

# **Minutes 2014 AGM and 2014-15 BFACT Council Meetings**

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**Minutes**  
**Bridge Federation of ACT**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**Sunday 19 October 2014, 4.30pm,**  
**CBC Clubrooms, Deakin**

1. **Attendance**

Roy Nixon, Ian Dalziell, George Stockham, John Yoon, Anne Powell, Margaret Bourke, John Donovan, Terry Heming, Sean Mullamphy, Lynne Moss, Peter Kahler, Jim Ascione, Emlyn Williams, Lisa Ma, Steve Carter, Noel Bugeia, Tony Marinos, Val Brockwell, John Brockwell, Niek Van Vucht, Brian Thorp, Janet Kahler, Peter Giles, James Collier, Val Holbrook, Christy Geromboux, Sebastian Yuen, Desh Bandh Gupta, Subhash Jalota, Richard Hills, Hashmat Ali, Denis Grahame, Jeanette Grahame, Benjamin Sadler, Matthew Curtis, Susan Walters, Perelle Scales, Phil Clark, Moira Sharp, Terri Henderson, Atul Hajela, Basil Rebera, Dan Danton, Claire Marlow, Toni Vincent, Marianne Bookallil, Richard Brightling.

2. **Apologies**

Alison Farthing, Elizabeth Havas.

3. **Acknowledgement of proxy votes**

No proxy votes received.

4. **Confirmation of Minutes of the 2013 AGM**

**4.1. Motion: “that the Minutes of the AGM of 2013 be accepted as a true record of that meeting”.** Proposed: Roy Nixon, seconded: Lynne Moss  
Accepted.

5. **Matters arising from the Minutes of the AGM of 2013**

None

6. **Report of the President**

Roy Nixon spoke to his written report (attached). In particular the President thanked the retiring tournament secretary, Peter Kahler for his achievements and commitment for 6 years and this was received with acclamation.

7. **Report from the Treasurer on BFACT’s Financial Statements for 2013-2014**

John noted that there had been a surplus of about \$2000 for the preceding year as the ANC was held in Sydney with lower than usual travel costs. In the coming year a deficit was expected as the ANC was to be held further afield and there would be lower table money receipts for BFACT events. (Financial statements attached).

8. **Appointment of Auditor for 2014-2015**

**8.1. Motion: “that Ian Thomson is appointed as auditor for BFACT for 2014 -2014”.** Proposed Jon Yoon, seconded Ian Dalziell. Accepted.

**9. Affiliation Fee for 2013-2014**

**9.1. Motion:** *“that the annual affiliation fee for 2014-2014 be set at \$8.50 (including GST) for all members of affiliated bridge clubs”*. Proposed John Yoon, seconded Roy Nixon, Accepted.

**10. Report of the Tournament Secretary**

Peter noted the success of ACT teams in the ANC this year. He also noted that the ABF had decided not to go ahead with the proposed rating system of players. Peter included an action list for consideration of the new committee. His full report is attached.

**11. Appointment of Returning Officer**

Emlyn Williams was appointed as Returning Officer and presided over the Council elections.

**12. Election of Office Bearers:**

President	Roy Nixon	Declared elected
Vice President	Marianne Bookallil	Declared elected
Secretary	Ian Dalziell	Declared elected
Treasurer	John Yoon	Declared elected
Tournament Secretary	Niek Van Vucht	Declared elected

**13. Any Other Business**

John Brockwell noted that Cootamundra, and to a lesser extent Cooma, appeared to be in decline. He asked the committee to consider initiatives to address this situation.

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 2014 BFACT AGM**

Bridge in the ACT faced some challenges in 2014 including some decline in the numbers playing both BFACT selection and non-selection events. Moreover, evidence from survey work done by the CBC suggests that the bridge playing population in the ACT differs significantly from the national level that throws up different challenges. BFACT stands ready to help its member affiliated clubs tackle these challenges with determination and innovation in the coming year.

I would like to thank several people for the work they did in 2014 for BFACT and the bridge community in general (in no particular order):

Ian Dalziell, as our Secretary for his great efficiency and support at meetings as well as for 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 continues to be an important job.

