

Minutes 2012 AGM and 2012-13 BFACT Council Meetings
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Annual General Meeting

23 November 2012

Minutes BFACT Meeting Friday 23 November 2012

The President declared the meeting open at 5.35pm.

1. Present

Roy Nixon, Stephen Fischer, Bruce Crossman, Ian Dalziell, Wendy Boxall, John Yoon.

2. Apologies

Peter Kahler, Monaro Bridge Club.

3. Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 12 October 2012 were confirmed.

4. Business Arising

4.1 CBC Calender is at the printers and includes BFACT events. Stephen to supply Roy with a copy for the website.

4.2 Gala Pairs – 20 tables. Thanks to Jodi and Val for their work in making the day a success.

4.3 Roy noted the contribution given by Val Brockwell, Emlyn Williams and Jodi Tutty to the previous BFACT Council. The meeting resolved that Roy organize a gift in our appreciation.

4.4 GNP – the Regional Final has been successfully held and three pairs have qualified for the January final. The meeting discussed the recent ABF decision to cancel future GNP events.

MOTION BFACT recognizes that the GNP has been a valuable means of encouraging grassroots players to participate in above club level events and therefore asks the ABF to revisit the concept of a national restricted event for 2014/5.

Moved Ian Dalziell Seconded Bruce Crossman CARRIED

Wendy to advise ABF of the motion.

4.5 Directors' Course – 15 attended. Ian to forward an updated list of qualified directors to Roy for inclusion on the website.

4.6 AGM Draft minutes were reviewed by the meeting and provisionally approved, pending confirmation at the 2013 AGM.

4.7 Teaching Tour 2013 – Roy will continue discussions with David Beauchamp with a view to organizing a series of lessons at each of the clubs during 2013.

5. President's report

5.1 GNOT – the problem with the Canberra Two team has been resolved with two players from a CBR1 selection event team joining CBR2.

Recommendations:

- That future tournament regulations cover the situation that arose more explicitly

- Consider running the qualifying event for CBR2 earlier in the year in future to increase player availability.

Roy, Stephen and Peter to consider the above and report back to council.

6. Treasurer's report

Some money is still available from the ABF Marketing Grant. Capital Bridge Club is considering making an application to BFACT.

The GNOT entry fees have been paid, but still need bill Canberra Bridge Club.

7. Other business

7.1 Teacher Training – Joan Butts is available to run a day and a half programme in Canberra on the theme of 'Teach the Teachers' for anyone interested in teaching bridge. BFACT to canvass interest from local clubs and Youth bridge. Please advise Roy of interested people.

7.2 Player Development – BFACT congratulates the Canberra Bridge Club, in particular Val Holbrook, on their recent initiatives to promote player development.

7.3 Masterpoint Secretary – Wendy to contact Griff Ware to determine his intentions in continuing in the role.

7.4 Website Liaison – BFACT appointed Roy as the Website Liaison Officer.

7.5 Bank Account Signatories – Forms were completed to replace Emlyn with John Yoon.

16. Next meeting

Proposed time for next meeting is at 5:30pm, 1 February 2013 at the CBC. Date to be confirmed in the new year.

Meeting closed at 6:58pm.

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).

08 February 2013

Minutes BFACT Meeting Friday 8 February 2013

The President declared the meeting open at 5.35pm.

1. Present

Roy Nixon, Stephen Fischer, Bruce Crossman, Ian Dalziell, Wendy Boxall and Peter Kahler.

2. Apologies

Monaro Bridge Club.

3. Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 23 November 2012 were confirmed. Moved Ian Dalziell,
Seconded Bruce Crossman CARRIED

4. Business Arising

4.1 GNP No formal response from the ABF to our communication. Roy advised the meeting that the ABF has received further representations from other clubs.

4.2 GNOT sub-committee meeting to be convened.

5. Tournament Secretary's report

5.1 Selection Events for 2013 ANC. Peter tabled the attached documents for general discussion. Entry fees to be set at next meeting.

5.2 Calender – Council discussed the changes that have been made from last year.

5.3 Honour Boards – Peter will work on getting these up to date.

5.4 Interclub Teams – Council expressed its thanks to Alex Hewat in his on-going role as co-ordinator. Alex to be invited to the next meeting.

5.5 Last Train for Open Team Selection – scheduled for 7 April 2013. Structure and promotion of the event to be discussed at next meeting.

5.6 GNOT – Council noted that the GNOT is to be relocated to Canberra in November 2014. An opportunity exists for BFACT to run a Gold Point Butler Pairs in conjunction with it.

