

Minutes 2011 AGM and 2011-12 BFACT Council Meetings

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Annual General Meeting

**BRIDGE FEDERATION ACT INC. (BFACT)
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

at CBC Sunday 16 October, 2011 commencing at 4.30pm

1. Present

Roy Nixon, Val Brockwell, Beverley Carmichael, Ross Crichton, Pam Crichton, Elaine Leach, Mary Tough, Jeannette Grahame, Denis Grahame, Earl Dudley, Ian Dalziell, Tony Marker, C Marsden, P Mardsen, Hashmat Ali, Richard Hills, Janet Kahler, Peter Kahler, Trevor Berenger, Peter Andersson, Lisa Ma, Emlyn Williams, Marianne Bookallil, Stephen Fischer, Claudia Whitty, Val Hopwood, Peter Kowald, David Clarkson, Sean Mullamphy, Jan Davis.

2 Apologies

Monaro Bridge Club Representative, Bea Duncan, Alan Duncan, Lynne Moss, Adrienne Stephens, Ann Pettigrew, Bill Tutty, Tim Davis.

3. Acknowledgement of proxy votes

No proxy votes received.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of the 2010 AGM

Motion: That the minutes of the AGM of 2010 be accepted as a true record of that meeting

Proposed Tony Marker, seconded Janet Kahler. Accepted.

5. Business arising

None

6. President

Roy Nixon spoke to his written report. He thanked:

Emlyn Williams, firstly as BFACT Treasurer, and also especially for his work with Earl Dudley on the BFACT website. This worthwhile resource is once again viable and will be a source of information for bridge players and clubs.

Ian Dalziell both for serving as the Public Officer and for his work in director training at both Club and Congress level which BFACT continues to subsidise. Thanks also to Sean Mullamphy (President of the ABDA) for all his input.

John Yoon, the new BFACT Youth Coordinator who enthusiastically promotes youth bridge.

Peter Kahler for his invaluable work as Tournament Secretary.

Bruce Crossman, especially for his successful running of the Inter Clubs Teams.

Rebecca Plush, for her input over an extended period as Vice-President.

Ian Thomson for being the BFACT auditor.

Val Brockwell for her work as Secretary.

The President noted:

that there was no Klinger Tour this year at Ron Klinger's behest. Hopefully arrangements will be made for another teacher next year.

BFACT's engagement with the ABF via its two ABF Council representatives, Roy Nixon and Peter Kahler. The ABF has continued with its bridge promotion grants to the States and Territories in 2009, with BFACT receiving nearly \$7000. Promotional grants have been given to all ACT Clubs. Earl Dudley asked whether there is a more creative way to promote bridge rather than giving out money.

that the ABF provides all affiliated clubs with broadform public liability insurance. From 1 October, similar coverage has been taken out to cover management liability and professional indemnity insurance for all State Associations and their affiliated clubs. The ABF contributed \$20,000 of the \$42,000 premium, with the States and Territories picking up the rest on a pro rata basis.

The President concluded by thanking the BFACT Committee. He also acknowledged the great loss to the bridge community with the passing of George Jesner in 2010. George was an original founding member, administrator and player and will be missed by many.

7. Treasurer

BFACT's Financial Statements for 2010-2011

Emlyn Williams spoke to his written report and the Financial Statements. He noted that this has been a fairly flat year, with income and expenditure about equal. Next year a deficit is likely as the ANC will be held in Darwin. A major part of BFACT's funds go to support travel for ACT representatives.

Motion: That the Financial Statements of BFACT for 2010-2011, as tabled, be adopted. Proposed Emlyn Williams, seconded Beverley Carmichael. Carried.

Appointment of Auditor for 2011-2012

Motion: That Ian Thomson is appointed as auditor for BFACT for 2011 -2012.

Proposed Emlyn Williams, seconded Val Brockwell. Carried

Affiliation Fee for 2011-2012

Motion: That the annual affiliation fee for 2011-2012 be \$7.50 (including GST) for all members of affiliated bridge clubs.