Peter Kahler our Tournament Secretary (and second ABF Delegate) for all his hard work organising BFACT events, our ANC teams and inputs into our calendar. Peter has decided to step down this year after a few years in the job. Thanks again Peter for a job well done.

John Yoon, our Treasurer and state Youth Coordinator who does a very good job promoting youth bridge especially among the local universities and at national level through the ABF Youth Committee.

Stephen Fischer who as CBC representative made several valuable contributions in the area of tournament matter, marketing and teaching. He briefly stepped up and became Vice President after Karen Clark stepped down mid term.

Alex Hewat, for again organising BFACT's interclub competition. In 2014 we experimented with a one day format and allowing multiple entries from clubs in four different categories. Congratulations to the Capital Bridge Club who won three of the four categories - Seniors, Restricted and Novice with the Youth Team winning the Intermediate category. Some valuable lessons were learned from the experiment and the incoming Committee will need to decide on the 2015 event.

BFACT supported its affiliated clubs in a number of endeavours in 2014 including partial funding assistance for the CBC's Come and Try Bridge Day and the David Beauchamp teaching visit. Financial assistance grants were also given to Capital, Monaro and South Canberra Bridge Club to help with some marketing and teaching initiatives.

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 and personal accident for club volunteers. They also have a great value for money travel insurance deal for all ABF members which many ACT members have taken advantage of. This is an important benefit from affiliation, and helps justify the fees. The ABF has also introduced special marketing grants in 2014 and will continue with them in 2015 to stimulate bridge at the restricted and novice levels. The ABF national teacher accreditation program with its emphasis on

continuing professional development is raising teaching standards and retention rates in some well documented case studies in the past couple of years.

The ABF has also granted BFACT approval to run a regular gold point event from 2015 in the October long weekend time slot. This event was trialled last year when we held the Canberra Centenary Congress. John Brockwell has agreed to be the Tournament Organiser in 2015 and help us to get the event established on the calendar as a successful event and I acknowledge the support of the CBC who have decided to restructure their Congress calendar to allow this event to take centre stage at this time of the year.

Peter Kahler will cover off our players' bridge achievements in 2014 but I would like to note that Margaret Bourke, Arjuna de Livera and Griff Ware all represented Australia with distinction. Congratulations to those individuals.

Roy Nixon President 12 October 2014

# **BFACT TOURNAMENT SECRETARY'S REPORT 2014**

This is my 6<sup>th</sup> and last Tournament Secretary's Report.

## **2014 in Review**

This has been another the stellar year for the ACT in national events. The new Honour Board recognising winning ACT teams at the ANC has had its first two entries:

- a. Open Team. Peter Grant NPC, Margaret Bourke – George Kozakos, Niek van Vucht – Stephen Fischer, Margaret Bourke – David Hoffman.
- b. Senior Team. David Appleton NPC, Elizabeth Havas – Arjuna DeLivera, Bernie Waters – Roy Nixon.

Numbers entering BFACT sponsored events at CBC continue to improve.

Attempts continue to be made to make events more attractive to players not competitive at the elite level without in any way impairing the level of competition for the elite player.

These have been well received. This has included measures such as:

- Holding finals for various categories such as Restricted, Intermediate (both pairs less than 1000 Masterpoints) in conjunction with the Open final.
- Holding events such as the Gala Butler Pairs in four divisions.

Unfortunately, attempts to introduce handicap events have not been successful because the promised introduction of the Ratings Scheme by the ABF has been stopped.

State level events in Seniors, Women and Restricted categories have been introduced in day time bridge. These events were not viable as night time events and have had a mixed reaction during day time.

## **BFACT Tournament Objectives**

When I started six years ago, BFACT Council endorsed the following tournament objectives (see attached document) which I still think are relevant:

1. Act as the umbrella organisation providing ACT and regional level selection and championship events.
2. Foster and nurture the participation of players or all levels of bridge in the ACT and region.
3. Provide support for youth bridge.
4. Provide subsidies (normally in the form travel subsidies) and other support for players representing the ACT.
5. Provide revenue from events to assist BFACT activities.

6. Recognise the achievements of ACT and regional bridge players and teams.

I would briefly like to discuss each objective, especially in the context of the changing demographic of bridge player. When I started night time bridge players were mostly more plentiful, much younger and at work. We were able to participate in the longer pairs and teams events. Now, we are mostly retired with considerable travel. Entering long events (especially teams) is much more difficult and a three week holiday may stop participation for up to two months.

