
Feb 15	Masterpoint Centre	\$1077.28
Mar 21	Australia Post	\$75.00
Mar 21	Altosoft – Web ANC2009	\$1103.95
Mar 21	Klinger Tour	\$3435.00
Mar 21	Peter Kahler – trophies	\$491.70
Mar 21	Hi-Res Solutions – Brochure ANC2009	\$2139.50
Income		
Feb 1	Summer Festival – compensation	\$2200.00
Feb 9	Multipairs – Dec2008	\$138.00

Motion: That the budget be approved.

Moved: Roy Nixon Seconded: Earl Dudley Carried

ANC Accounts

ANC Committee are setting up a separate bank account. Most of the bills paid so far have been made on our books. BFACT will liaise with the ANC committee to establish separate accounts. Their books will continue to be audited along with our accounts.

Motion: That the payments set out in the attached document be approved.

Moved: Earl Dudley Seconded: Roy Nixon Carried

Motion: That a separate account be established for the ANC and that the account be managed by three signatories be determined by the ANU committee.

Moved: Earl Dudley Seconded: Peter Kahler Carried

Ron Klinger Tour

Invoices have yet to be sent to the clubs. BFACT will invoice the clubs for \$10 per person. We note that this year's numbers are significantly down compared to previous years.

Location	Session Numbers		Totals	
	2008	2009	2008	2009
Canberra	48/28	46/24	76	70
Cooma	24	34	24	34
Cootamundra	25/21	6/8	46	14
			146	118

The Council noted the pleasing increase in numbers from Cooma. On the other hand, the attendance numbers in Cootamundra were disappointing. It was agreed that future tours conducted under this program would be limited to Canberra or Cooma subject to other advice from the Cootamundra Bridge Club.

4. Tournament Secretary

State Open Pairs

A proposal for State Open Pairs event was tabled.

Gala Butler and Last Train

The qualifying stage for the Interstate Teams Selection has been completed. Not as many pairs from regional and local clubs have entered the Last Train event as anticipated, but there are restricted and novice from these clubs than was initially predicted.

Honour Boards

O going discussion with CBC president regarding Honour boards.

5. Youth Bridge

Friday Afternoon Sessions

Friday afternoon sessions have recommenced. Numbers have been steadily increasing, with 8-24 junior players coming each week. A number of junior players who have learnt to play at these Friday Afternoon sessions are now competing in the Friday evening duplicate session. The Canberra Bridge Club players and directors have been very supportive of these new players.

ANU Bridge Club

The ANU Bridge Club has re-convened for 2009. The club held a stall during ANU Orientation week to recruit new members. 75 students became members on the day. These members have been added to the ANUBC mailing list, to which over 200 people now subscribe.

Batemans Bay Congress

Youth players from ACT and NSW competed in the Batemans Bay Bridge Congress. 22 players participated in this event. The Batemans Bay Bridge Club was wonderfully supportive of our participation in their congress, and created new prize categories for the best placed junior players. Thanks also to NSWBA and Friends of Youth Bridge for providing financial support for this event.

6. ABF Matters

A report on the Marketing Grant is attached.

This will be presented to the ABF AGM which is to be held tomorrow.

7. Other business:

ANC

A report from Lyn Turner was tabled. This report will be presented to the ABF AGM tomorrow.

Interclub teams

Entries for the Interclub teams are progressing. So far eight teams entered in the seniors event and seven in the restricted. It was suggested that a Youth team could be entered in the Restricted event to give new juniors the opportunity to participate in a teams competition and to help ensure that there are a convenient number of teams for the event.

Next Meeting: 24 April

ABF PROMOTION/MARKETING GRANT: BFACT PROGRESS REPORT

Please accept our apologies for the slight lateness in lodging this report. BFACT would like to thank the ABF for the \$6,000 Promotion and Marketing Grant in 2008. The money is extremely useful permitting the ACT clubs to pursue a number of activities/initiatives greatly benefiting their members and encouraging new members.

At the BFACT Council Meeting on 19 July 2008 the BFACT Council decided to invite applications from BFACT Affiliated Clubs for funding from the ABF Promotion/Marketing Grant for projects in keeping with the ABF guidelines. The Council wrote to all BFACT Affiliated Clubs on 23 July inviting expressions of interest for funding from the Grant.

