

Minutes 2013 AGM and 2013-14 BFACT Council Meetings

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Minutes

- 1. Bridge Federation of ACT**
- 2. Annual General Meeting Agenda**
- 3. Sunday 20 October 2013, 4.30pm, CBC Clubrooms**
- 4.**

5.

Attendance

Roy Nixon, Wendy Boxall, Keith Huggan, Ruth Gallagher, Ross Crichton, Pam Crichton, Jodi Tutty, George Stockham, Trevor Berenger, John Yoon, Adrienne Stephens, David Hoffman, Anne Powell, Jan Davis, Ruth Vosseler, Margaret Bourke, John Donovan, Terry Heming, Sean Mullamphy, Jane Rasmussen, Lynne Moss, Peter Kahler, Jim Ascione, Emlyn Williams, Lisa Ma, Tony Marker, Sunny Campbell, Steve Carter, Jeanette McCorriston, Geoff Hutchins, Alex Hewat, Ann Pettigrew, Noel Bugeia, Tony Marinos, Peter Grant, Denise Gobes, Val Brockwell, Elaine Leach, John Brockwell, Dorothy Venables, Joey Herbert and Julia Hoffman.

Apologies

No apologies were received

Acknowledgement of proxy votes

No proxy votes received.

Confirmation of Minutes of the 2012 AGM

Motion: "that the Minutes of the AGM of 2012 be accepted as a true record of that meeting". Proposed: Roy Nixon, seconded: Val Brockwell. Accepted.

Matters arising from the Minutes of the AGM of 2012

None

Report of the President

Roy Nixon spoke to his written report. (Attached)

Report from the Treasurer on BFACT's Financial Statements for 2012-2013

John noted that there had been a small deficit of \$118 for the preceding year which related to the timing of receipts and payments. The masterpoint backlog saw increased spending in 2012-13 but this should now stabilize at around \$2,500 per year. Spending on the Marketing Programme was up in the year just past and is expected to increase again in 2013-14. It was further noted that total membership of BFACT is growing slowly and is now between 850 and 900. (Financial statements attached)

Appointment of Auditor for 2013-2014

Motion: "that Ian Thomson is appointed as auditor for BFACT for 2013 -2014". Proposed Jon Yoon, seconded Peter Kahler Accepted.

Affiliation Fee for 2013-2014

Motion: "that the annual affiliation fee for 2013-2014 remains at \$7.50 (including GST) for all members of affiliated bridge clubs". Proposed John Yoon, seconded Roy Nixon Accepted.

Report of the Tournament Secretary

Peter noted that the new Honour Boards are a great improvement to the club. He further noted that the performance of ACT players both nationally and internationally continued to

demonstrate the strength of bridge in the BFACT region. Challenges exist in the selection of the ANC Open team with a review underway. Format will remain the same for 2014, with qualifying events to be held at CBC, South Canberra and Capital. Evening player attendance is down and daytime attendance increasing. This presents interesting option of holding some BFACT events during the day.

Appointment of Returning Officer

George Stockham was appointed as Returning Officer and presided over the elections as per the nominations.

Election of Office Bearers:

| | | |
|----------------------|--------------|------------------|
| President | Roy Nixon | Declared elected |
| Vice President | Karen Creet | Declared elected |
| Secretary | Ian Dalziell | Declared elected |
| Treasurer | John Yoon | Declared elected |
| Tournament Secretary | Peter Kahler | Declared elected |

Any Other Business

13.1 John Donovan suggested that the word 'BFACT' be included in the name of each of our events to allow easy identification

13.2 The meeting noted that David Beauchamp's visit to the region was well received and BFACT should look at repeating it.

13.3 Interclub competition – the co-ordinator Alex Hewat outlined that the event would take on a new one-day format with the introduction of a new Novice category. He urged all the clubs to support the competition.

There being no further business, the President thanked everybody for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 5.00 pm.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO 2013 BFACT AGM

I would like to start by thanking several people for the work they did in 2013 for BFACT and the bridge community in general (in no particular order):

Earl Dudley for continuing to update and manage the BFACT website.

Ian Dalziell for his work organising and updating our lists of qualified directors and with Sean Mullamphy to continue to help train aspiring Club and Congress level directors here in Canberra. This is an important job.

Peter Kahler our Tournament Secretary (and second ABF Delegate) who goes about his job very efficiently, never seeming to let his extensive holiday plans get in the way of doing a great job! He also puts considerable personal effort into organizing the BFACT Last Train and Gala Pairs events. Peter also organised the new glass honour boards for some BFACT events which contribute to a much improved look in the CBC clubrooms.