Overall, considerable progress has been made but many challenges remain.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for their support during my term as tournament secretary.

Peter Kahler  
BFACT Tournament Secretary

October 2014

**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
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash on hand and at bank	1	82,704	85,144
GST receivable		2,970	6,920
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<u>85,674</u>	<u>92,065</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u>85,674</u>	<u>92,065</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Sundry creditors	2	4,885	7,172
GST payable		2,706	6,691
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<u>7,591</u>	<u>13,863</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>78,083</u>	<u>78,201</u>
<b>Represented by</b>			
Accumulated funds at start of year		78,201	77,356
Surplus(Deficit) from operations		(118)	845
<b>Members Funds</b>		<u>78,083</u>	<u>78,201</u>

**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)
<b>Net Cash Flow For The Year</b>	<u>(2,440)</u>	<u>3,660</u>
Cash at start of year	85,144	81,484
<b>Cash at end of year</b>	<u>82,704</u>	<u>85,144</u>

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

<b>Income</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2011-12</b>
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
<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>33,009</u></b>	<b><u>37,702</u></b>

<b>Expenses</b>		
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
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>33,127</u></b>	<b><u>36,857</u></b>

<b>Net Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b><u>(118)</u></b>	<b><u>845</u></b>
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<b>Accumulated funds at start of year</b>	<b><u>78,201</u></b>	<b><u>77,356</u></b>
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<b>Accumulated funds at end of year</b>	<b><u>78,083</u></b>	<b><u>78,201</u></b>
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**Bridge Federation ACT Incorporated  
Financial Statements**

**Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2013**

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

**3 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

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



## Bridge Federation of the ACT

### **BFACT Committee Meeting**

5.30 pm Friday 28 November 2014 Deakin

#### **MINUTES**

Present: Roy Nixon, Ian Dalziell, Marianne Bookallil, George Stockham, John Yoon, Peter Giles.

Apologies: Niek van Vucht, John Donovan, Lynne Moss, Jenny McAinsh, Janet Strzelecki.

1. The minutes of the previous meeting of 11 September 2014 were agreed.  
There was no business arising from the minutes not covered on the agenda.
2. The draft minutes of the AGM were noted.
3. Correspondence  
Jim noted that CBC had rectified an anomaly on CBC membership fees for associate members and charges for table money for BFACT events had been revised to \$1 following the decisions of the BFACT AGM.
4. President's Report  
The President noted that alternative ranking systems had been considered by ABF and had been rejected following a trial.
5. Marianne Bookallil was nominated and selected by the committee to fill the BFACT councillor position on the ABF vacated by the resignation of Peter Kahler. Peter Kahler was thanked for his contribution to the ABF.
6. Proposal to hold an ABF continuing professional development day in 2015:  
Council agreed to allocate \$450 for a teaching development day run by Joan Butts either on 11 January in association with the Summer Festival or later in the year.
7. Treasurer's Report:  
John advised he will provide a report out of session to committee members on Wednesday 3 December.
8. Tournament Secretary Report: held over to the next meeting.  
Clarification is sought concerning a BFACT honour board event for beginners in the 2014 and 2015 calendars in November. Perhaps this should be a CBC event?  
Updating of BFACT honour boards. Names are needed and the boards need to be updated. Roy to ask Peter Kahler about process.
9. Women in Bridge nomination. Roy will arrange for the position to be advertised on the BFACT website and Peter will direct interested CBC members to the advertisement in his regular CBC president's email.