Applications for funding from the 2008 ABF Bridge Promotion Grants 2008/2009 were received from four of the five ACT affiliated clubs and all were approved as follows:

1. **Capital Bridge Club** was given \$550 to expand the library it set up in 2007 from an earlier grant from the ABF. 25 new books were purchased. In reporting back to BFACT, Capital commented: "Our library has been a great success and is being well used by many of the members including those who would not have bothered to do so if the books were not so readily available. The level of interest in improving bridge skills has definitely increased and more of our players are becoming interested in entering higher levels of competition. This is evidenced by the number of pairs we entered in the GNP Regional Final. It might also be evidenced by the success of the team made up entirely of Capital Bridge Club players coming first in the National Novice Teams Championship at the Summer Festival of Bridge. Capital reported 4 new members join the ABF since the end of March 2008 which represents a 5.5% increase in membership.
2. **Monaro Bridge Club** was also granted \$550 to run beginners and refresher courses. Importantly the lessons were to be both in Cooma but also in Nimmitabel hence extending the Club's reach into more country areas. This should increase member numbers in time. Monaro commented that they would like to continue this initiative next year if more funds are available.
3. **South Canberra Bridge Club** was granted \$280 to assist one of its keener directors, Bruce Crossman, attend the ABDA-run Director Development Course in Melbourne last October. The club commented that improving directing skills is an important aspect of running a more successful club and can make a big difference in the number of tables each week. Bruce had attended the more basic/intermediate courses run by BFACT locally but needed to extend his skills through access to more information and this course was extremely helpful to his continuing development.
4. The **Canberra Bridge Club** was granted \$4,000 towards a number of ongoing initiatives including bridge advertising for teaching, improvements to their website and improvements to their club premises to make bridge playing more pleasurable for members. For example they decided to acquire a 52" LCD television to use to display results, club events, etc which cost \$4,200. The CBC reported that such improvements may have contributed to higher overall table numbers in the past 1-2 years of about 10 tables a week.

In addition to specific club initiatives BFACT Council approved \$1200 from the ABF Bridge Promotion Grant to be spent co-ordinating and promoting the annual Ron Klinger Teaching Tour in the region. It is through this teaching tour that BFACT's fifth affiliated club, Cootamundra receives some benefit as Ron gives two lessons there during his visit. The feedback from all of Ron's sessions is always very positive and helps revitalise interest from time to time.

BFACT has sighted copies of receipts as required by the guidelines and all purchases have included GST so the ABF may claim back the GST as necessary. Once again, BFACT Council appreciates the opportunities to promote bridge in the region that have been made possible by the ABF Promotion/Marketing Grant and hope that they will be continued in 2009.

Rebecca Thornberry, Secretary BFACT

24 April 2009

**Minutes BFACT Council Meeting
at CBC Friday 24 April 2009 commencing at 5.40pm**

1. Present

Roy Nixon, Earl Dudley, Bec Thornberry, Peter Kahler, Rebecca Plush, Ian Dalziell

Apologies

Dora Theunissen, Emlyn Williams and Michael Rabey.

2. Minutes of the meeting of 6 February

Confirmed.

3. Treasurer

Tabled in the Treasurer's absence.

Date	Details	Amount
Payments		
Apr 4	Peter Kahler -Gala Pairs costs	\$361.27
Apr 15	Transfer of ANC 2009 grant money to ANC account	\$4400.33
Apr 19	Peter Kahler - Update of perpetual trophies	\$49.50
Income		
Apr 20	Gala Pairs	\$1695.00

Motion: That the transaction summary be accepted and the payments endorsed

Moved: Bruce Crossman Seconded: Peter Kahler Carried

At future meetings, Council would like to see tracking of the expenditure against the annual budget.

4. Tournament Secretary

State Open Pairs

The Tournament Secretary reported on the State Open Pairs event.

Gala Butler and Last Train

The Tournament Secretary reported on the Gala Butler and Last Train event.

Feedback about categories was positive although some novice players did not want to compete against restricted players. Thanks were received from both Beverley Carmichael and Valmai Mitchell.

Motion: Peter to purchase two framed pictures to thank Beverly and Valmai.