John Yoon, our Treasurer, who has admirably filled the big shoes of former Treasurer Emlyn Williams and who is also our state Youth Coordinator doing a great job promoting youth bridge especially among the local universities and at national level through the ABF Youth Committee.

Alex Hewat, who organised BFACT's interclub competition. Numbers were down again in 2013 and the outgoing Council had a spirited discussion about how we might improve the format of this event in 2014 by running it as a one day event and allowing multiple entries from clubs in different categories. Congratulations to the Capital Bridge Club who won the Restricted category and the Canberra Bridge Club who took out the Senior category.

Wendy Boxall our retiring Secretary who performed her duties very capably.

BFACT, with the assistance of the Canberra Bridge Club, especially Ann Pettigrew, subsidised two very successful events in 2013. First, in June, we brought David Beauchamp to the region to do a small teaching tour in Canberra and Cooma. The turnout in both venues was excellent and the feedback generally highly favourable. BFACT has taken on board comments fed back to us on how we might improve future such tours. Clearly there is demand for such events.

Then in late August, BFACT partly subsidised (with significant funds from the ABF) ABF Teaching Coordinator Joan Butts to conduct a weekend teacher training program and workshop. 28 interested teachers and potential teachers, mentors etc attended and were introduced to modern teaching methods and materials. The feedback was very positive and clearly showed that much more needs to be done to improve both the quantity and quality of teachers in our region. Attendees came from Bungendore, Cooma, Cootamundra, Goulburn, Bateman's Bay and Wagga Wagga, plus from all the Canberra clubs.

As I have done in previous years, I would like to acknowledge the support of the ABF for BFACT and our clubs and their members. The ABF continues to provide important safety net insurance covering public liability and management and professional indemnity. They also have a great value for money travel insurance deal for all ABF members which many ACT members have taken advantage of. In 2013 the ABF also introduced an Australia-wide

insurance policy covering accidents to all our clubs' volunteer workers. Now all volunteers at all BFACT affiliated clubs are covered for many typical personal accident situations whilst performing approved voluntary work for clubs. This is an important benefit from affiliation. I appreciate ABF capitation fees have gone up in the past two years impacting on clubs and members but this was after a very long period when the fee stayed the same. The ABF is using these additional funds to improve player numbers, teaching standards and the player experience in national tournaments, congresses and at club level.

The ABF also stepped up recently to assist us in holding the Canberra Centenary Congress a couple of weekends ago. A special thanks to John Brockwell the Tournament Organiser and Jane Rasmussen at ABF HQ for all their assistance in making this gold point event a success.

Many of the promotional events I have described here were made more feasible by the provision of bridge promotion grants by the ABF in 2013 of nearly \$7,000.

Peter Kahler will cover off our players' bridge achievements in 2013 but I would like to note that Margaret Bourke, Liz Havas, Ian Robinson, Ian Thomson and David Lilley all represented Australia in 2013 showing we continue to punch well above our weight in bridge terms.

6. Roy Nixon
7. President
8. 12 October 2013

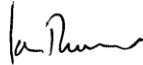
AUDITORS REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF
BRIDGE FEDERATION OF THE ACT INCORPORATED

I have examined the accompanying Balance Sheet of the Bridge Federation of the ACT Incorporated as the 30 June 2013 and the Income Statement and Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 30 June 2013.

It was not practical to establish accounting control over cash receipts from all sources prior to their receipt by the Treasurer of the Association. Accordingly, it was not practical for my examination relating to such receipts to extend beyond the amounts recorded by the Treasurer.

Subject to the above, in my opinion

- (i) I have obtained all the information and explanations required by me;
- (ii) Proper accounting records and other records have been kept by the Association in as required by the Associations Incorporations CT 1991;
- (iii) The Accounts are properly drawn up
 - a) So as to give a true and fair view of the Assets and Liabilities of the Association as at 30 June 2013 and of the operations of the Association for the year ended;
 - b) In accordance with the provisions of the Associations Incorporation Act 1991; and
 - c) In accordance with proper accounting standards.