Proposed Emlyn Williams, seconded Janet Kahler. Accepted.

10. Tournament Secretary

Peter Kahler spoke to his report re BFACT tournament objectives. He named and congratulated the ACT representative players who performed well in national events in 2011. He spoke of new initiatives and changes to the BFACT calendar and discussed some problem areas in the program that BFACT is looking to improve. He thanked CBC for its assistance to BFACT.

Comments from the floor:

Earl Dudley asked why the numbers of entries to teams' events is decreasing.

Sean Mullamphy voiced opposition to the practice of players being able to walk out during the course of an event they have entered.

Tony Marker suggested that "dead spots" in the calendar often arise as a result of gold pointed events held elsewhere.

Ross Crichton suggested that BFACT play its events on a Tuesday and Thursday rather than each Tuesday.

Peter Kahler advised that all these queries will be addressed.

11. Election of Office Bearers

Earl Dudley appointed as Returning Officer and presided over the elections as per the nominations.

The following were elected:

President Roy Nixon

Vice President Val Brockwell

Secretary Jodi Tutty

Treasurer Emlyn Williams

Tournament Secretary Peter Kahler

13. Other Business

None

The President thanked everybody for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 5.07pm

19 November 2011

Minutes BFACT Council Meeting
at CBC Friday 19 November 2010 commencing at 5.35pm

1. Present

Roy Nixon (President), Emlyn Williams (Treasurer), Val Brockwell (Vice President), Stephen Fischer (CBC), Peter Kahler (Tournament Secretary), Jodi Tutty (Secretary), John Yoon (Youth Coordinator)

Apologies

Ian Dalziell (Capital Bridge Club), Dora Theunissen (Monaro Bridge Club)

2. Minutes of the meeting of 30 September 2011.

Confirmed.

Matters Arising

Noted that the latest BFACT events still need to be masterpointed.

Action: John Yoon to follow up with Griff Ware.

Action: Stephen Fischer to liaise with Treasurer and CBC Managers

3. Draft minutes of the AGM

Action: Committee members to review before the next meeting so that they can be posted to the website.

4. President

Changes have been made to the ABF calendar, the Australian Team playoffs have been moved from March 2013 to December 2012. This will result in consequential changes to both the ABF and BFACT calendar.

In principle agreement from the ABF that BFACT should have a gold point event. Event still to be identified.

Teaching event by Joan Butt, ABF teaching coordinator, planned for the ACT in 2012.

5. Treasurer

The Committee approved a total subsidy of \$300 to help sponsor youth players participate in Youth Week in January 2012. Funds to target players who had not previously entered the competition. Administered by John Yoon.

6. Tournament Secretary

Thanks to Niek Van Vucht for his work with the 2012 calendar

Flyer for 2012 ANC Selection Events tabled and approved

Guidelines to be established for the running of the ANC Last Train and more generally for all BFACT Selection Events.

Action: Peter Kahler to discuss with Bruce Crossman

Permission granted by Stephen Fischer (CBC) for BFACT to construct a glass honour board.

7. Youth bridge

Council noted the report tabled by the Youth Coordinator. Detailed discussion to be added to agenda for a later meeting.

Motion: That John Yoon be appointed as an supplemental Council Member.

Proposed: Roy Nixon, Seconded: Stephen Fischer. Carried.

8. Other business

Signing of annual return to office of regulatory services

The annual return to the office of the regulatory service has been completed and posted with cheque of \$35.

Training of Directors

The courses organised this year had low numbers of takers. This was despite strong advertising in clubs and person invitations and follows years when enrolments have been impressive. The Congress level course had 3 expressions of interest and the club level had 4. Sean therefore offered to run courses at alternative times with the congress course on 16 November. However Sean was unable to organise a suitable time for the club level course.

In 2012, it was suggested to try a weekday spot for the club level course and not run a congress level course. Discussion of this held over.

Next Meeting: at the CBC 5.30pm on Friday 3 December.