Moved: Bruce Crossman Seconded: Rebecca Plush Carried

State Swiss Pairs

A proposal for a State Swiss Pairs event was tabled. Regulations will be circulated to the tournament committee.

The event will be run in three divisions: Open, Intermediate and Restricted. Eligibility for these categories will be determined by Masterpoints until a new ranking scheme is implemented by ABF. The club representatives were very keen to receive more information about the new ABF Masterpoint scheme and the two-year roll-out strategy for the new ranking scheme.

It was suggested that BFACT make this an honour board event as currently there is no honour board event for Swiss pairs.

ACT Interstate Open Team Selection

The final of the Selection event for the ACT Interstate Open Team was held.

The team will be ratified by Council once all selection events have been completed.

ACT Seniors and Women's Interstate Teams Selection

Proposals for the Seniors' and Women's Selection events were tabled. The format of these events will be the same as the final for the Open Teams selection event.

ANC Entries for ACT Teams

Rebecca Plush to co-ordinate the completion of the ANC Entry and System cards as in 2009 for all ACT representative teams.

ANC Matchpoint Pairs Events

BFACT can enter three pairs in each category of the ANC Matchpoint Pairs event (Open, Womens, Seniors, Mixed and Youth). The council agreed that interested affiliated clubs can run events to qualify pairs for these categories.

5. Youth Bridge

Friday Afternoon Sessions are continuing. A number of junior players who have been attending these sessions competed in the Interclub Teams competition. Students from ANU have been competing in the University Online Bridge Tournament. ACT Youth Interstate Team Selection will be held on the same weekend as the Seniors Interstate Team Selection (16-17 May) if there are sufficient numbers.

6. ABF

6.1 Administration of Bridge in Victoria

Following discussions between VBA and FABCV at the Annual General Meeting of the ABF, a letter was circulated to all affiliated Victorian clubs formalising the understanding reached by the parties. Attached to these minutes.

7. Other business

ANC Accounts

ANC Running Account Summary to date

Date	Details	Amount
Payments		
Apr 23, 2007	Hellenic Club deposit	\$400.00
May 13, 2008	ANC2009 Convenor costs at ANC2008	\$1987.05
July 22, 2008	ANC2009 flyers	\$50.00
Feb 2, 2009	ANC2009 web site	\$1103.95

Mar 27, 2009	ANC2009 booklet	\$2139.50
Apr 15, 2009	Transfer of grant money to ANC2009 account	\$4400.00
Income		
Jan 20, 2009	80% of ACT grant for ANC2009	\$4400.00

In order to better facilitate communication between the two committees, it was recommend someone from BFACT be on the ANC committee.

Council discussed whether ACT clubs ought to close during the second week of the ANC. Second week vulnerable because of the number of congress events held that week. Congress events will be at a level suitable to club players. The success of these events depends on participation of local members and as such BFACT asks that clubs close in order to support the ANC.

Interclub Teams

A report on the first round of the Interclub Teams event was tabled. BFACT to approach Cooma to enter in the second round (with an adjusted starting score)

Directors' Course

Ian Dalziell will coordinate a club level course in September. BFACT will investigate the potential for a congress level course later in the year.

International Representatives

ACT players Ian Thomson, Richard Brightling, Ian Robinson, Arjuna De Livera and Peter Reynolds, (along with Queensland team mate David Appleton) have been selected to represent Australia in the Bermuda Bowl this year. Roy Nixon has been selected as the non-playing captain for this team.

Margaret Bourke will captain the Australian Women's Team competing in the Venice Cup.

Liz Havas has been selected to play on the Australian Women's team competing in the PABF Championships.

David Hoffman has qualified for the Australian Seniors Team competing in the E. d'Orsi Senior Bowl.

Next Meeting: 29 May

26 June 2009

Minutes BFACT Council Meeting at CBC Friday 26 June 2009 commencing at 5.36pm

1. Present

Roy Nixon, Earl Dudley, Emlyn Williams, Bec Thornberry, Peter Kahler, Ian Dalziell

Apologies

Dora Theunissen and Michael Rabey.

3. Minutes of the meeting of 24 April 2009

Confirmed.

Matters arising

Council had endorsed the ACT Representative Teams for the 2009 ANC intersessionally.