Ian Thomson
Chartered Accountant

2 October 2013

Bridge Federation ACT Incorporated
Financial Statements
Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2013

| | Note | 2012-13 | 2011-12 |
|--|------|----------------|---------------|
| Current Assets | | | |
| Cash on hand and at bank | 1 | 82,704 | 85,144 |
| GST receivable | | 2,970 | 6,920 |
| Total Current Assets | | 85,674 | 92,065 |
| Total Assets | | 85,674 | 92,065 |
| Current Liabilities | | | |
| Sundry creditors | 2 | 4,885 | 7,172 |
| GST payable | | 2,706 | 6,691 |
| Total Current Liabilities | | 7,591 | 13,863 |
| Net Assets | | 78,083 | 78,201 |
| Represented by | | | |
| Accumulated funds at start of year | | 78,201 | 77,356 |
| Surplus(Deficit) from operations | | (118) | 845 |
| Members Funds | | 78,083 | 78,201 |
| Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 30 June 2013 | | | |
| Net surplus(deficit) | | (118) | 845 |
| Last years creditors | | (13,863) | (8,343) |
| This years creditors | | 7,591 | 13,863 |
| Last years debtors | | 6,920 | 4,215 |
| This years debtors | | (2,970) | (6,920) |
| Net Cash Flow For The Year | | (2,440) | 3,660 |
| Cash at start of year | | 85,144 | 81,484 |
| Cash at end of year | | 82,704 | 85,144 |

Bridge Federation ACT Incorporated
Financial Statements
Income Statement for the year ended 30 June 2013

| Income | 2012-13 | 2011-12 |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| BFACT events | 13,630 | 14,226 |
| Youth bridge | - | - |
| ANC travel/dinner subsidies | 3,636 | 7,364 |
| Affiliation fees | 5,414 | 5,393 |
| Masterpoint commissions and rebates | 1,487 | 1,304 |
| ABF marketing program | 6,273 | 6,273 |
| Bank interest | 2,570 | 3,142 |
| Total Income | 33,009 | 37,702 |
| Expenses | | |
| BFACT events | 9,474 | 9,407 |
| Youth bridge | 1,216 | 1,754 |
| ANC travel/dinner subsidies | 8,460 | 16,178 |
| ANC entry fees | 4,333 | 5,385 |
| Masterpoint fees | 3,461 | 1,623 |
| ABF marketing program | 4,523 | 1,385 |
| Admin fees | 1,356 | 1,039 |
| Miscellaneous | 305 | 85 |
| Total Expenses | 33,127 | 36,857 |
| Net Surplus (Deficit) | (118) | 845 |
| Accumulated funds at start of year | 78,201 | 77,356 |
| Accumulated funds at end of year | 78,083 | 78,201 |

Bridge Federation ACT Incorporated
Financial Statements

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2013

| | 2012-13 | 2011-12 |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1 Cash on Hand and at Bank | | |
| CPS Savings Account | 46,379 | 50,615 |
| CPS Investment Account | 36,325 | 34,529 |
| Total | 82,704 | 85,144 |
| 2 Creditors | | |
| ANC travel subsidy | 4,885 | 7,172 |
| Total | 4,885 | 7,172 |

3 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

This Special Purpose financial report has been prepared on an accrual basis and is based on historical costs.

Minutes BFACT Meeting Friday 6 December 2013

Meeting opened 5:30pm

George Stockham appointed minute secretary for this meeting in the absence of the Secretary.

1. Present

Roy Nixon, Stephen Fischer, Karen Creet, George Stockham, Lynne Moss

2. Apologies

Ian Dalziell, John Yoon, Peter Kahler, Janet Strzelecki.

3. New Club Representatives

The club representatives for 2014 were welcomed. They are Stephen Fischer (Canberra BC), Lynne Moss (Capital BC), George Stockham (South Canberra BC) and Janet Strzelecki (Monaro BC).

4. Minutes of previous meeting (11 October 2013)

Accepted.

5. Business Arising

Date for Interclub competition to be confirmed and included in Canberra Bridge Club calendar.

6. Business Arising from AGM

Decision on new auditor for coming year referred to Treasurer.

7. President's Report

Roy mentioned business arising from the ABF Council. Only matter of significance at the moment is the ABF Marketing Grant Report. This report is apparently nearly ready, but Roy or other ACXT reps hadn't seen it yet. One apparent recommendation will be the need for a "marketing conference" amongst the states in 2014. No details as yet.

8. Treasurer's Report.

Deferred till return of Treasurer, next meeting.

9. Tournament Secretary's Report

Deferred till return of Tournament Secretary, next meeting.

Peter Kahler will be asked on return to circulate his proposed program for the ANC selection program for 2014.

In his absence, Stephen Fischer and Karen Creet were going to ensure that the CBC calendar for 2014 would incorporate BFACT events correctly.