09 December 2011

Minutes BFACT Council Meeting

at CBC Friday 9 December, 2011 commencing at 5.35pm

1. Present

Roy Nixon (President), Emlyn Williams (Treasurer), Val Brockwell (Vice President), Stephen Fischer (CBC), Peter Kahler (Tournament Secretary), Jodi Tutty (Secretary), John Yoon (Youth Coordinator), Bruce Crossman (South Canberra Bridge Club)

Apologies

Val Brockwell (Secretary) Ian Dalziell (Capital), Dora Theunissen (Monaro)

2. Minutes of meeting of 18th November

Confirmed.

Matters arising.

Masterpoints: Masterpoints are now up to date. Griff Ware to finish as Masterpoint secretary by the end of 2012 with the Council to identify a replacement to take over.

Roy Nixon to have initial discussions about the role with Griff Ware and Sean Mullanphy. Griff Ware to finish as Masterpoint secretary by the end of 2012 with the Council to identify a replacement to take over.

Guidelines for BFACT Selection Events

Motion: A BFACT selection event

- should be a minimum of 3 weeks duration,
- follow BFACT tournament regulations,
- and levy the standard BFACT entry fees (currently \$3:50).

Moved: Peter Kahler, seconded Bruce Crossman. Carried.

2. President

Changes in the ABF calendar are still ongoing.

Bruce Crossman appointed in charge of ratings.

3. Tournament Secretary

While the ANC category pairs had been a popular event, recognition of winners needed to be more selective e.g. consider master point ranges.

Peter Kahler to develop a proposal for next meeting.

Peter Kahler and Stephen Fischer to investigate developing a one page planner/calendar along the NSWBA model

4. CBC representative

Stephen Fischer noted that CBC is no longer responsible for finding stand by players and teams at Summer Festival.

5. Youth co-ordinator

A group went to Melbourne to Youth Triathlon.

John Yoon is currently working on developing a school program. Anyone interested should contact John.

6. Other Business

BFACT marketing: Stephen Fischer to provide details of CBC spending to Roy Nixon. Roy Nixon to write the report.

Format of honour boards: Several possible formats for the BFACT logo tabled. In principle agreement for the circulated format of the boards

Kahler to approach a graphic designer.

Teacher training program in 2012: Discussed Joan Butts running a teacher training program. Roy Nixon to send email requesting more information.

Interclub teams: A convenor to run the interclub teams is needed. Bruce Crossman to send email.

Next meeting to be held at the CBC on 10 February commencing 5.30pm.

10 February 2012

Minutes BFACT Council Meeting
at CBC Friday 10 February 2012 commencing at 5.35pm

1. Present

Roy Nixon (President), Emlyn Williams (Treasurer), Stephen Fischer (CBC), Peter Kahler (Tournament Secretary), Jodi Tutty (Secretary), John Yoon (Youth Coordinator), Bruce Crossman (South Canberra Bridge Club), Ian Dalziell (Capital Bridge Club)

Apologies

Dora Theunissen (Monaro Bridge Club), Val Brockwell (Vice President)

2. Minutes of meeting of 9 December

Confirmed.

Matters arising

Masterpoints: Council still looking for a Masterpoint Secretary.

Honour boards: Peter Kahler undertook to contact designer by next meeting

3. Treasurer

Tabled statement of Financial Performance for the last 8 years. Treasurer noted that the Council was in good financial health.

4. Tournament Secretary

Organisation for selection events at South Canberra and Capital bridge clubs to be finalized and the events advertised.

Category pairs currently underway. Regulations now require a minimum number of entrants for a category to be viable. Format to be reviewed before next year.

5. ABF

Marketing report: Stephen Fischer and Ian Dalziell to provide details to Roy Nixon ASAP
Roy Nixon to write in next couple of weeks and send to ABF

ABF delegate

Motion: Peter Kahler be appointed as ABF delegate from February for 2 years.

Moved: Bruce Crossman. **Seconded:** Emlyn Williams. Carried unanimously.

ABF Governance: A call was made for greater transparency in the financial dealings and governance of the ABF Management Committee.