4. Treasurer

Treasurer tabled a table of payments and income and a running statement of Financial Performance.

Motion: That the transaction summary be accepted and the payments be endorsed
Moved: Peter Kahler Seconded: Roy Nixon Carried

5. Tournament Secretary

State Swiss Pairs

The Tournament Secretary reported on the State Swiss Pairs event. It was agreed that BFACT will recognise this as an on-going state event.

The Tournament Secretary will investigate the purchase of an honour board. A number of proposals were tabled and discussed but deemed to be too expensive. The Tournament Secretary will continue to liaise with CBC regarding honour boards.

GNOT and Gala Pairs Weekend

The format of a selection event to select the second Canberra team for the GNOT was discussed. Further discussion will be had at the next meeting. MP Secretary will discuss the issues of the payment of MP with CBC.

Council needs to resolve how many teams Canberra will select (and fund) to play in the GNOT (i.e., Canberra 2 and ACT Provincial). The Gala Pairs can be run to fund one of these teams.

Concerns were expressed about the tournament regulations. It was suggested that BFACT raise this issue during discussions for the calendar for 2010.

Motion: The Tournament Secretary discuss with CBC transferring responsibility for running a selection event for the Canberra 1 team for the GNOT to BFACT.

Moved: Peter Kahler Seconded: Roy Nixon Carried

GNP

Council discussed the GNP. Council acknowledges that CBC does not wish to run a regional final this year. Furthermore, Council needs to discover whether advice has been given by the ABF to clubs in the BFACT region regarding the selection of pairs to the GNP.

6. Youth Bridge

Laura Ginnan and Stephen Williams will be representing Australia in the Under 21 team at the PABF in Macau later this month.

7. ABF

Marketing Grant

An application for funding has been received from Cooma.

Motion: That BFACT approve the application for funding from Cooma.

Moved: Roy Nixon Seconded: Peter Kahler Carried

A marketing Grant for BFACT has been approved by the ABF. The Secretary will send an invitation to clubs to make submissions for funding.

A National Directors' Course will be held later this year. Council encourages clubs to send interested directors, with costs subsidised by the ABF Marketing Grant. BFACT recognises that improving the knowledge of directors improves the marketability of clubs. Council also notes that ABDA also provides some level of travel subsidy.

8. Other Business

ANC 2009

Council thanks all the Canberra-based clubs for their positive response to BFACT's request to support the ANC. CBC is organising specific promotional events for the ANC congress, including subsidising players to enter these events. South Canberra is closing for the week and is encouraging their members to enter by offering specific prizes for their members. Capital has also helped publicise events and has contributed prizes for events.

Concerns were raised about the cut-off dates for entries as publicised on the ANC website. Congress events are generally walk-in events. It was suggested that entries for these congress events should be up to the day of entry and that prizes for these events should be for all categories, including restricted and novice players.

Council discussed the proposed subsidy for ACT Representative teams to attend the ANC Victory Dinner.

Motion: That BFACT cover the full cost of ACT representative teams to attend the Victory Dinner at the 2009 ANC

Moved: Roy Nixon Seconded: Emlyn Williams Carried

Club level Directors Course

Club level Directors' Course is to be held in September. The feasibility of a Congress level course is being investigated.

Next Meeting: 31 July

31 July 2009

**Minutes BFACT Council Meeting
at CBC Friday 31 July 2009 commencing at 5.40pm**

1. Present

Roy Nixon, Earl Dudley, Bec Thornberry, Peter Kahler, Ian Dalziell, Rebecca Plush, Bruce Crossman

Apologies

Emlyn Williams, Dora Theunissen and Michael Rabey.

2. Minutes of the meeting of 26 June 2009

Confirmed

3. Treasurer

A table of payments and income and a running statement of Financial Performance was circulated in the Treasurer's absence.

Motion: That the transaction summary be accepted and the payments be endorsed

Moved: Rebecca Plush Seconded: Roy Nixon Carried

4. Tournament Secretary

ANC

Congratulations to all the ACT teams. Representatives who placed in events will be recorded in the Tournament Secretary's report at the AGM.

State Open Teams

This event will be divided into two divisions, the cut off set at 1500MP. 16 teams have entered. Eight will qualify for finals: four in each division.