10. Other Business

Annual Return to the Office of Regulatory Services

Ian Daziell (as part of draft agenda) requested that members of the committee sign the annual return, lodged in the BFACT in-box.

Directors Training Report

The following report supplied by Ian Daziell as part of draft agenda:

Basic course held 19 October. 19 People took the course of which 17 took home the exam and so far one (Leone Moffatt) has submitted and passed the exam.

Advanced Directors course held 20 November, with 3 people doing the course.

11. Next Meeting

5:30-pm, 14 Feb 2014.

Meeting closed 6:30pm.

MINUTES
BFACT Committee Meeting
5.32 pm Friday 14 February 2014 Deakin

Present: Roy Nixon, Ian Dalziell, Stephen Fischer, Peter Kahler, John Donovan, George Stockham
Apologies: John Yoon, Janet Strzelecki (Monaro), Lynne Moss

The minutes of the previous meeting of 6 December 2013 were confirmed.

1. Interclub Competition

- 1.1 The date was confirmed as 2 August. Ian to advise clubs of date.
- 1.2 Peter to liaise with Alex Hewat to encourage small and new clubs to participate.
- 1.3 Agreed to add interclub to next meeting's agenda and invite Alex Hewat to the meeting.

2. President's Report

President provided an oral update on ABF issues

3. Treasurer's Report. No formal report in the absence of the Treasurer.

- 3.1 It was agreed that we need to set a rate for the selection team event. It was suggested that the rate be \$90 (for three day weekend) /\$80 for two day weekend. Action: Peter to discuss with John whether this is appropriate.
- 3.2 John is asked to provide an updated budget to the next committee meeting.
- 3.3 It was agreed that John be asked to provide a proposal on fees for qualifying events for state events (presently \$3.50 per person per session).
- 3.4 It was also agreed that John be asked to propose fees for new daytime BFACT events. A suggestion was \$1 (which when added to table money of \$9 makes \$10).

4. Tournament Secretary Report

- 4.1 Open Last train event is scheduled for Sunday 30 March
CBC will be the venue; Roy offered to be convenor; Peter to talk to Sean about arrangements.
Clubs are asked to encourage people to enter.
- 4.2 John Donovan advised revised dates for Capital selection events for ANC selection as 11, 18 and 25 March.
- 4.3 Question. Have we adopted the new VP scale (and the modified IMP capping for butler events?) Peter to investigate and incorporate where appropriate in tournament regulations.

5. Website

Roy offered to talk to Earl Dudley to facilitate transition arrangements if necessary for webmaster.

6. Directors Training Report

- 6.1 Roy to provide a format for Ian to prepare a certificate for the President to send to new directors graduating from the 2012 course. Ian will draft letter.
- 6.2 2013 basic course was held on 19 October. 19 People took the course of which 17 took home the exam and so far three have submitted and passed the exam. Ian has contacted those who have done the course and not submitted the exam and encouraged them to do so. It was recognised that it was important that those who submitted the exam received it back as part of the learning process.
- 6.3 Stephen noted that CBC provided on the job training, mentoring and shadowing to assist new directors.

6.4 2013 Advanced Directors course was held 20 November, with 3 people doing the course and two passing Daryl Whitfield and Max Mullamphy.

6.5 2014 Basic Course date set as 4 October. This now appears in the electronic version of CBC calendar. Ian to notify clubs.

7. ABF Marketing Grant

7.1 Report on BFACT use of ABF grant for 2013 was prepared by Roy and submitted to ABF and is attached to these minutes.

7.2 Stephen is asked to provide an invoice for \$1200 to John for payment for remainder of the 2013 grant monies to CBC.

7.3 Clubs are encouraged to provide offers of interest for Marketing Grants for 2014. The amount available is expected to be similar to last year i.e. \$6900. SCBC foreshadowed a claim in 2014 for support for a new computer and software.

8. TBIB Travel insurance

It was noted that there are some changes in provisions and it was agreed that clubs be again reminded of this service to members negotiated by ABF.

9. New BFACT logo

Peter to provide template to committee members for official use.

10. Selection process for 2015 events

It was agreed that this item be placed on the agenda for next meeting. It was foreshadowed that consideration would be giving to re-forming a committee to do this and that timing and terms of reference would be agreed.

11. Gold Point Event for 2015

Following the success of the centenary gold point event in 2013 the meeting considered the possibility of a similar event in future years. It was suggested that a committee of 4 consisting of the President and Tournament Secretaries of both CBC and BFACT be formed to investigate planning for a potential gold point event in possibly September October 2015 (and subsequent years). This would be done in conjunction with the CBC considerations of possible CBC events during that period. ToR and timing to be considered at next meeting.