5.7 Centenary Congress Gold Point Event – Council gave in principle approval for an application to be made to the ABF for a gold point event to celebrate Canberra's centenary. Possible dates are 28-30 September 2013 or 4-6 October 2013. We will discuss financial support for this congress at a later meeting.

6. Other Business

6.1 Marketing Grants – Report for 2012 grant now due. Roy to complete. Applications have been received from Capital Bridge Club and Monaro Bridge Club for funding in 2013. MOTION that the applications from Capital and Monaro are approved in principle, subject to

finalization with the BFACT President. Moved Peter Kahler Seconded Stephen Fischer
CARRIED.

6.2 Directors List – Bruce to review the current Directors List with a view to identifying inactive directors. Meeting discussed formulating a second list of National Directors active in the ACT region. The meeting further discussed reciprocal recognition of directors from other states and territories. A letter of welcome is to be sent to all recently qualified directors.

6.3 David Beauchamp's Teaching Tour – date set for 28-30 June 2013. Cost to be \$450 per day plus expenses. BFACT to look at subsidising the cost to allow as many players as possible to attend.

6.4 Teach the Teachers Joan Butts – available dates include 24-5 August 2013 or 31 August and 1 September 2013. Roy to continue to liaise.

6.5 Masterpoint Secretary – the meeting confirmed John Donovan in the role for the next 12 months.

7. Next meeting

Next meeting is at 5:30pm, 15 March 2013 at the CBC.

Meeting closed at 6:50pm.

15 March 2013

Minutes BFACT Meeting Friday 15 March 2013

The President declared the meeting open at 5.35pm.

1. Present

Roy Nixon, Stephen Fischer, George Stockham, John Yoon, Lynne Moss, Wendy Boxall and Peter Kahler.

2. Apologies

Ian Dalziell, Monaro Bridge Club.

3. Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 8 February 2013 were confirmed. Moved Stephen Fischer, Seconded Roy Nixon CARRIED

4. Business Arising

4.1 ABF Marketing Grant Report – the committee discussed the report and agreed that Stephen provide Roy with some revised wording for the CBC part and then for it to be submitted to the ABF.

4.2 Teaching tours – Roy to discuss with club representatives. Joan Butts has been booked for 31 August and 1 September 2013.

5. Tournament Secretary's report

5.1 Women's Selection Trials – Saturday and Sunday play only. Meeting resolved the entry fee will be \$80 per player.

5.2 Seniors Selection trials to be held 26-28 April 2013

5.3 Honour Boards – Some new glass Honour Boards have arrived. Cost around \$1,000. Expenditure approved.

5.4 Interclub Competition - Alex Hewat confirmed the dates for this year's competition. The committee requested Alex to update the regulations. So far Capital, Canberra and South Canberra have confirmed they will field teams. Quotes have been received to bring the trophies up to date (\$132) and purchase new trophies (\$366). Expenditure approved by meeting.

6. Other Business

6.1 ABF Delegate – MOTION That Roy Nixon be appointed as BFACT's ABF delegate for 2013-14 Moved Lynne Moss Seconded John Yoon CARRIED.

6.2 ANC State Entry form – Wendy to co-ordinate submission of our entries.

6.3 Capital Bridge Club Rep – Lynne Moss was welcomed to the committee.

6.4 Youth Bridge Co-ordinator John Yoon reported that 4 youth teams were organized to attend the Bateman's Bay Congress. The initiative was very successful and much enjoyed by all participants.

7. Next meeting

Next meeting is at 5:30pm, 12 April 2013 at the CBC.

Meeting closed at 6:50pm

12 April 2003

Minutes BFACT Meeting Friday 12 April 2013

The President declared the meeting open at 5.35pm.

1. Present

Roy Nixon, Stephen Fischer, George Stockham, John Yoon, Lynne Moss, Wendy Boxall, Alex Hewat and Peter Kahler.

2. Apologies

Ian Dalziell, Monaro Bridge Club.

3. Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 15 March 2013 were confirmed. Moved Stephen Fischer, Seconded Lynne Moss CARRIED

4. Business Arising

4.1 Open Team Selection – the committee resolved that the entry fee will be \$90 as play will be across Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

4.2 Honour Boards– Expenditure was approved at the last meeting. John still waiting for invoices to process the payments

4.3 David Beauchamp Teaching Tour – Dates set for Friday – Sunday 28-30 June. Venue for the three Canberra sessions to be the Canberra Bridge Club – 11am and 6 pm Friday (before each of the walk-in sessions and 11am on Saturday. Monaro will have the remaining lessons on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Need to guarantee 20 attendees per lesson.