Peter Kahler to write a short position paper to present at the ABF AGM.

6. Other Business

Teacher trainer: Roy Nixon has spoken with Joan Butts about holding a session for the region. Further discussions planned at the Gold Coast with the aim of finalising by mid-year.

Convenor for interclub teams: Still looking and a person is needed before competition starts in June.

Date for last train: Bruce Crossman to confirm logistics (boards, directors, dealing machine) to keep the Last Train event on same date

Summer Festival: The following concerns were raised over the format of the events at the Summer Festival:

- SWPT: the cutting back of the NOT from twenty to eight teams
- SWPT: the lack of finals for the best mixed teams, restricted team, local team etc
- Restricted teams events in the first week of competition: these events should include finals

Peter Kahler to take concerns and discussion paper to the ABF Tournament committee

Next meeting at 5:30pm 23 March at CBC

23 March 2012

Minutes BFACT Council Meeting

at CBC Friday 23 March, 2011 commencing at 5.35pm

1. Present

Roy Nixon (President), Emlyn Williams (Treasurer), Dorothy Jesner (CBC), Peter Kahler (Tournament Secretary), Jodi Tutty (Secretary), John Yoon (Youth Coordinator), Val Brockwell (Vice President)

Apologies

Bruce Crossman (South Canberra Bridge Club), Ian Dalziell (Capital Bridge Club), Dora Theunissen (Monaro Bridge Club)

2. Minutes of meeting of 10 February

Confirmed.

Matters arising

Honour boards: Ongoing

Marketing report: Sent to ABF by Roy Nixon.

Teacher Training: Agreement to hold a joint session with NSWBA. There is the possibility of holding the session in Goulburn in September. Roy Nixon to raise the possibility of holding the course in Canberra instead.

Inter Club Convener: Thanks to Alex Hewat for taking on this role.

3. Treasurer

Agreed that there is a need to raise the subsidy for the ANC in Darwin when compared with Melbourne. The current policy regarding the subsidy for the Victory Dinner is to be maintained.

Treasurer to propose a figure for the subsidy for next meeting.

4. Tournament Secretary

The qualification process for ANC Trials going well.

Numbers for State Open Pairs are disappointing. Discussion of changing the format to that used for the Dick Cummings Pairs to encourage greater participation.

4. CBC Representative

CBC to send request for marketing funds to Treasurer.

Rendering of the CBC walls will commence on 27 May so the lower room will not be available for 2 weeks. This overlaps the final day of the Seniors Trials and so they will have to be held upstairs.

Informed that the CBC planning day to be held this weekend. The outcomes should better define the focus of the club and identify a number of issues to work with BFACT on.

5. Youth Co-ordinator

There was a good turnout of youth teams at Batemans Bay Congress; Canberra teams formed in conjunction with NSWBA.

ANU bridge club is attracting up to three tables a week.

6. ABF

Governance and Gold Point Event for ACT: Discussed and the Council further endorsed the motions put forward to the ABF AGM.

7. Other business

Updating information on the BFACT

Need to ensure that the flow of information sent to Earl Dudley improves, i.e. Minutes, regulations and results.

ANC entry to be managed by Jodi Tutty

Next meeting at 5:30pm, 4 May at the CBC.

04 May 2012

Draft Minutes, BFACT Meeting Friday 4 May 2012

The President declared the meeting open at 5.35pm.

1. Present

Roy Nixon (President), Stephen Fischer (CBC), Peter Kahler (Tournament Secretary), Jodi Tutty (Secretary), Val Brockwell (Vice President), Ian Dalziell (Capital Bridge Club)

2. Apologies

Emlyn Williams (Treasurer), John Yoon (Youth Coordinator),

3. Confirmation of previous Minutes & Business Arising.

The minutes of the meeting of 23rd March are confirmed.

4. Business Arising from the previous meeting

1. ANC Subsidy: ongoing

Motion: BFACT declared a \$400 subsidy for each team member travelling to Darwin. In addition, for those team members that attend the Victory Dinner, BFACT will pay half the fee.