12. Reports from Clubs

12.1 Committee members expressed their sympathy for Lynne Moss after her recent accident and their good wishes for her speedy recovery.

12.2 Stephen reported that the *Come and Try Bridge Day* was successful with 48 people attending and 30 continuing on to supervised play. This compares to a 13% retention rate from the existing 6 week program. This program had previously been trialled in Tasmania and Victoria with some success. Stephen noted that the it was designed to encourage bridge in the ACT and was not club specific and that other clubs are welcome to be part of this initiative.

Meeting closed at 6.50 pm

Next meeting Friday 21 March at 5.30 pm Deakin



Bridge Federation of the ACT

BFACT Committee Meeting

5.30 pm Friday 21 March 2014 Deakin

MINUTES

Present: Roy Nixon, Ian Dalziell, George Stockham, Lynne Moss, Peter Kahler, John Yoon, Alex Hewat, Stephen Fischer.

Apologies: Janet Strzelecki (Monaro), Karen Creet

Karen Creet tendered her resignation as councillor and vice president as she is leaving Canberra. The Council thanked her for her contribution.

The draft minutes of the previous meeting of 14 February 2014 were agreed.

There was no business arising from the minutes not otherwise on the agenda.

President Report: matters arising

1. Participation in ABF National Marketing Workshop 14 - 15 June Sydney

Motion: BFACT agrees to Stephen Fischer and Sheila Bird attending and BFACT will pay \$550 for accommodation and travel for Sheila. (Stephen to be paid by ABF).

2. BFACT's second representative on the ABF Council.

Motion: BFACT appoints Peter Kahler as BFACT delegate to ABF Council for a further 2 years. Secretary to notify Di Marler and Jane Rasmussen.

Treasurer's Report: matters arising

3. Funding of BFACT ANC players

Motion: that BFACT would fund approved players to the ANC at the rate of \$250 per head. The usual arrangement for dinner funding will apply.

4. Qualifying fees

Motion: that the fees for BFACT qualifying events remain at \$3.50 in 2014. The Treasurer agreed to bring a proposal to a later council meeting in the year proposing fees for qualifying events in 2015.

5. Treasurer to bill SCC and Capital for the ANC trials.

6. Treasurer to consult with Val Carmody re contribution by Barry Turner Fund to ANC travel in 2014.

7. The treasurer presented a draft budget which he agreed to re-examine to possibly achieve a balanced budget for 2014.

8. Daytime BFACT events: It was agreed to charge \$1

9. Post Box: It was agreed to continue to keep a separate BFACT box (PO Box 9586) costing \$107 from CBC (PO 9006)?

Tournament Secretary Report: matters arising

10. Gala Pairs/Last Train 30 March.

Clubs are asked to advertise and Roy was tasked to organise catering.

11. ABF Policy on entry fees payable by Youth Players

Motion: For BFACT events it was agreed to adopt the ABF policy (ie 50% discount for youth players)

12. Peter tabled documents that need to be prepared for the ANC.
(see Peter's email of 20 March 2013)

General Business

13. Interclub Competition 2 August (Alex Hewat invited)

Alex circulated draft supplementary regulations.

The possibility of moving the event from Saturday 2 August to Sunday 3 August was foreshadowed.

It was agreed to hold over discussion until the next meeting.

14. Letter Template including agreed logo was tabled by Peter for use.

15. Website

It was noted that the BFACT website is out of date and it was agreed to update it and to accept a CBC invitation that it would provide a link to BFACT event results on the CBC website.

16. Directors Training Report

BFACT approved the draft certificate and decided that all existing directors be issued with one.

2013 Basic course held 19 October. 19 People took the course of which 17 took home the exam, 5 passed and 3 have had their exams returned.

Motion: That David Delgado, Sue Doyle, Geoff Hayes, Subhash Jalota, Leone Moffat. be ratified by BFACT as club level directors and be awarded certificates.

The 2013 Advanced Directors course was held 20 November, with 3 people doing the course and two passing (Max Mullamphy and Daryl Whitfield).

Ian was asked to undertake an evaluation of the directors training after the next round.

17. ABF Marketing Grants Applications 2014

South Canberra has indicated they intend to apply for a grant for electronic scorers and Monaro for \$500? for lessons. Capital Bridge Club has submitted an application for \$800 (attached) for yellow pages advertising.

