

Minutes 2009 AGM and 2009-10 BFACT Council Meetings
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06 November 2009

Minutes BFACT Council Meeting at CBC Friday 6 November commencing at 5.39pm

Present: Roy Nixon, Bec Thornberry, Peter Kahler, Emlyn Williams, Val Brockwell

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

1. Minutes of meeting of 2 October 2009

Confirmed

Matters arising

Marketing grant paid to CBC? No.

2. Treasurer

The Treasurer updated council on the financial status of the Federation. The report tabled did not include the post-ANC figures. The ANC Treasurer is still in the process of winding up the account.

A formal report on the ANC, including complete financial statements, will be presented to the ABF management committee. Concerns were raised about whether the profits from the ANC will be sufficient to fund ACT teams to attend ANCs throughout the coming ANC cycle.

Action: Treasure and President to co-ordinate report to ABF recommending action to ameliorate the loss of anticipated income for the coming 7-year cycle.

Action: Treasurer to draft a budget for the next meeting.

The issue of whether to raise the entry fee charged for ABF events for 2010 was also discussed. It was suggested that this issue be resolved next meeting.

3. Tournament Secretary

Last Train and Butler Pairs

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

GNP Regional Final

Council discussed the GNP Regional Final. It was suggested that plans for this event be made earlier in the year and that clubs attempt to raise the prestige of qualifying events.

4. Youth Bridge

The Youth Co-ordinator updated the council ongoing youth bridge activities. It was noted that David Stern has taken over as Chair of the ABF Youth Committee and aims to focus on teaching and improving participation of new players in the coming year.

Action: Bec to draw up proposal for youth bridge activities for 2010, including costs.

5. ABF Matters

Marketing Grant

A proposal had been received from Canberra Bridge Club. This is a retrospective proposal for activities and improvements to the club undertaken in 2009.

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

Moved: Roy Nixon Seconded: Emlyn Williams Motion Carried

Next Meeting; Friday 11 December (provisional)

05 February 2010

**Minutes BFACT Council Meeting
at CBC Friday 5 February 2010 commencing at 5.35pm**

1. Present

Roy Nixon, Peter Kahler, Emlyn Williams, Bec Thornberry, Ian Dalzeill, Bruce Crossman, and Dora Theunissen.

2. Apologies

Val Brockwell and Rebecca Plush.

3. Treasurer

Budget

A budget for the 2009-10 financial year and the current balances for the BFACT accounts were tabled by the Treasurer. The Treasurer also tabled for discussion a summary of the finalised accounts for the ANC.

Entry Fees for BFACT Events

The Treasurer proposed \$0.50 increase in entry fees to BFACT events. This only affects State level events run during the week. Capital noted that in the past, even \$3 fee for BFACT events was abnormal for its club. However the President pointed out that only the Canberra Bridge Club currently holds State-level events. Note: ABF capitation fees will not change in 2010.

Motion: That BFACT increase the fee to play in BFACT State Events from \$3 to \$3.50.

Moved: Emlyn Williams Seconded: Roy Nixon Motion Carried

4. Tournament Secretary

Summer Festival

The Tournament Secretary tabled a list of performances of ACT players in the Summer Festival.

Open Team Selection

Regulations for qualifying for the Open Team Selection event have been circulated. Pairs can qualify for the selection event in three ways: the top nine pairs from the qualifying event; the top ranked pair from the State Swiss Pairs who hasn't already qualified; and the top two pairs from the Last Train event who haven't already qualified.

State Swiss Pairs

Regulations have been circulated. It was noted that BFACT agreed last year to make this an Honour board event.

Action: Peter to discuss the issue of honour boards with Val.

Gala Pairs Day

The Tournament Secretary tabled a proposal for the event for this year. This event will be held on the Sunday after the first interclub teams and Council wishes to encourage players in Canberra for the Interclub teams to stay for the gala pairs.

Action: Clubs are encouraged to promote the event.

GNP

Gordon Henderson is happy to act as Co-ordinator.

Action: Peter to invite Gordon to the next BFACT meeting.

GNOT

Tournament Secretary has proposed that we run GNOT selection events as per last year.

Simultaneous Pairs 2010

BFACT currently does not have a convenor for the Simultaneous Pairs and this event has not been published in the CBC calendar. Council will discuss this further next meeting.

Action: Look for an interested co-ordinator to liaise with clubs.

InterClub Teams

Interclub teams Dates have been set. Bruce has emailed the clubs. First round will be run at CBC in line with the Gala Pairs.