Proposed: Roy Nixon, seconded: Peter Kahler, passed unanimously.

5. President's report

ABF governance: A sub-committee, chaired by Nigel Dutton, has been established to review the ABF governance.

Gold point event: Negotiations between ABF and BFACT are continuing.

6. Treasurer's report

No report

7. Tournament Secretary's report

1. Entry fee for ANC Trials

The council confirmed that the entry fee to the Open, Womens and Senior trials will be \$85 per player.

Action: Treasurer to examine the cost for future years to investigate raising additional funds for subsidies to the ANC.

2. Running of the ANC Trials

Finalists for the Open Trials have been finalised. Entry for Women's and Seniors Trials is now open. The timing of the ANC Trials to be reviewed for future years.

3. Walk ins for Tuesday night events

BFACT's current position on walk ins is to be maintained. That is, walk ins are allowed where they can be accommodated without compromising the integrity of the event. The CBC representative informed the meeting that the club had reviewed its policy for those events it runs on Tuesday (ie non-BFACT events) and Thursday nights and was maintaining them as pre-entry required.

Action: Tournament Secretary to monitor walk ins at BFACT events.

8. CBC Representative report

Planning day for CBC was held successfully. Business plans and strategy currently being written up.

9. Inter team competition

Alex Hewat, convener of the inter team clubs, was welcomed to the meeting.

Alex Hewat noted that the dates of the first and third rounds of the competition were causing problems. The ANU/Youth team cannot make the first round (June 16th) due to exams. The council endorsed pro rata arrangements that allows the team to skip the first round and be included without penalty in subsequent rounds. The date for the last round (9/10th September) clashes with the Sapphire Coast Congress. Permission was given to move the round to the following weekend (15th/16th September).

10. Trial period of free membership to the ABF Masterpoint Centre

The Council has no evidence of any positive or negative outcomes from this initiative.

Action: Secretary to report back to the ABF.

11. ANC Trials in Darwin

ANC Entries due by June 8th. Noted that this leaves a very tight timeline for appointing team captains and collecting system cards from team members.

12. Any other business

1. Marketing grant to Capital Bridge Club

Motion: \$650 granted to Capital Bridge Club for advertising the activities of the club.

Proposed: Roy Nixon, seconded: Jodi Tutty, passed unanimously.

2. Lessons by Andy Braithwaite

Stephen Fischer requested financial assistance from BFACT for the running of these lessons.

Motion: BFACT to pay 50% of the costs of the lessons up to a total of \$500.

Proposed: Roy Nixon, seconded: Peter Kahler, passed unanimously.

3. Posting of draft minutes of BFACT: Draft minutes to be posted to the Web after each meeting.

13. Next meeting

Next meeting at 5:30pm, 22nd June at the CBC.

Meeting closed at 6:45pm.

29 June 2012

**Minutes BFACT Meeting
at CBC Friday 29 June 2012**

1. Present

Roy Nixon, Stephen Fischer, Peter Kahler, Jodi Tutty, Val Brockwell, John Yoon, Emlyn Williams

Apologies

Ian Dalziell, Bruce Crossman

3. Minute of meeting of 4 May

Confirmed.

Matters arising

ANC Subsidy: Noted that the Barry Turner Fund provided a subsidy of \$300 to captains and team members travelling to Darwin ANC.

Lessons by Andy Braithwaite: Event went well with positive responses from those who attended.

4. Tournament Secretary's report

Knockout teams: It was noted that at the BFACT meeting held on June 24th, 2011: "The Knockout teams ... is a BFACT event. Therefore, BFACT will post tournament regulations for the Knockout Teams in the future". This was again confirmed.

Format of the Knockout Teams to be reviewed. One suggestion was a double knockout.

Interclub participation: Concern was raised that the number of teams involved in the competition is small. Roy Nixon to discuss with Alex Hewat and Bruce Crossman strategies to increase numbers.

Tournament Secretary to be out of Canberra until November: Arrangements for upcoming events (e.g. selection of Canberra 2 and 3 for GNOT) already in place.