Motion: That BFACT agree to the application from Capital Bridge Clubs for \$800.

18. David Beauchamp Lessons

Karen reports that Beauchamp is doing lessons in Canberra on Thursday 3 July - evening; Friday 4 July am; Saturday 5 July am and Sunday 6 July am.

19. Prospective Gold Point Congress

Stephen reported that CBC had expressed in principle support for such an event. Stephen will brief the incoming president of CBC and will facilitate consultations with Peter and Roy to progress this initiative. Roy will talk to John Brockwell and bring to Council a possible format and budget.

20. Reports from Clubs

Monaro Bridge Club: Janet Strzelecki was elected president and Therese Kinch secretary.

South Canberra reported that they have finished their ANC qualifying event, whilst Capital noted that it would finish on Tuesday 25 March.

Next meeting 5.30 pm Friday 25 April.



Bridge Federation of the ACT

BFACT Committee Meeting

5.30 pm Friday 25 April 2014 Deakin

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Roy Nixon, Ian Dalziell, Stephen Fischer, George Stockham, John Yoon, Alex Hewat, John Donovan

Apologies: Janet Strzelecki (Monaro), Peter Kahler, Lynne Moss

The draft minutes of the previous meeting of 21 March 2014 were agreed as amended.

President's Report

1. ABF AGM and attendance 24 and 25 May Fyshwick
As Roy will be unable to attend, It was agreed that Roy would give his proxy to Peter Kahler.

Treasurer's Report

2. Revised budget was agreed

Tournament Secretary Report

3. ANC Open teams
The attached list of team members was formally ratified by BFACT
Roy will advise the webmaster
Youth captain of Christie Geromboux was agreed. Other captains still to be determined.

General Business

4. Interclub Competition
Date was confirmed as Sunday 3 August 10am to 5.30pm
It was agreed to pay CBC \$175 for venue hire
Four categories were agreed: seniors, intermediate <1000, restricted <300, novice <100
Charges agreed of \$75 per team, \$50 for youth and country.
John Yoon would assist with publicity
Prizes of 50% subsidy for entry to SFB.
5. ABF National Marketing Workshop 14 - 15 June Sydney
It was confirmed that Stephen Fischer and Sheila Bird would attend.
6. ABF Marketing Grants Applications 2014. The following grants were approved
Monaro \$700 towards beginner lessons
CBC \$750 to support David Beauchamp tour.
In principle agreement for South Canberra of \$630 for computing and scoring equipment but subject to final agreement by South Canberra committee.
7. David Beauchamp Tour
Beauchamp is doing lessons in Canberra on Thursday 3 July - evening; Friday 4 July am; Saturday 5 July am and Sunday 6 July am.
Convenor: Pam Creighton
Advertising: Stephen to provide publicity material to clubs (see attached)

(Fischer) BFACT opportunity for David Beauchamp tour
Stephen will investigate costing for DB to provide additional training to ANC teams during Sat and or Sun afternoon of DB tour.

8. Website

It was agreed that BFACT would update its website and that Sebastian Yuen be approached to be webmaster and offered an honorarium. In the meantime Roy and Ian would provide updated content to Earl Dudley including list of ANC players, recent minutes. 2014 calendar, directors list, current office bearers and removal of out of date material.

9. Directors

Certificates for new directors from 2012 and 2013 were signed by Roy.

It was agreed that all clubs be contacted to provide a list of active directors. These would be offered a certificate.

CBC has begun to advertise the 2014 course. Other clubs are invited to do so also.

Reports from Clubs

10. South Canberra noted that Valley Club had approached them to share some resources.

Next meeting Friday 13 June



Bridge Federation of the ACT

BFACT Committee Meeting

5.30 pm Friday 11 July 2014 Deakin

MINUTES

Present: Roy Nixon, Ian Dalziell, George Stockham, Lynne Moss, Peter Kahler, John Yoon, Stephen Fischer, Alex Hewat, John Donovan.