5.ABF Matters

Marketing report for 2009 and Request for submissions for funding in 2010-11

It was noted that some clubs have not reconciled payments for 2009/2010 Marketing Grant. BFACT will need to report to the ABF on how the 2009/2010 grant was spent.

Action: Clubs to reconcile their payments for 2009/2010 Marketing Grant and send relevant paperwork to Bec.

Clubs are invited to make submissions for the 2010-11 ABF Marketing Grant. Suitable requests could include equipment, signage and other facilities to increase the character of the club.

Action: Clubs to submit grant requests for the 2010/2011 ABF Marketing Grant.

ABF AGM

The ABF AGM will be held on 27 March. BFACT delegate Peter Kahler up for renewal.

Motion: That BFACT endorses Peter Kahler as its delegate to the ABF.

Moved: Ian Dalzeill Seconded: Bruce Crossman Motion Carried

Action: Bec to email Jane to inform her that Peter has been re-endorsed as the BFACT delegate.

Financial outcome from ANC discussions

The President updated the council on his discussions with the ABF about the financial outcome of the ANC. The president requested additional funding from ABF to recover anticipated profits. This request has been denied. However, the \$2000 recompense for not holding a gold point event will continue for the foreseeable future.

Future of the ANC

The President updated the council on ABF discussions about the future of the ANC.

Ranking Scheme

The President updated council on the progress of the National Ranking Scheme. Data is being accumulated and will be produced early April. The scheme will be rolled out to affiliated clubs, and extended to all clubs free of charge for at least two years. The scheme will be re-assess after two years. Further details will be published in the ABF newsletter and Australian Bridge.

6. Other Business

BFACT Website

The Secretary presented a draft of the website. Councillors were generally happy with the design and are happy for the pages to be put up. Content should be drawn from existing documents.

Action: Bec to liase with Molly to initiate the integration of the BFACT website if practical and make it active ASAP

Klinger Tour

Council discussed how this event might be restructured or subsidise differently in order to increase attendance. Council questioned the viability of events held in locations where there have been low numbers, such as Cootamundra. It was agreed that where practical BFACT could assist members from those clubs to come to events in other areas. Confirm dates with Klinger.

Action: Clubs wishing to host events as part of the Klinger Tour to contact the secretary.

Directing courses for 2010

Council discussed the success of directors courses held in 2009. It was noted that ten directors attend the basic course and 7 attended the advanced course.

It was agreed that BFACT will not run another advanced course in 2010 as it takes a while for new directors to gain experience. It was suggest that we run another basic course later in the year.

A directors get-together for club level directors to discuss topics was suggested as an initiative to support and improve the experience of new directors.

Next Meeting: Friday 26 March

Future meetings Friday 30 April, Friday 28 May (still last Friday of the month).

26 March 2010

**Minutes BFACT Council Meeting
at CBC Friday 26 March 2010 commencing at 5.40pm**

1. Present: Roy Nixon, Peter Kahler, Emlyn Williams, Bec Thornberry, Ian Dalzeill, Val Brockwell and Rebecca Plush.

2. Apologies

Bruce Crossman and Dora Theunissen

3. Minutes of meeting of 5 February 2009

Confirmed

4. Treasurer

Financial statements for the BFACT account.

The treasurer noted that he has sent a cheque to ATO. Substantial GST on income in the last financial year amount paid to the ATO, which will be off-set by expenses in the next financial year.

Internet Banking

The treasurer recommended setting up internet banking for the BFACT account. The implications for signatories were discussed.

Motion: That the requirement for two signatories to authorise transactions for the BFACT account be removed allowing any one of the three signatories to authorise transactions.

Moved: Roy Nixon Seconded: Ian Dalzeill Carried

Motion: That the treasurer sets up an internet banking account.

Moved: Roy Nixon Seconded: Ian Dalzeill Carried

Motion: That Rebecca Thornberry be made a signatory to the BFACT account.

Moved: Roy Nixon Seconded: Peter Kahler Carried

5. Tournament Secretary

Swiss Pairs

The State Swiss Pairs event was discussed. It was noted that the three-division structure has been a success.

Gala Butler and Last Train

The Gala Butler and Last Train event was cancelled due to ACTEW AGL work. Council discussed whether a similar Gala event could be usefully held later in the year.

Motion: That Gala Butler and Last Train not be held in 2010.

Moved: Peter Kahler Seconded: Roy Nixon Carried

Motion: Council expresses its outrage with ACTEW AGL for giving such short notice about work being performed

Moved: Roy Nixon Seconded: Peter Kahler Carried

ITS Selection Event

With the Last Train event cancelled, Council considered how to select a pair for the final place in the ITS Selection Event. Concern was expressed about the ability of a Swiss event to reliably select a pair.