10. Interclub Competition: Held over to next meeting.
11. Website  
Emlyn advises that the website is now up to date.  
Members are advised that there is a notices subpage which they can use to advantage. Emlyn has advised that he will promptly place anything he receives on the appropriate subpage.  
Ian is to provide corrected draft minutes for the AGM and associated reports to Emlyn.
12. Gala Pairs 19 October 2014 Report. The event was judged to be a success. There was some discussion about the selection process for the Canberra 2 team and the possibility that the team may not continue after 2016.
13. Calendar 2015. Peter provided BFACT councillors with the new CBC calendar including BFACT events.
14. ANC 2017 in the ACT (Roy)  
Roy circulated an *Issues Paper* and noted that the priorities were the selection of a convenor, format, timing, formation of an organising sub-committee and selection of a venue. Discussion was held over to the next meeting.
15. BFACT Gold Point Congress 2-5 October 2015  
John Brockwell has agreed to convene the event.  
Southern Cross Club has been booked for the event in 2015. In 2016 the Deakin Soccer club will be investigated as the venue.  
A name for the event is needed.
16. ABF Marketing Grants Applications 2014. These had been disbursed except for a \$600 grant to South Canberra BC which was awaiting submission of invoices or other documentation.
17. ABF Marketing 'Special Projects' Grant. Correspondence from the ABF President Bruce Neill to Jodi Tutty was tabled announcing that the ABF has allocated \$2810 over the next two years for implementation of an initiative to retain more novice and restricted players through an integrated and strategic approach to teaching, mentoring and transitioning new players between levels.
18. Directors training. Ian advised that 6 people had undertaken the director's course on 18 October and that 4-5 people were interested in an advanced course to be run on 8 December.  
The need for further training and mentoring was discussed and Ian advised that Rick Nehmy was undertaking a study for CBC which will provide input for BFACT.

The meeting closed at 6.40 pm

Next meetings: Fridays 30 January and 20 March 2015.



## Bridge Federation of the ACT

### **BFACT Council Meeting**

5.30 pm Friday 30 January 2015 Deakin

#### **MINUTES**

Present: Roy Nixon, Niek van Vucht, Marianne Bookallil, George Stockham, John Yoon, Lynne Moss, Rick Nehmy (representing Peter Giles), Ian Dalziell, Alex Hewat (invited).

Apologies: Peter Giles, Jenny McAinsh, Janet Strzelecki, John Donovan

Minutes of previous meeting of 28 November 2014 were accepted with minor amendment.

Correspondence: no correspondence

#### Reports

1. President's Report. No report
2. ABF Report. No report
3. Treasurer's Report. John noted that the budget was on track.
4. Tournament Secretary's Report. Niek reported that ABF provided a subsidy of \$1000 for 4 restricted players (2 pairs) to attend the ANC in Fremantle. One pair had qualified and a second pair will qualify from the Last Train event on 26 April.

#### General Business

1. Open selection process for ANC  
For 2015, it was agreed to the process outlined in Niek's email and paper of 20 December 2014 with a semi-final on Thursdays 16 and 23 April.  
For 2016, Niek will consult with Capital and SCBC and bring a proposal to BFACT which includes a repechage and semi-final format on a weekend.
2. Cooma trip  
Peter Giles has proposed a bus trip to Monaro club at Cooma on 19 April charging \$50 per head. BFACT agreed to subsidise the event up to \$800. The event is targeted at intermediate and social players and single players are also encouraged to participate. Clubs are encouraged to publicise the trip.
3. BFACT affiliation fees  
John will advise clubs of transitional capitation charges.
4. Canberra in Bloom Festival 2-5 October 2015  
BFACT agreed to the proposed name and commended the early promotion of the event.  
The Treasurer asked that a budget be prepared for consideration by the next meeting.  
The Treasurer was asked to establish a separate bank account for the Festival.
5. Interclub Competition  
It was agreed that Alex would again organise the event planned for Sunday 27 July 2015. It was agreed that the tournament regulations would be amended to drop the previous restriction on representative players.

6. ABF Marketing Grants applications 2015  
Capital foreshadowed that it intended to apply for assistance with the purchase of Bridgemates over a two year period.  
CBC noted that it intended to apply for \$2810 over two years for special projects Grant (see item 17 in previous meeting minutes); and also sought a contribution towards the Cooma trip (see above).  
SCBC indicated that they had no proposal at this stage.
7. 2017 ANC in the ACT  
Roy spoke to his paper noting that it was a proposed 12 day event to be held in July 2017.  
Possible nominations for Tournament Organiser and a preliminary planning committee were discussed and Roy will approach these people for confirmation at the next BFACT meeting.  
Other issues to be resolved soon are: the venue; whether the second week of the congress will be run by BFACT, ABF or a contracted person; and how to engage local clubs during the event.
8. Website  
The website is being kept up to date. Thanks to the webmaster Emlyn Williams. Committee members are encouraged to provide content to the webmaster directly.
9. Directors' training  
Ian to ensure that 2015 date is advertised to clubs (as missing from calendar).
10. Reports from Clubs  
Rick reported that CBC is trialling Pianola club member management software and he would report on progress at the next BFACT meeting.