Apologies: Janet Strzelecki (Monaro),

1. The draft minutes of the previous meeting of 25 April 2014 were agreed.
2. It was AGREED by Council to co-opt Peter Giles onto the committee as Vice President and Sheila Bird as supplementary councillor.
3. There was no business arising from the minutes not otherwise on the agenda.
4. President Report: Matters raised were discussed below.
5. Treasurer's Report: John Yoon presented an updated financial report that was discussed and accepted.
6. Tournament Secretary Report
Peter reported on the arrangements for the ANC, current events, state open teams and the issue of a restricted team's event at the ANC. Roy and Peter foreshadowed that we would be asked to make comment at a later stage on a paper on Governance Issues.
7. Interclub Competition 3 August (Alex Hewat invited)
 - 7.1 The issue of participation by top players was discussed noting that some had registered for the event. Council AGREED that 'For the 2014 event that we set aside regulation 1.6 in the interests of maximising participation'. It was also decided that this regulation be reviewed before the 2015 event. ACTION: Roy agreed to discuss the issue with relevant entrants.
 - 7.2 It was AGREED to use the Summer Festival conversion rate for rating grand slam players as to eligibility for the restricted and novice teams.
 - 7.3 Alex noted that no non-Canberra teams had yet nominated. ACTION: Alex to follow up with these clubs.
8. Website
 - 8.1 It was AGREED to discuss with Sebastian Yuen the possibility of being webmaster. ACTION: Ian to contact Sebastian.
 - 8.2 Council AGREED to approve expenditure of up to \$500 for the purchase of updating content management software. However it was noted that this may not be needed as appropriate open source software may be suitable.
9. ABF Marketing Grants

9.1 Stephen reported on the outcomes of the marketing workshop held in June. ACTION: He undertook to circulate the report to councillors. Council notes that Sheila Bird has been tasked by CBC to consider implications of the report for CBC.

9.2 BFACT APPOINTED Sheila Bird as the BFACT marketing officer and appointed her to the BFACT Council as a supplementary councillor for this purpose.

10. Gold Point Congress

11.1 ABF has agreed that BFACT may host a gold point event in the first weekend in October 2015. BFACT endorses this event.

11.2 A committee was formed of Roy Nixon, Peter Kahler, Peter Giles and Sheila Bird to plan the Congress. ACTION: This committee is requested to report to the next BFACT meeting with an outline, format and plan for the Congress including a draft budget and advertising strategy.

11.3 Roy will talk to John Brockwell and John Yoon will provide financial information from the centenary congress to assist the committee.

11.4 A name for this congress has not yet been decided.

11. David Beauchamp Lessons

Stephen reported that the Beauchamp lessons in early July had had approximately 40 people at each and the feedback had been very positive. From this success, it was concluded that more needed to be done for intermediate and advanced players.

Next meeting: 5.30 pm Friday 22 August.



Bridge Federation of the ACT

BFACT Committee Meeting

5.30 pm Friday 22 August July 2014 Deakin

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Roy Nixon, Ian Dalziell, George Stockham, Lynne Moss, Peter Kahler, John Yoon, Stephen Fischer, Alex Hewat, Peter Giles.

Apologies: Janet Strzelecki (Monaro), Sheila Bird

5. The minutes of the previous meeting of 11 July 2014 were agreed.
6. Correspondence. Council decided to decline the offer to subscribe to Australian Bridge which had previously been free. Ian to convey reply.
7. President Report
Roy advised that consideration was being given to Australia hosting the World Championship of Bridge in 2019.
8. Treasurer's Report
John presented an updated financial report and draft budget for 2015 that was discussed and accepted. John advised that the accounts were presently being audited. It was suggested that it might be appropriate to raise affiliation fees and reduce participation fees. It was agreed to discuss the level of affiliation fees at the next meeting. It was noted that reserves continue at a healthy level. John was thanked for his work.
9. Tournament Secretary Report
Peter Kahler reported on the success of the ANC and the captains' reports were discussed. All teams were congratulated on their results. Peter advised that he would not be restanding as tournament secretary. Peter Kahler was thanked for his outstanding contribution to the office. Roy said that he had approached Niek van Vucht to consider standing as Tournament Secretary. Ian to invite him to the next meeting of BFACT Council.
10. Interclub Competition (Alex Hewat invited)
Alex Hewat was thanked for his successful organisation of the event and his report. It was agreed to form a subcommittee of Alex, Sheila Lynne, Peter Giles, and George to consult with clubs and bring recommendations to the next committee.
11. Website
Roy advised that Sebastian was concerned at the demands of the position so instead it was decided to accept an offer from Emlyn Williams to be the new webmaster. Emlyn is working quickly to get the website revamped and up to date.
12. Calendar for 2015

It was agreed that Peter Giles and Stephen would examine participation in the two daytime red point BFACT events held in 2014 and provide a paper with recommendations for 2015. An issue was the difficulty in getting players to participate in running events over more than several weeks.