Motion: That Arjuna Delivera and Ian Robinson be invited to take a spot in the qualifying event; if they don't accept, that the next pair from original event will be invited.

Moved: Peter Kahler Seconded: Emlyn Williams Carried

GNP

Gordon Henderson apologises for being unable to attend. Council discussed how many pairs ought to constitute the regional final. The tournament secretary recommend we write to each club and offer CBC eight places, Capital six places, South Canberra six places, and Grand Slam 6 places. Provided they are restricted.

Council discussed how many pairs ought to go through to National Final. It was agreed that three progress and if enough revenue is raised, a fourth pair be invited. It was noted that people playing in the regional final must be ABF members. If they are not already ABF members, they must pay affiliation fees.

Honour Board for Swiss Pairs

Action: Val and Peter to make a proposal for three sets of boards to follow the format of the new CBC boards. Peter to write to CBC

Selection Events

It was agreed that the selection events would use the regulations from previous years.

State Open Teams

Promotion of this event was discussed. It was noted that there are PQPs on state championship events. Council considered how we can make this event more attractive for intermediate players. BBO the finals of state championships.

InterClub Teams

There are eight Restricted and five Seniors teams participating. Preparations are on track.

6. Youth Bridge

Bec Thornberry reported that six youth teams went to the Bateman's Bay congress, with support from senior players from NSW and the ACT to help teach. Financial support was provided by the Friends of Youth Bridge and NSWBA.

ANU Bridge Club had about 100 people join up

7. ABF Matters

Marketing grant

Grant requests to be sought from clubs for the 2010 ABF Marketing Grant.

Motion: That the ABF Marketing Grant request from South Canberra Bridge Club be approved.

Moved: Rebecca Plush Seconded Emlyn Williams Carried.

Action: Roy to email the Grant reports from other states(?) to all BFACT councillors.

Ranking Scheme

The new ABF ranking scheme may be advertised in the April edition of Australian Bridge. The Committee discussed the ranking system.

8. Other Business

Klinger Tour

The Klinger tour will occur on 4, 5 and 6 of June. Two sessions at Cootamundra do not appear to be viable.

Action : Roy, Emlyn and Michael Raby to discuss the Cootamundra visit.

Director Training

The Committee agreed to run the next director course on 23 or 24 October. Bruce will check at the Southern Cross Club to see if there is a room available on these dates. Ian will organise this again. Ian Dalziel is reconstructing the Directors list and will review the Director Accreditation guidelines.

Motion: that BFACT nominate Bruce Crossman to be a trainee director at the Summer Festival of Bridge.

Moved: Peter Kahler Seconded: Roy Nixon Carried

Action : Roy to write to Sean regarding BFACT's nomination of Bruce as a trainee director at the Summer Festival of Bridge.

Next Meeting - Friday 23 April

04 June 2010

**Minutes BFACT Council Meeting
at CBC Friday 4 June 2010 commencing at 5.35pm**

1. Present

Peter Kahler , Val Brockwell, Emlyn Williams, Bruce Crossman Roy Nixon, Rebecca Thornbury

2. Apologies

Ian Dalziel, Dora Theunissen

3. Minutes of meeting of 26 March

Confirmed

4. Treasurer

Financial Stuff

Subsidies to ANC representatives to be \$400 per player

Victory Dinner

Barry Turner Fund

No entry fees paid to butler pairs due to no pair accepting their invitation

Teams:

Open: Margaret Bourke, Liz Havas, Berni Waters, Roy Nixon, Griff Ware Mark Abrahams,
(NPC Stephen Fischer

Seniors: Richard Brightling, David Hoffman (captain), Anne Powell Earl Dudley, Pam and
Ross Crichton

Women: Adrienne Stephens Ann Pettigrew, Julia Hoffman (captain), Mary Weddell, Suzi
Christy Geremboux

Youth: Laura Stephen, James Higgins, Sebastian, Robin Lucy: (NPC Rebecca Thornbury)

Email Emlyn the invitation letter

Pay half for Victory Dinners tickets

Investment Account

About 40K in everyday bank account. Recommend rolling it over for three years.

Receipt of ABF Promotion Grant

\$6900 received?

\$2200 for gold point event

Website

Peter to set up a time with Molly, Peter

5. Tournament Secretary

Tournament issues

Outcome of Women's and Seniors Team Selection Trials

Ratification of teams and NPCs for ANC

Formally ratify teams

Letter to CBC re honour boards - CBC response (Val B's report refers)

ANC Entry - report on progress from Rebecca Plush - deadline???

