



BFACT Council Meeting

5.30 pm Friday 13 April 2018 Deakin

MINUTES

Present: Marianne Bookallil, Judith Tobin, Niek van Vucht, Ian Dalziell, John Yoon, Alex Hewat, Lynne Moss, Val Carmody (proxy for Pam Crichton), Justine Beaumont (for CIB report).

Apologies: Jenny McAinsh, Andrew Dawes, John Donovan, Roy Nixon, Pam Crichton.

The draft minutes of the previous Council meeting of 9 March 2018 were confirmed.

Council welcomed Val Carmody (proxy for Pam Crichton) and Justine Beaumont (for the CIB report).

Canberra in Bloom. Justine Beaumont spoke to her report noting among other things that agreement had been reached and emails exchanged with Eastlake Club in Gungahlin as the venue, that the schedule had been revised and finalised, that a draft brochure had been approved by the ABF national event coordinators, that regulations will be handled by Matthew McManus and that Peter Busch has been requested to set up an online payment mechanism. A contract with the Eastlake Club has not yet been developed or signed. Justine was thanked for her report.

Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer noted that the new Auditor, Peter Parsons, has also suggested that it might be appropriate for BFACT be deregistered for GST as revenue is generally less than \$100,000. This is to be an agenda item for a future meeting. He noted that he would be circulating updated financial statements separately.

It was agreed that an amount of \$500 would be tentatively agreed as an ANC subsidy.

Tournament Committee. Council agreed to appoint a Tournament Committee. The duties of the committee would include the schedule of BFACT events, arrangements and preparation of the 2019 calendar.

Action: MB to identify and approach members and a chair

Grants. Capital Bridge Club foreshadowed that it intended to apply for a capital grant of \$186 (half the cost) for new boards and that it intended to apply for funding of its advertising with Sensis as a marketing grant.

Loan. The Canberra Bridge Club suggested that they were considering the use of the proposed loan (of up to \$23 000) from BFACT for the purchase of solar panels.

Tournaments. ANC stage 2 event on Sunday 8 April 2018. Judith Tobin noted that the event had lower than expected attendance and Council discussed possible reasons for this. Niek VV reported that the open selection ANC final for 20-22 April was on track.

BFACT Interclub Teams. John Donovan was asked to provide an email report to Council on the progress of arrangements for the Interclub Team event on 22 July.

Youth Bridge. John Yoon has arranged a team for ANC 2018 in Hobart consisting of Andrew Spooner, Zac Neulinger, Max Mullamphy, Lexi Wilsmore, Jade Wilkinson, and Daryl Whitfield (captain). BFACT ratified this team. It was agreed to seek ABF approval for this team noting that Daryl is one year older than the youth category. Council noted that Lexi and Jade are young members and Council was advised that they will be supported and supervised by parents or grandparents.

John asked that youth bridge be put on the agenda for the next meeting of Council.

Constitutional change. John Yoon updated BFACT on the progress of the committee on constitutional change (namely John Yoon, Marianne Bookallil, Sebastian Yuen and Ian Dalziell). Issues identified included the need for member names, addresses and joining dates (required by the ACT), and privacy. It was agreed to have a consultation on 20 May after the Southern Tablelands Teams. Marianne undertook to write to clubs advising them of the expected process.

Honour Boards. Val Carmody reported that CBC is coordinating with John Donovan to update all boards.

CBC Club Report. CBC advised that they appointed Emily Inglis as a new manager. CBC also reported that because of their successful marketing and training program, 315 people were currently in supervised sessions. CBC also advised that the Ginnan-Hollands skills development program on 28 & 29 April had received a lot of interest.

Bridge for Kids. Val reported that this event has received lots of interest and is expected to be successful.

State Directors Council confirmed that Stephen Fischer and Brad Coles were BFACT State directors.

Training in new laws Bruce Crossman has agreed to do a training course in the new laws for BFACT bridge directors on the day before the Interclub teams, ie 21 July. Ian Dalziell was asked to provide a flyer and publicity for this event.

Directors Ian was asked to provide a list of directors to the Treasurer and Val Carmody so that their \$25 pp annual association subscriptions can be paid by BFACT.

Next Meetings: 11 May, 13 July.