13. ABF Marketing Grants

It was agreed that South Canberra would finalise its application for a grant and that John Yoon and Peter Giles would consult about an appropriate application from CBC to cover the remaining uncommitted funds.

14. ABF Marketing 'Special Project Grants' 2015. Applications are due to ABF by 10 October 2014. It was agreed that Stephen would bring a proposal to the next BFACT meeting. Alex noted that the Interclub Competition would fall within the guidelines and Peter Kahler noted that the ACT gold point event was another possibility.

15. 2017 ANC in the ACT

Roy will provide a short paper for the next BFACT meeting identifying plans and issues.

16. Gold Point Congress 2-5 October 2015

It was agreed that the committee formed at the last meeting (Roy Nixon, Peter Kahler, Peter Giles and Sheila Bird) to plan the Congress will report to the next BFACT meeting with an outline, format and plan for the Congress including a draft budget and advertising strategy. A name for this congress has not yet been decided.

17. Directors

The next directors' course has been set for Saturday 4 October. Clubs are asked to provide publicity. Ian will circulate list of existing directors to council members who are asked to advise Ian of corrections.

18. AGM

The date was confirmed as Sunday 5 October. Ian was asked to send official notice to clubs.

19. Gala Pairs Sunday 5 October

Roy volunteered to promote and run this event.

Next meeting: 5.30 pm **THURSDAY** 11 September 2014. Apology received from Peter Kahler.



Bridge Federation of the ACT

BFACT Committee Meeting

5.30 pm Thursday 11 September 2014 Deakin

MINUTES

Present: Roy Nixon, Ian Dalziell, Peter Giles, George Stockham, Lynne Moss, John Yoon, Stephen Fischer, Alex Hewat, Niek van Vucht

Apologies: Janet Strzelecki (Monaro), Peter Kahler

1. The minutes of previous meeting of 22 August 2014 were agreed.
2. There was no business arising from the minutes not covered on the agenda.
3. Treasurer's Report
The treasurer provided an updated report and analysis of alternative proposals for affiliation fees and entry fees for BFACT events. Council agreed to reduce the entry fee charged for participation in BFACT events from \$3.50 to \$1 and to propose to the BFACT AGM to increase the affiliation fee from \$7.50 to \$8.50 per person. This will partly offset the losses from reduced entry fees. A revised budget will be prepared. Financial statements are being prepared for the auditor.
4. Tournament Secretary Report
Peter Kahler circulated tournament regulations for:
ACT State Open Swiss Butler Pairs championship 11,18,25 November and 2 December 2014
ACT Senior matchpoint pairs 2014: 2,9,16 October
BFACT 2014 State category pairs championship: 16,23,30 September. It was noted that this tournament had been reduced from four to three weeks.
5. Gala Pairs: The changed date was confirmed as 19 October. Roy will organise. Peter Kahler has provided a template for advertising.
6. ABF Women in Bridge Committee: CBC was asked to suggest a nomination for a BFACT representative on this committee.
7. Interclub Competition: Following a meeting to which member clubs had been invited and additional discussions with various clubs, Alex Hewat presented a progress report to BFACT Council with draft recommendations and it was agreed that councillors would provide comment out of session.
8. Website: Roy reported that Emlyn had organised a revamped version of the BFACT website and that the repopulation with updated information would be completed in the next couple of days. It was agreed that the revised website would be relaunched and formally announced when complete.
9. BFACT AGM 19 October: The Treasurer reported that BFACT membership is currently 902. Notice of the Annual General Meeting has been provided to member clubs who have been asked to publicize it. Nominations are sought for all positions. It was noted that the Tournament Secretary and Vice President are not recontesting.

10. Calendar 2015: Held over to the next meeting.
11. 2017 ANC in the ACT (Roy): Held over to the next meeting.
12. BFACT gold point Congress 2-5 October 2015: Council agreed in principle to accept an offer from John Brockwell to convene the event. Details still to be determined. The event still needs a name, a plan and a budget.
13. ABF Marketing Grants Applications 2014: South Canberra has submitted its application for \$650 and this was agreed by Council. It was also agreed to allocate CBC \$3500 to CBC for marketing activities, terms for which will be finalised by Roy and Peter Giles.
14. Directors training: Ian reported that the Directors Course had been changed to 18 October in line with the Gala Paris and AGM. Clubs had been asked to advertise the Course.
15. Ian reported that exam papers from previous years had been located and were being returned to examinees. The President signed certificates for existing directors and clubs are asked to provide them to their directors.
16. No other Business
17. Next meeting date to be determined with new committee