Gala Pairs and the Selection of GNOT Teams

Please note that this event will be held on the same day as the BFACT AGM.

This event will be in the same format as last year. There will be three divisions: Open (to select the Canberra 2 team), restricted (to select the ACT Provincial team), and novice. It was agreed that a discount on entry fees will be offered for youth players and for players who have never played in a weekend event before.

The event will select a four-player team. Teams have the option to augment a third pair to make up a team of six if they chose (the total subsidy for a team will be the same, regardless of the number of team members). The winning pair will appoint a captain, the second pair will automatically become part of the team, and the team as a whole has can choose to add a third pair.

GNP

Concern was expressed about raising the money to pay for subsidies for players who qualify for the National event. BFACT could agree to underwrite the risk. It was suggested that clubs run their qualifying events as they wish. They will pay a fee per pair to BFACT to enter their pairs into the regional final. There is the potential for BFACT to run this even late in November. BFACT would nominate a director/co-ordinate to organise the regional final event. They will liaise with clubs to determine entries.

Notionally set aside Saturday 14 November for a regional final

Action: Peter to approach Gordon Henderson offering an honoraria of \$300 to both co-ordinate and direct the regional final.

Action: South Canberra's offer to host the event would be greatly appreciated - Bruce to check with his club.

5. ABF

Marketing Grant

Action: Councillors to raise with their clubs the opportunity to apply for funds from the ABF Marketing Grant.

6. Other business:

ANC 2009

Council express a desire to see a Convenor's Report from the 2009 ANC.

Action: Roy to write to Lyn to thank her for her dedication, and request a report for the next BFACT meeting and inviting her to attend the next BFACT meeting.

BFACT Website

Council discussed options for improving the BFACT website.

Action: Earl to raise suggestion with CBC.

Action: Bec and Earl to liaise with Molly to initiate the integration of the BFACT website if practical

Directors' Course

The Director's Course will be held on 5 September despite only five expressions of interest. (None from Canberra or South Canberra.)

The possibility of holding a Congress level course is still being investigated. A number of directors have shown interest and it will be a matter of determining a time when those interested are available.

Action: Clubs to advertise the directors' course

Next Meeting: Saturday 29 August, 5.30pm at South Canberra Bridge Club in the Woden Southern Cross Club).

Note: we've had an email from Valmai who is doing well in her new place in Melbourne.

29 August 2009

Minutes BFACT Council Meeting at CBC Friday 29 August 2009 commencing at 5.43pm

Earl Dudley (CBC Representative) chaired the meeting.

1. Present:

Earl Dudley, Bec Thornberry, Peter Kahler, Emlyn Williams, Lynne Moss, Dora Theunissen and Bruce Crossman

Apologies

Roy Nixon, Ian Dalziell, Rebecca Plush and Michael Rabey.

2. Minutes of the meeting of 30 July 2009

Confirmed

3. Treasurer

The treasurer noted that he has now closed the Ord Minute Account. BFACT now has only one account.

AGM Preparation

Action Emlyn will meet with Ian Thomson to prepare financial statements for AGM

Action: Roy and Emlyn discuss with Andrew Kettle the state of the Barry Turner Fund

Action: Roy and Emlyn to examine the capitation fee (especially with respect to CPI) and advice council at the next BFACT council meeting.

4. Tournament Secretary

GNP

Gordon Henderson has agreed to co-ordinate and direct the regional final of the GNP to be held on 14 November 2009. Payment is still to be negotiated. Thanks to South Canberra for offering to host GNP Final

Action: Bruce to discuss with Gordon about facilities at Southern Cross Club

Action: Each club to let Peter know how many pairs they are qualifying and request that they qualify the maximum number of pairs they are allowed to under the regulations.

Gala Pairs and the Selection of GNOT Teams

This event will be held on the same day as the BFACT AGM. The MP requirement for the Novice category will be set at 25 MP. The event will only qualify four places for each of the two GNOT teams. Teams will have a choice to add another pair if they wish.