5. CBC Representative report

Tuesday and Thursday night playing numbers at CBC: Concern was raised that numbers on these nights was "cratering". This needs to be taken into consideration when the BFACT playing calendar is established for 2013. Any suggestions to increase participation need to be sent to CBC.

Honour boards: Most of CBC honour boards will be hung in the top room. Only the glass honour boards will be left in the bottom room. BFACT agreed to follow this protocol.

Screens: CBC is investigating the feasibility of storing a set of screens at the club. BFACT agreed to use the screens in major events and trials were appropriate. It was noted that the regulations would have to be updated to reflect the change.

6. ABF

Major State events to carry gold masterpoints: Council was very ambivalent to the change as it was felt that it would devalue gold points. If adopted, BFACT would want some compensation for the increased costs. Roy Nixon to respond to ABF Secretary

Running a gold point Super vets: Again, concern was raised at the devaluing of gold points. Noted that the current event in Senior's week was already over-subscribed. The possibility of running a second event was discussed.

7. Other business

Playing calendar for 2013

1. ANC trials: With the change in the Australian Team Trials, the ACT ANC Trials can be moved to earlier in the year. The aim is to have all trials completed no later than the end of April. The Youth Trials need to avoid coinciding with university exams. The format of the trials will stay the same.

2. ACT Handicapped Events: As the CBC rating system was not available, the handicaps for this year's event were based on masterpoints. Many questions were raised over the appropriateness of the handicaps.

Stephen Fischer to find out if the CBC rating system will be available. Subject to be reviewed in March next year.

3. ANC Category Pairs: The format to be changed to Victory pointed matchpoints.

Barry Turner Fund: Fears was raised that the fund might struggle to recover to sustainable levels. It was recognised that BFACT needed to explore means of providing increased subsidies. This particularly applies to the "expensive" ANCs in Darwin and Perth.

Youth Report: ANU club running at 2-3 tables.

Next meeting at 5:30pm, 10 August at the CBC.

Meeting closed at 6:25pm.

10 August 2012

Minutes BFACT Council Meeting
at CBC Friday 10 August 2012 commencing at 5.35pm

1. Present

Roy Nixon, Stephen Fischer, Peter Kahler, Jodi Tutty, Val Brockwell , Emlyn Williams

Apologies

Monaro Bridge Club, Bruce Crossman, Ian Dalziell, John Yoon.

2. Minutes of meeting of 29 June

Confirmed.

Matters Arising

Inter club competition: Roy Nixon spoke to Alex Hewat and it was decided to review the competition in 6 to 12 months.

Gold point events: Roy Nixon reported that the ABF proposes to trial the extra gold point events. Not all States are planning to offer these events.

3. Treasurer

The draft annual report was tabled. There was a small surplus for the year (\$845). It was noted that BFACT's accumulated funds are in a healthy state (\$78,201) and that this may give scope for future spending. Accounts are now to be sent to the auditor. Thanks to Emlyn Williams for his work.

4. Other Business

Directors' Training : Held over to next meeting.

CBC Representative report

Timing of ANC Trials for 2013: Proposed dates from CBC for the ANC Trials were approved in principle.

Jodi Tutty to check with the Tournament Secretary that there are no conflicts and inform Stephen Fischer accordingly.

Request for grant from Monaro Bridge Club

Monaro Bridge Club requested a grant for a series of bridge lessons for beginners.

Motion: \$1000 be granted to Monaro Bridge Club.

Moved: Roy Nixon, seconded Stephen Fischer, Carried.

Jodi Tutty to inform Monaro Bridge Club, Emlyn Williams to organise payment.

AGM Planning

Reminder to Jodi Tutty that paper work for the AGM needs to be circulated at least 4 weeks before the AGM.

ANC Captain Reports

Thanks given to Julie Hoffman for submitting her report for the ANC Womens Team.. Jodi Tutty to chase up reports from the other captains.

