



**Minutes**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**Sunday 15 October 2017, 4.45pm,**  
**CBC Clubrooms, Deakin**

1. **Attendance**, Ian Dalziell, Marianne Bookallil, Niek Van Vucht, John Niven, David Hoffman, Subhash Jalota, John Brockwell, Terri Henderson, Lynne Moss, Terry Heming, Emlyn Williams, Perelle Scales, Gytis Danta, Elizabeth Havas, Margaret Bourke, Sankar Chatterjee, Ross Harvey, Ross Crichton, Pam Crichton, Stephen Fischer, John Donovan, Bill Tutty, Clive Kirby, Heather Kirkby, Desh Gupta, Jodi Tutty, Anne Powell, Paul Nelson, Malcolm Wood, Ian Rodgers.
2. **Apologies**: Roy Nixon, John Yoon, Judith Tobin, Julia Hoffman
3. **Acknowledgement of proxy votes**: No proxy votes received.
4. **Confirmation of Minutes of the 2016 AGM**  
*Motion*: “that the Minutes of the AGM of 2016 be accepted as a true record of that meeting”. Proposed: Jodi Tutty seconded: Stephen Fischer. Accepted.
5. **Matters arising from the Minutes of the AGM of 2015**  
No matters arising
6. **Report of the President**  
Roy Nixon’s written report was accepted.  
Roy is not standing again this year after many years of leadership as President. The meeting noted many new successful initiatives were begun including the Canberra in Bloom congress. The meeting thanked him for his generous service. (Moved Stephen Fischer, seconded Niek Van Vucht)
7. **Report from the Treasurer on BFACT’s Financial Statements for 2016-17**  
The treasurer’s report was tabled. Ian explained that BFACT’s finances fluctuate depending on where the ANC is held that year. He noted that presently they appeared very healthy but this reflected the ANC being held in Canberra in 2017. However in future years there will not be this source of income and there will be a need for travel subsidies for participating teams. Also Ian advised that the Canberra in Bloom congress in 2017 had run at a loss. Ian noted that most of the profits from the successful CIB in 2016 had been returned to clubs. Members suggested various options for the incoming committee to consider if there are future surpluses. These included promotion eg, teaching beginners.

John Yoon was thanked for his excellent report with his detailed and helpful explanations which guided useful discussion. Reception of the report was moved and accepted (Jodi Tutty, Stephen Fischer).

8. **Appointment of Auditor for 2017-18**  
*Motion:* “that Miklos Tifan be appointed as auditor for BFACT for 2017-18”.  
 Proposed Ian Dalziell. Elizabeth Havas, seconded, Accepted.  
 Ian Thomson was thanked with applause for the help and guidance he has provided to BFACT as Auditor for many years.
9. **Affiliation Fee for 2017-18**  
*Motion:* “that the annual affiliation fee for 2017-18 be set at \$8.50 (including GST) for all members of affiliated bridge clubs”. Proposed Ian Dalziell.  
 Marianne Bookallil, seconded Accepted.
10. **Report of the Tournament Secretary**  
 Niek presented and spoke to his written report. Niek noted the difficulty in getting catering for BFACT events and asked whether participants would be prepared to bring their own lunches. Members present were receptive to this suggestion. However members also wanted a compensating reduction in entry fees. Report accepted moved Marianne Bookallil, seconded Anne Powell.
11. **Appointment of Returning Officer**  
 Emlyn Williams was appointed as Returning Officer and presided over the Council elections.
12. **Election of Office Bearers:**
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| President                | Marianne Bookallil | Declared elected |
| Vice President           | Judith Tobin       | Declared elected |
| Secretary                | Ian Dalziell       | Declared elected |
| Treasurer                | John Yoon          | Declared elected |
| Tournament Secretary     | Niek Van Vucht     | Declared elected |
| Immediate Past President | Roy Nixon          | ex officio       |
13. **Any Other Business**  
 Margaret Bourke suggested the committee consider the provision of uniforms or badges for ANC teams.  
 There was also discussion about the use of earnings from the Barry Turner Fund. Some suggested that it be used for travel for representative teams whilst others emphasised the need to promote bridge among beginners.

There being no further business, the new President thanked everybody for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 5.10 pm.