GNP and GNOT 2010

any further updates re arrangements for later in the year from Gordon Henderson

Knockout Teams at CBC

InterClub Teams - progress

6. ABF Matters

Ranking Scheme

Article in AB and ABF Newsletter - attitude of BFACT....

AB article? Now open for any club to join up. Should BFACT send something to the clubs?

It will be hard for us to use the ranking scheme independently. We need CBC to take up the scheme if we want our events to run under this scheme

Send a note around to the clubs encouraging them to participate in the scheme

7. Other business:

Klinger tour

can we restructure and subsidise differently?

under way

numbers up on last year

Klinger has been dealing directly with the clubs.

Emlyn to obtain numbers

Klinger has offered suggestions for next year

Honour Boards

Agreed to Presidents' board. But haven't agreed to the other two. Issue has been referred to their tournament committee.

Future meetings (always last Friday of the month)

Friday 25 June

Friday 30 July this is the day people will get back from ANC Hobart if they intend to play in Butlers and make final stage).

Friday 28 August

25 June 2010

**Minutes BFACT Council Meeting
at CBC Friday 25 June 2010 commencing at 5.30pm**

1. Present:

Roy Nixon (President), Emlyn Williams (Treasurer), Peter Kahler (Tournament Secretary), Rebecca Plush, Ian Dalziell, Bruce Crossman, Val Brockwell (Minute Secretary).

2. Apologies

Bec Thornberry, Michael Rabey (Cootamundra), Dora Theunissen (Monaro)

3. Treasurer

Payment of subsidies to ANC players and Victory Dinner

The Treasurer submitted an invoice to CBC for \$5,000 from Barry Turner Fund. Noted there was no Butler entry fee as none of the top three qualifiers accepted. There will be 26 cheques x \$400 (28 minus 2, as there are two playing captains). Roy Nixon will take a cheque with him to Hobart to pay the BFACT contribution for those team members attending the dinner.

Receipt of ABF Promotion Grant - applications for 2010 money

Received electronically from the ABF. Note to be sent to the Clubs reminding them to apply. ACTION Roy Nixon.

Klinger tour outcome

54 attended the Canberra lectures, 34 at Cooma and 68 at Cootamundra. After RDK's fee and expenses, the BFACT subsidy to this event is approx \$1400, a welcome improvement on the 2009 outcome.

4. Tournament Secretary

ANC Entry

Now complete - thanks to Rebecca Plush. Noted that the ANC format has improved which helped speed up the entry process.

GNP and GNOT 2010

Gordon Henderson advised that the arrangements for later in the year are under control.

Knockout Teams at CBC

This will provide the CANBERRA I Team. The Gala pairs will provide CANBERRA II and ACT Provincial. The latter needs advertising from the end of August.

InterClub Teams - progress

In train.

Date of AGM (Gala Pairs Day)

17 October , 2010

5. Other Business

Training of Directors

There will be a beginners' course at Southern Cross Club on 23 October 2010. It was suggested that the use of Bridgemates be included in the course.

Ranking Scheme

BFACT will use the ranking scheme. A discussion took place on how it will work. However, it would be helpful if someone from Grand Slam could provide a full explanation. Roy Nixon will organise this. In its next issue, the ABF Newsletter will replicate information from the current issue of Australian Bridge. All Clubs wishing to participate can do so for free.

BFACT website

No progress. Bec Thornberry, Peter Kahler and Molly O'Donohue yet to confer.

Public Officer

BFACT needs to find a new Public Officer to replace Eric Glass who has resigned. The 2009 return has not been filed.

Motion: That Ian Dalziell is appointed temporarily as Public Officer until the 2010 AGM.

Proposed Peter Kahler, Seconded Val Brockwell Carried

Qualification events for the Open Teams

This needs to be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Peter Kahler would like input from the smaller affiliated Clubs. His suggestion is that provided interested clubs are prepared to pay the \$3.50 extra per person per session, then they could be offered spots in the Open Teams Selection Final. For the 12 spots, he suggests: one to South Canberra; one to Capital; one to CBC Swiss Pairs; two to the Last Train event; seven to the five week event run by CBC.

Future meetings (always last Friday of the month)

Friday July 30th (this is the day people will get back from ANC Hobart if they intend to play in Butlers and make final stage).

Friday 28 August

Friday 24 September

The meeting concluded at 6.35pm.

10 September 2010

**Minutes BFACT Council Meeting
at CBC Friday 10 September 2010 commencing at 5.30pm**

1. Present

Roy Nixon (Chair), Rebecca Plush, Rebecca Thornbury, Peter Kahler Dora Theunissen (Monaro), June McCormack (Monaro, Observer), Val Brockwell (Minute Secretary).