#### Other Business

1. Summer Festival 2015. Feedback was very positive. Novice events were well attended. The organisation went very well. A suggestion was that perhaps the flighted pairs and mixed teams events could be reduced to one day events to alleviate the lower numbers at the end?
2. It was suggested that the Sunday Valentine event could be run in parallel to the Senior trials. BFACT decided that it had no objection in principle as long as financial arrangements could be satisfactorily resolved.
3. John Yoon was granted leave of absence for 25 March to 17 July 2015.  
It was agreed that Ian Dalziell be made an additional signatory to the bank account and that Roy would assist with Treasurer duties whilst John was absent.
4. John noted an invoice for \$300 from CBC for advertising in the calendar. This was queried and would be further discussed at the next meeting.

Next meeting: 5.30 pm Friday 20 March 2015, Deakin

Rick accepted for the next meeting in lieu of Peter who will be away.



## Bridge Federation of the ACT

### BFACT Council Meeting

5.30 pm Friday 20 March 2015 Deakin

#### MINUTES

Present: Roy Nixon, Val Carmody (representing Peter Giles), Ian Dalziell, Niek van Vucht, John Yoon, Lynne Moss, Marianne Bookallil, George Stockham  
Apologies: Peter Giles, Jenny McAinsh, Janet Strzelecki, John Donovan, Alex Hewat

Minutes of previous meeting of 20 January 2015 were accepted.  
There was no business arising from the minutes not considered elsewhere.  
Correspondence: no correspondence

#### Reports

##### 1. President's Report

Motion: that Roy Nixon be appointed BFACT Councillor to the ABF for the period 2015-2017. Moved Lynne Moss, seconded John Yoon.

It was noted that Sebastian Yuen had been appointed a National Director Level 3.

Secretary to congratulate Sebastian on behalf of BFACT.

##### 2. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report was received and discussed. There were preliminary discussions about appropriate subsidies for BFACT representatives attending the ANC in Perth in 2015.

A memo on affiliation fees prepared by the treasurer was agreed to and distributed to clubs.

Motion: that both Ian Dalziell and Roy Nixon (in addition to John Yoon) be granted electronic access to the BFACT banking accounts. Moved George Stockham, seconded Lynne Moss.

##### 3. Tournament Secretary's Report

Niek's circulated policy on player eligibility was endorsed and the Women's team selection event changes were noted.

#### Other Business

##### 4. Canberra in Bloom Festival 2-5 October 2015. Held over to the next meeting

A draft budget was received.

##### 5. Cooma trip 19 April.

Val advised that 24 had signed up so far.

##### 6. Interclub Competition 27 July. Held over to next meeting

##### 7. ABF Marketing Grants applications 2015

CBC was allocated \$1000 for the David Beauchamp teaching course and \$300 for BFACT advertising in the CBC calendar. Capital foreshadowed its request for funding for Bridgemates over two years.

##### 8. 2017 ANC in the ACT. Held over to the next meeting

##### 9. Website. Councillors were reminded to provide updates directly to the webmaster.

##### 10. Directors' training.



Ian advised that the date for the next training session is Saturday 17 October 2015 and none of those trained in October last year had yet submitted exams.

#### 11. Reports from Clubs

CBC advised that their program for encouraging beginners was proving very successful and leading to increased membership. CBC also advised that they were beginning use of Pianola software from 3 April 2015.

Next meeting: 5.30 pm Friday 8 May at Deakin



## Bridge Federation of the ACT

### BFACT Council Meeting

5.30 pm Friday 8 May 2015 Deakin

#### MINUTES

Present: Roy Nixon, Niek van Vucht, Peter Giles, Ian Dalziell, Marianne Bookallil, George Stockham, Lynne Moss, John Donovan, Alex Hewat

Apologies: John Yoon, Jenny McAinsh, Janet Strzelecki

Amended minutes of previous meeting of 20 March 2015 were accepted.  
There was no business arising from the minutes not considered elsewhere.  
Correspondence: no correspondence

#### Reports

##### 5. President's Report

Roy presented a verbal report noting the ABF constitutional changes and suggesting that BFACT may need to formally agree to the changes.