Eligibility of Entrants for Events with Masterpoint Restrictions

The eligibility of entrants for events with Masterpoint restrictions was discussed. It was agreed that the cut-off for restricted events (and other similar MP-restricted categories) be set according to the latest official MP publication before the event is advertised. The implementation of this policy must be written into the regulations for the event. Supplementary regulations will state which quarter MP will apply.

State Open Teams

The recently concluded State Open Teams event was discussed. It was noted that it was difficult to keep a team together for such a long period. It was suggested that the length of event should be shortened, in particular the President's Plate changed to a butler pairs event.

Action: During calendar negotiations, recommend that president's plate be changed to a butler pairs.

5. ABF Matters

Marketing Grant

An application for funding has been received from Capital Bridge Club.

It was noted that BFACT would be amenable to assisting clubs seeking to send members to ABDA with travel costs.

Action: Councillors to raise with their clubs the opportunity to apply for funds from the ABF Marketing Grant.

6. Other business:

ANC 2009

Council still wishes to see a Convenor's Report from the 2009 ANC.

Action: Roy to request a Convenor's Report from the 2009 ANC.

BFACT Website

CBC has agreed to co-host our website if it proves possible, but Council need to examine the practicalities (especially with respect to updating the content).

Action: Bec to liaise with Molly to initiate the integration of the BFACT website

Directors' Course

The Director's Course will be held on 5 September. So far the event has attracted 10 registrants.

A Congress level course will be run on 8 November (changed from 15 November). So far 7 people have registered.

Action: Clubs to advertise Director's Course

Ethics

ABF has written to state organizations asking them to review their arrangements for dealing with complaints and issues of ethics. Council considered this matter and concluded that current regulations sufficiently address this concern.

Next Meeting: Friday 25 September

02 October 2009

**Minutes BFACT Council Meeting
at CBC Friday 2 October 2009 commencing at 5.35pm**

1. Present

Roy Nixon, Earl Dudley, Emlyn Williams, Peter Kahler, Rebecca Plush and Lynne Moss (for Ian Dalzeill)

Apologies

Ian Dalzeill, Dora Theunissen, Bruce Crossman, Rebecca Thornberry and Michael Rabey.

2. Minutes of the meeting of 29 August 2009.

Confirmed subject to an amendment relating to the issue of allowing substitutes from unsuccessful teams

3. Treasurer

The Treasurer discussed the 2008-09 financial statements and the auditor's report which will be presented at the AGM. It is expected that the auditor's report will be signed shortly.

Of particular interest was that most of the income and expenditure from the ANC will be reported in the 2009-10 financial statements, not in this year's statements. A note will be added to the 2008-09 accounts dealing with this matter.

4. Tournament Secretary

GNP Regional Final

Council discussed the GNP Regional Final, noting that it was expected that SCBC and Capital would send six pairs each, plus hopefully eight pairs from CBC and other affiliated clubs. Council agreed that, whilst we were entitled to send up to **four** pairs to the GNP National Final in Canberra at the Summer Festival, the receipts from the Regional Final would likely not justify four pairs being supported for the National Final unless BFACT was prepared to wear a large loss. It was agreed that if Regional Final receipts did not justify four pairs then we would only nominate three pairs as we did in 2009.

Calendar

The 2010 calendar negotiations with the CBC will begin soon and there may be some discussions about how to ensure BFACT maintains its existing revenue arising out of the proposed shortening of the State Open Teams in 2010.

Tournament Regulations

The Tournament Regulations will be reviewed by the new committee, especially to examine the substitution rules.

5. ABF Matters

Marketing Grant

An application for funding has been received from Capital.

Motion: That BFACT approve the application for funding from Capital.

Moved: Roy Nixon Seconded: Peter Kahler Motion Carried

Earl and Emlyn are to investigate whether CBC was paid their marketing grant for 2008 as there seems to be some confusion/

6. Other Business

ANC 2009

Council discussed the possibility of getting the ANC financial report reviewed/audited once it has been completed, in advance of the 2009-10 financial statement audit, but decided against it. The ANC Convenor will be asked by the President to present a report to the AGM on the outcomes etc though it was noted that this will pre-date consideration by BFACT and the ABF of her formal report and financial results.

Website

Council discussed the BFACT website as no further action has been taken yet. President to encourage Rebecca Thornberry to progress this as quickly as possible.

Next Meeting: 6 November 2009.