2. Apologies

Ian Dalziell, Bruce Crossman, Emlyn Williams

3. Treasurer

No report.

4. Tournament Secretary

A general discussion took place on the following:

The BFACT calendar needs implementation.

The Gala Pairs day should not clash with any congress.

The Open Butler Pairs in October needs further discussion, the issue being that there is no Stage II.

5. Other Business

ANC Captains Reports

Bec Thornberry has the reports and will distribute them to the Committee.

Masterpoint Issue re the Knockout Teams

The BFACT Treasurer has been liaising with the CBC Treasurer about who should pay the masterpoint bill. The amount is approximately \$300.

AGM

One month's notice of meeting is required. Bec Thornberry will attend to this. Nomination forms should be available for the next BFACT meeting for those who wish to stand for office again.

Ranking Scheme

Assuming that CBC will adopt the Ranking Scheme, the person they appoint to manage the scheme should liaise with Bruce Crossman. BFACT events will be run by Sean Mullamphy who must update Ian McKinnon with the files.

Submission for a Teaching Grant.

The representatives from Monaro Bridge Club tabled their grant request for lessons in February 2011 by Sean Mullamphy. This is to be an agenda item for the next BFACT meeting.

ABF Council Meeting Saturday 18 September, Melbourne.

Roy Nixon and Peter Kahler will attend.

BFACT Honour Boards

Whilst acknowledging the permission from CBC to proceed with part of the honour board request, BFACT is still awaiting full resolution on the matter.

Next Meeting: Friday 8 October 2010 at 5.30pm at CBC.

The meeting closed at 6.15pm.

08 October 2010

**Minutes BFACT Council Meeting
at CBC Friday 8 October 2010 commencing at 5.35pm**

1. Present

Roy Nixon, Emlyn Williams, Rebecca Plush and Lynne Moss (for Ian Dalzeill), Bruce Crossman, Rebecca Thornberry, Peter Kahler, Val Brockwell

2. Apologies

Ian Dalzeill

3. Minutes of 10 September 2010

Confirmed

Matters Arising

Discussion about payment for masterpoints for the Knockout Teams event (also the selection for the Canberra 1 GNOT team) was reopened and will be further minuted in the discussion on the Gala Butler Pairs below.

4. Treasurer

The current balances for the BFACT accounts were tabled by the Treasurer. The Treasurer noted that the audit was not quite ready for the previous financial year.

5. Tournament Secretary

Gala Butler Pairs

Discussion about payment for masterpoints for the Knockout Teams event (also the selection for the Canberra 1 GNOT team) was reopened.

The Committee generally felt that masterpoints for events that are not controlled by BFACT should not be paid for by BFACT. The Committee generally agreed that selection events for players to represent the ACT should also be controlled by BFACT.

Action: CBC representative to raise the issue with CBC regarding the payment of masterpoints for the Knockout Teams and to discuss whether the BFACT Tournament Secretary ought to be responsible for the regulations for this event, as a selection event, in the future.

6. ABF Matters

Marketing grant

An application for a marketing grant for Capital Bridge Club was tabled.

Motion: That the marketing grant presented by Capital Bridge Club be approved.

Moved: Bruce Crossman Seconded: Roy Nixon Carried

Action: Capital Bridge Club to also investigate whether Bridge can be listed as a category in the Yellow Page

An application for a marketing grant for Monaro Bridge Club was tabled.

Motion: That the marketing grant presented by Monaro Bridge Club be approved.

Moved: Rebecca Plush Seconded: Roy Nixon Carried

ABF AGM

The President reported on the mid-year meeting. The calendar for all ABF events is under a major review. The ABF has proposed a series of consultations throughout the next twelve months to resolve some of the tensions on the calendar.

The potential for the ACT to host a Gold Point event other than the Summer Festival was discussed. It was noted that Gold Point events are a source of income because states pay a licence fee and masterpoint fees but states retain the profits.

Ranking Scheme

Capital and South Canberra have the new ranking scheme up and running. CBC is still working on implementing the ranking system.

7. Other Business

BFACT AGM

It was noted that BFACT has unfortunately scheduled an event (and our AGM) on the same weekend as a country congress. In theory it is possible to hold the AGM closer to the end of the financial year, however, some time needs to be allowed in order to prepare financial statements.

Action: Bruce to contact Mollymook to find out plans for 2011

Next Meeting: 5.30 pm at CBC on Friday 19 November.