##### 6. Treasurer's Report: No formal report given the absence of the Treasurer though Roy noted that invoices for annual capitation fees would be sent soon, money from selection events had been banked and the recent Last Train/Gala Pairs had basically broken even.

##### 7. Tournament Secretary's Report

There were discussions about the difficulties encountered this year in the selection process for the ANC.

Niek was thanked for the work he had done in the selection of the ANC teams.

It was agreed that Niek and Roy would draft a short paper to be circulated to all players who participated in the 2015 Open selection seeking their input into a number of questions/options for the selection process for 2016 including timing, format and the regulations.

#### Business

##### 11. 2016 Calendar planning/input process.

Peter advised that CBC would be having a fully consultative process including an open invitation to two planning days in August and the opportunity to make written submissions.

##### 12. Liquor permits for BFACT functions

Preliminary discussions were made about the possibility of BFACT applying for a basic liquor permit to cover the serving of alcohol at its events. Further information to be provided by Peter at the next meeting.

##### 13. Member Numbers

Clubs have reported their membership numbers to the Treasurer.

##### 14. BFACT Events model and charging (RN, JY): Held over to next meeting

##### 15. Canberra in Bloom Festival 2-5 October 2015

Roy reported that arrangements were well progressed that a website for the event would be established shortly using the ABF template.

##### 16. Interclub Competition 26 July

It was agreed to have a similar format to last year and that the seniors category would be open. Alex was given authority to find a director for the event, to invite clubs to participate, to advertise and to make necessary arrangements.

17. ABF Marketing Grants applications 2015

BFACT approved the application from Capital for a grant of \$1000 in 2015 for the part funding of Bridgemates and agreed in principle to a grant of a further \$1000 in 2016 subject to ABF grants being offered in 2016.

18. 2017 ANC in the ACT

Roy reported that the tournament organiser and committee were working well and that negotiations about the venue were advancing. A decision will be made as soon as possible.

19. Website. All appears to be going well.

20. Directors' training.

Ian reported that only one person had submitted an exam from the 2014 basic directors' course.

21. Reports from Clubs

Capital noted that it was moving its venue for Tuesday evening Bridge from the Belconnen Labor Club to the Ginninderra Club in Charnwood.

Next meeting: 5.30 pm Friday 3 July at Deakin



## Bridge Federation of the ACT

### BFACT Council Meeting

5.30 pm Friday 3 July 2015 Deakin

#### MINUTES

Present: Roy Nixon, Niek van Vucht, Peter Giles, Ian Dalziell, Marianne Bookallil, George Stockham, Lynne Moss, John Donovan, Alex Hewat  
Apologies: John Yoon, Jenny McAinsh, Janet Strzelecki

Amended minutes of previous meeting of 8 May 2015 were accepted.  
There was no business arising from the minutes not considered elsewhere.  
Correspondence: no correspondence

#### Reports

8. President's Report:

Roy provided a verbal report on ABF constitutional changes. He also noted that Bridge for Brains had raised \$62 000 nationwide.

9. Treasurer's Report: Held over

10. Tournament Secretary's Report

Niek and Roy advised that a paper would be provided on the ANC open selection process for next meeting

#### Business

22. 2016 Calendar planning/input process.

Peter reminded Council that they needed to provide input in August or early September and that there would be planning days and the opportunity to make written submissions.

23. Liquor permit for BFACT functions

Council agreed that BFACT events would be conducted in accordance with the CBC policy on alcohol.

24. Canberra in Bloom Festival 2-5 October 2015

Roy noted that planning was well advanced and that brochures would be produced this week.

25. Interclub Competition 26 July

Alex provided an update on the planning for the interclub and advised that there was still a need for a director for the event.

26. 2017 ANC in the ACT

Planning is well advanced

27. Pianola

Peter advised that the introduction of Pianola by CBC had gone very well and had saved administration resources and costs.