5. President's report

Roy noted that the AGM for the ABF is to held on 19-20 May 2013. Roy and Peter to attend. Any formal motions for the meeting require 21 days notice.

6. Tournament Secretary's Report

6.1 Last Train Gala Pairs was a successful day. Accounts are not yet finalized but expected profit should be in the region of \$800. List of qualifiers for the Open Team Selection is now finalized.

6.2 Honour Boards – Liaising with CBC.

6.3 Seniors Team Selection Trials – to be consistent, entry fee will be \$ 80 if Sat/Sun only or \$90 if Friday/Saturday/Sunday.

6.4 Council discussed the selection process for the ACT Open Team Final, noting the possibility of qualifying relative weak pairs from the smaller clubs. The selection process to be reviewed.

7. Club Representative Reports

7.1 Canberra Bridge Club – Stephen noted that the Gold Point Centenary Congress dates falls quite closely between the Spring Congress and the BFACT AGM and Gala Pairs.

7.2 Capital Bridge Club – Lynne advised they are ready for the Interclub event for 1 June 2013. The new Gungahlin Bridge Club may field a team.

7.3 South Canberra Bridge Club – Keen to schedule another Directors' training course as there is always a shortage of Directors in the Canberra region.

8. Other Business

8.1 Gungahlin Bridge Club – Roy has forwarded information to this new club about affiliating with the ABF.

8.2 Marketing Grants will continue as 'Special Projects Grants' from 2014. Need to apply by 28 June 2013. The committee resolved to consider proposals at the next meeting. A marketing conference is being planned by the ABF. Stephen expressed an interest in being BFACT's nominee.

8.3 Governance of the ABF – Please forward any input to Peter within the next 10 days

8.4 Masterpoint Secretary John Donovan – Peter to reply to John's email requesting further information about the events run under the auspices of BFACT. John to be invited to the next meeting.

9. Next Meeting

Friday 10 May 2013

Meeting closed at 7.05pm

10 May 2013

Minutes BFACT Meeting Friday 10 May 2013

The President declared the meeting open at 5.30 pm.

1. Present

Roy Nixon, Ian Dalziell, Stephen Fischer, George Stockham, Peter Kahler, John Yoon, Alex Hewat and John Donovan.

2. Apologies

Wendy Boxall, Lynne Moss, Monaro Bridge Club.

3. Previous Minutes

- In the absence of the secretary Ian was appointed secretary for this meeting.
- The minutes of the meeting of 12 April 2013 were confirmed.
- Council suggested that draft minutes be circulated promptly to all council members and that the date of the next meeting be circulated in advance.

4. Business Arising

- Honour Boards– Estimated expenditure for two honour boards (State Swiss Pair Championship and Winning ANC State teams) is \$3500, to be included in 2013-14 budget. David Hoffman has generously offered to provide a new Interclub Honour Board.
- Reaffirm dates for David Beauchamp Teaching Tour – Sunday 28-30 June. Roy will circulate information about teaching tours.

5. President's report

- Issues raised by the President are discussed below.

6. Treasurer's Report

- John Yoon noted that while there is presently a small deficit this is due mainly to delayed expenditures from the previous year.
- The Special Projects Grant (previously Marketing Grant) income is due in June.

7. Tournament Secretary's Report

- David Hoffman has agreed to be Captain of the Youth team and BFACT has approved.
- Peter and John Yoon will make the formal entry for the ANC, (entries and system cards due 6 June). Local deadline for members is 31 May. Subsidies to players will be reduced by the amount of late fines if necessary. Peter will write to captains.

- It was agreed to invite Len Dixon to be ACT honorary captain at large in acknowledgement for his membership of the first ACT team that played in the national championships/ANC, contribution 50 years ago this year and for his contribution to ACT bridge over many years. BFACT agreed to pay his costs for the ANC dinner in Adelaide.
- New Victory Point Scale. It was resolved that Peter would advise the next meeting about implementation.
- State Mixed Matchpoint Pairs is coming up 16-23 May.

8. Club Representative Reports

- Capital Bridge advised they are ready for the Interclub event for 1 June.
- South Canberra Bridge Club – Noted that Bruce Crossman is ill. Council expressed their good wishes for his recovery.

9. Other Business

9.1 Interclub

Alex Hewat reported that there are sufficient teams for both senior and restricted categories. Gungahlin is considering two teams. There is presently no director for the first event on 1 June. Suggestions were given to Alex about whom to approach.

9.2 Masterpoints Secretary

John Donovan, BFACT Masterpoints Secretary, was welcomed to the meeting. He noted that it was not always clear which events were BFACT events and which were CBC ones. He and Roy also noted that problems can arise for the McCutcheon ratings if there is any delay in the reporting of masterpoints on BFACT events especially if they occur late in the calendar year. It was agreed that John Donovan would let Roy know if this was likely to be a problem.