ABF Council Meeting:

Roy Nixon advised that he would be unable to go the September 9th meeting. No one present at the Council meeting was able to go as a proxy in his place. Jodi Tutty to check if the ACT's other representative, Peter Kahler, is going to the ABF Council meeting. If not, a suitable proxy needs to be found.

Next meeting at 5:30pm, 28th September at the CBC.

Meeting closed at 6:25pm.

InterCouncil Motion

Motion (put by email on 16 August:) Council members authorise the Treasurer to pay \$2,500 to the CBC being reimbursement of certain capital expenditures made in 2011 for bridge promotion and marketing at their club.

Moved: Roy Nixon, Seconded: Jodi Tutty, approved with one abstention (CBC).

12 October 2012

Minutes, BFACT Meeting Friday 12 October 2012

The President declared the meeting open at 5.35pm.

1. Present

Roy Nixon, Stephen Fischer, Jodi Tutty, Val Brockwell, Emlyn Williams, Bruce Crossman, Lynne Moss (for Ian Dalziell), John Yoon, Alex Hewat (Interclub convenor)

2. Apologies

Peter Kahler, Monaro Bridge Club

3. Confirmation of previous Minutes & Business Arising.

The minutes of the meeting of 10th August were confirmed.

4. Business Arising from the previous meeting

1. *ANC Captains Report*: Thanks given to both Julia Hoffman and Christy Geromboux for their informative reports. No report was received for the Open Team. Both captains raised concerns with the late running of the ANC trials. It was noted that this has been addressed in next year's calendar.

5. President's report

No report.

6. Treasurer's report

Auditor has signed off the accounts for the year.

7. Tournament Secretary's report

No report.

8. CBC Representative report

1. *CBC Visitors*: Any genuine visitors to CBC (from more than 80 km away) will now only be charged members' rather than visitors' rates to play at the club. BFACT asked to raise this example at the ABF level and suggest wider adoption throughout Australia.

2. *CBC calendar*: This will be published in the next month. Inter club dates to be added if possible.

9. Running of GNP Regional Final and Gala Pairs

1. *Gala Pairs*:

Arrangements in place for the running of the event.

2. GNP Regional Final

Scheduled for the 11th November.

Action: Bruce Crossman to ask Gordon Henderson to run the event.

10. AGM Planning

Planning now complete.

11. Director Courses

Directors course is running on 28th October.

Action: All committee members to circulate.

12. Grand National Pairs

This event started as a trial and is currently be reviewed by the ABF. BFACT is supportive of the continuation of the event.

13. Teaching Tour in 2013

Action: Val Brockwell to approach David Beauchamp to run a teaching program for BFACT in 2013.

14. Increase in ABF Capitation fees

The ABF is raising capitation fees by \$2 in 2013 and a further \$1 in 2014. Club representative expressed concern over the timing of the raise as most clubs had already set their subscriptions for next year. While it was acknowledged that the raise would not take effect until April next year, this issue should be raised with ABF management.

15. Any other business

1. Inter club report: Alex Hewat submitted a report on the Interclub competition (attached). In summary, the event generally ran well though the number of entries was disappointing (four in each category). It was decided to move the competition to Sunday next year to avoid clashes with CBC on Saturday afternoon. Alex Hewat agreed to convene the competition next year and update the regulations. BFACT expressed its thanks to Alex Hewat for convening the event.

Action: Neither trophy has been engraved since 2009. Bruce Crossman to send any results he has for 2009-2011 to Alex Hewatt. Alex Hewatt to organize engraving.

Action: Jodi Tutty to send a letter of thanks to Sebastian Yuen and Bruce Crossman for directing the event free of charge.

16. Next meeting

Proposed time for next meeting is at 5:30pm, 23rd November at the CBC. Time to be confirmed by the new committee.

Meeting closed at 6:55pm.

InterCouncil Motion

Motion put by email on the 16th August: Council members authorise the Treasurer to pay \$2,500 to the CBC being reimbursement of certain capital expenditures made in 2011 for bridge promotion and marketing at their club. Proposed: Roy Nixon, Seconded: Jodi Tutty, approved with one abstention (CBC).