28. GNOT

Peter offered to provide a paper with a proposal for an alternative selection process for the GNOT Canberra 2 team.

Next meeting: 5.30 pm Friday 31 July at Deakin

Apologies: Peter, Ian



## Bridge Federation of the ACT

### BFACT Council Meeting

5.30 pm Friday 18 September 2015 Deakin

#### MINUTES

Present: Roy Nixon, Niek van Vucht, Peter Giles, Ian Dalziell, Marianne Bookallil, George Stockham, Lynne Moss, John Yoon, Rick Nehmy (substituting for Peter Giles). Ian Robinson attended for the later part of the meeting.

Apologies: Jenny McAinsh, Janet Strzelecki, Peter Giles

Minutes of previous meeting of 31 July 2015 were accepted

Business arising from the minutes

1. Trophies

Roy offered to update the BFACT trophies before the Gala Gold Point Pairs event and Marianne offered to be trophy manager and keep them up to date after that.

#### Reports

11. President's Report

Roy noted relevant aspects of decisions from the ABF Management Committee communique from their August meeting.

12. Treasurer's Report

John advised that the final financial year results showed a deficit consistent with the budget in a year when expenditure was higher than normal as the ANC was in Perth. The final accounts are with the Auditor and are expected to be finalised after the Auditor returns on 28 September.

John advised that the current funding model appears sustainable and that there was no need to recommend any change to the affiliation fee of \$8.50 or the fees charged to clubs for holding ANC qualifying selection events or other BFACT events etc.

13. Tournament Secretary's Report

Niek advised that the State Open Teams selection was going as planned.

#### Business

29. 2016 Calendar planning/input process

Ian Robinson outlined possible difficulties with the scheduling of Women's Open and Seniors Trials due to an apparent shortage of weekends in March, and April. The President advised the meeting that the APBF Congress in April 2016 will NOT be an ABF international target event and as such there is no constraint to us using the two weekends in April when the Congress is on. The CBC TS will come back with a revised proposal soon. However, as further guidance to him, the Committee said that they favoured a 4 week qualifying event on Tuesdays qualifying 7 pairs, a "last chance" event over 2 days at a weekend to qualify 4 pairs. The final place has already been allocated to the winners of the BFACT Swiss Pairs concluded recently (won by Quail/Hoffman J).

30. Canberra in Bloom Festival 2-5 October 2015

A report was received from John Brockwell and he was thanked for his

good work on organising the congress. To date numbers of players entered from CBC was low especially in the restricted division which is disappointing. Clubs needed to continue to promote the event vigorously and especially to urge those intending to play to get their entries in ASAP using the online entry process on the web.

Some issues were identified about payment arrangements especially given ABF expectations of national licensed events. Some felt that we could not be seen not to be complying with such requirements even if one did not like them. Council therefore decided that in future years, prepayment at time of entry will be required of all registrants and that an early bird discount per event be considered with a definite date after which no discount will be given. This eases administrative burden and encourage early entry.

31. Gala Gold Point Pairs 18 October

Roy reported that organisation is on track and thanked Ian D for his assistance in getting the flyer ready and ending it out to the clubs.

32. 2017 ANC in the ACT.

A report was received from Pam Crichton. The contract with Thoroughbred Park, the proposed venue is close to being finalised; work is well underway on a flyer for publicity; and the program is close to completion. Preliminary discussions have taken place on possible sources of sponsorship and grants.

33. AGM 18 October

It was agreed to recommend that member affiliation fees be maintained at \$8.50 and that the notice of the AGM be given to member clubs. IanD is to notify clubs. Nomination forms were distributed. Current office holders are all renominating.

34. Alternative selection process for GNOT Canberra 2 team

Ian Robinson foreshadowed a possible process after discussions with John Brockwell. Ian and CBC were asked to provide a written proposal to the next meeting.

35. ABF Marketing Grants applications 2015

John advised that Capital had been paid \$1000 as agreed

36. Directors

IanD advised that 6 people had so far registered for the Directors Course 17 October.

Two Cooma directors Janet Strzelecki and Terry Edwards have requested Directors Certificates. Ian and Rick will investigate.

No other business

Next meeting: 5.30 pm Friday 30 October at Deakin