There was discussion about the difficulty of identifying BFACT events. It was agreed that 'BFACT' be included in the name of all BFACT events on the BFACT results webpage, and where appropriate on the CBC webpage. Also, where it is helpful, there be a link on the BFACT site to the detailed results on the CBC site.

9.3 Governance of the ABF

There was general discussion about the issues and strategies for the AGM for the ABF is to be held on 19-20 May 2013. Roy and Peter to attend.

9.4 Selection Process for Open Team Subcommittee

Council agreed to establish a subcommittee to report to BFACT with recommendations for how to select the BFACT Open Team for the ANC.

The subcommittee will be Peter Kahler, Stephen Fischer, George Stockham, Roy Nixon (ex officio) and Lynne Moss (if she is willing). First meeting will be 24 May at 5.30 pm at CBC.

9.5 ABF System Cards

It was noted that ABF has requested input on a new version 11 system card which has been circulated. Stephen has provided comments to Kelso at ABF. Others are reminded to provide comments.

9.6 BFACT list of directors

More corrections were made to the revised list circulated by Bruce Crossman. Ian to recirculate a revised version for further input from councillors.

10. Next Meeting

Friday 26 July 2013

Meeting closed at 6.45 pm

29 July 2013

Minutes BFACT Meeting Friday 29 July 2013

The President declared the meeting open at 5.30 pm.

1. Present

Roy Nixon, George Stockham, Peter Kahler, John Yoon, Wendy Boxall, Lynne Moss and Jodi Tutty.

2. Apologies

Monaro Bridge Club, Ian Dalziell and Stephen Fischer,

3. Previous Minutes

- The minutes of the meeting of 10 May 2013 were confirmed.

4. Business Arising

- Len Dixon attended the Victory Dinner in Adelaide and his contribution to bridge over the last 50 years was publicly acknowledged.
- The new WBF Victory Point Scale is in the process of being introduced. Peter Kahler to email affiliated clubs to advise of the changeover.
- New alerting regulations are also coming into effect. Peter to similarly advise the clubs.
- ABF System Cards have been updated and the new format is out for comment. Intended date for new hard copy system cards is 1 Jan 2014 subject to stocks of the old cards being used up.

5. President's report

- The ABF AGM held in May saw suggested changes to the constitution defeated with a Governance committee reviewing the Constitution and reporting back at the November meeting.

6. Treasurer's Report

- John Yoon noted that while Masterpoint Fees for the current period are up, the 3 year average is in line with the budget.
- All ANC payments have been completed.

7. Tournament Secretary's Report

- Although the ANC organization was very smooth, the team results were a little disappointing. However the Women's team did go close to making the final.
- Open Team Selection – Peter tabled a Review paper for general discussion. The most significant change was the introduction of a Repercharge Semi Final. Following extensive discussion, It was agreed that Peter revisit the paper and report back at the next meeting.

8. Club Representative Reports

- Capital Bridge Bridge – Lynne raised the issue of poor participation by the clubs in the Interclub Teams event. Only 3 teams are contending in each of the categories. The meeting also discussed the difficulty experienced in finding a director for the event. Resolved that eligibility for the event must be clarified and that publicity must be increased. Alex Hewat to be approached for comment.

9. Other Business

9.1 Honorary Webmaster

Roy notified the meeting that Earl has resigned from this role and suggested Jane Rassmussen as a replacement. Roy to thank Earl for his service.

9.2 New Directors

The meeting approved the letter to be sent to new directors.

The meeting confirmed 19 October 2013 as the date for the Directors' Course.

9.3 Capital Marketing Grant

The meeting approved the grant of \$800 to the Capital Bridge Club.

9.4 Joan Butts 'Teach the Teachers' Tour

Roy is liaising with Ann Pettigrew and publicity is already being circulated. In the main, sessions will be held at CBC.

The meeting approved an expenses subsidy of up to \$200 each for out of town participants (that is Cooma or Cootamundra) subject to proof of expense.

9.5 David Beauchamp visit

Reports from both CBC and Monaro were tabled confirming this was a successful initiative.

9.6 ANC Teams

A survey compiled by Stephen Fischer was tabled outlining the disincentives that exist for high level players to contest the ANC.

9.7 Pianola Software

Peter reported on his meeting with their representative. They offer a computer software package for bridge clubs that manages memberships, Masterpointing, has a scoring interface and also includes a Handicap system. May be of interest to our affiliated clubs.

10. Next Meeting

Friday 16 August 2013

Meeting closed at 7.05 pm

15 August 2013

Minutes BFACT Meeting Friday 15 August 2013

The President declared the meeting open at 5.30 pm.

1. Present

Roy Nixon, George Stockham, Peter Kahler, John Yoon, Wendy Boxall, Lynne Moss, Ian Dalziell, Stephen Fischer, Dave Gabbitas (Gunghalin) and Alex Hewat (Interclub Rep.).

2. Apologies

Monaro Bridge Club, George Stockham.

3. Previous Minutes

- The minutes of the meeting of 29 July 2013 were confirmed.

4. Business Arising

- Roy welcomed Dave Gabbitas from the Gunghalin Bridge Club. Dave advised the meeting that the club is still considering federating with the ABF.
- **Interclub competition.** Alex tabled the 2013 Interclub report. The meeting discussed strategies to reinvigorate the event and get more of the clubs participating fully. Options including introducing a third category were considered. Meeting resolved to have a one day event.

7. Tournament Secretary's Report

- State Open Teams – Regulations are completed but may need modification depending on the number of entries.
- ANC Winners Honour Board – list has been circulated and checked. Board will be ordered.
- ANC Butler Pairs – to be held in November. To increase the profile of this event a new honour board will be created.
- ANC Captains Reports have been received and tabled. Council noted that although our subsidies are less than the other states we have little room to change this.
- Calendar – very similar to last year. Seniors' Trials are currently on Anzac Day weekend. May look to reschedule.
- Gala Pairs 20 October 2013 with the BFACT AGM to follow play. Two Categories, Open and Intermediate, and Restricted and Novice. The top three pairs from each section will form the Canberra 2 team and the ACT Provincial teams respectively.. Lunch to be provided. Entry fee of \$30 (\$20 concession).
- AGM – 20 October 2013. Meeting noted that Notice of Motions need to be received no later than 21 days before.

- Joan Butts visit. Expecting 20-25 participants. Council approved a budget of up to \$1,100 to cover the lunch and other expenses.

8. Other Business

8.1 Canberra Centenary Congress

Council expressed concern over the number of tables required to reach the break-even point for the event. Council expressed further concern that no budget has yet been presented.

8.2 Come and Try Bridge Day

Stephen advised Council of this new initiative being planned by Canberra Bridge Club for 2 February 2014. Has been used effectively elsewhere. Stephen invited other clubs to join in on the day. CBC plan to promote the event by advertising in the Canberra Times at a cost of \$1,100. Motion – That BFACT support the initiative with \$550 from the Marketing Grant. MOVED Roy Nixon SECONDED John Yoon CARRIED

8.3 ANC Open Team Selection

Peter advised the meeting that it is not now possible to change the selection procedure for 2014. Meeting resolved to increase the publicity for the selection events to be held at each of the clubs

8.4 Bridge and Beer

John reported on a successful introduction to bridge event held at the ANU. Council approved expenditure of \$156 for hospitality.

NEXT MEETING 11 October 2013

Meeting closed at 7.15 pm

11 October 2013

Minutes BFACT Meeting Friday 11 October 2013

The President declared the meeting open at 5.35 pm.

1. Present

Roy Nixon, George Stockham, John Yoon, Wendy Boxall, Karen Creet, Ian Dalziell and John Donovan.

2. Apologies

Peter Kahler and Lynne Moss

3. Previous Minutes

- The minutes of the meeting of 15 August 2013 were confirmed.

4. Business Arising

- **Interclub competition.** Looking at making it a one day event in 2014 and introducing a Novice category in addition to the Seniors' and Restricted.
- Open Team Selection – the new committee to review the process for 2015
- Directors' Course – meeting resolved to include the date in the 2014 Calendar

5. Treasurer's Report

- John tabled the Auditor's Report for 2012-13 for presentation at the AGM and circulation to the clubs.
- Centenary Congress – initial figures are in and it is possible the event will break even. The ABF have waived some of the costs normally associated with such an event. Council resolved to look at holding a Gold Point event again next year.
- Affiliation Fee – the meeting resolved that the Affiliation fee for the upcoming year remain unchanged at \$7.50

6. Other Business

- Roy outlined the ongoing efforts to reform the ABF Governance Committee and general structure
- Nominations – the following nominations for the AGM have been received:
PRESIDENT Roy Nixon
VICE PRESIDENT Karen Creet
SECRETARY Ian Dalziell
TREASURER John Yoon
TOURNAMENT SECRETARY Peter Kahler

NEXT MEETING AGM Sunday 20 October 2013

Meeting closed at 6.35pm