



## **BFACT Council Meeting**

5 pm Friday 26 January 2018 Deakin

### **MINUTES**

*Present:* Marianne Bookallil, Judith Tobin, Niek van Vucht, Ian Dalziell, John Yoon, John Donovan, Pam Crichton, Alex Hewat, Lynne Moss.

*Apologies:* Roy Nixon, Jenny McAinsh, Andrew Dawes

The draft minutes of the previous Council meeting of 10 November 2017 were confirmed.

Council agreed to subsidise \$200 to the nonplaying captain (Margaret Bourke) for attendance at the Commonwealth National Bridge Championship. Marianne undertook to advise Margaret Bourke and to remind other team members to claim their \$200 subsidy.

John Yoon notified Council that Roy Nixon was being removed from the list of allowable signatures for the Council's Beyond Bank account.

**MOTION:** That Marianne Bookallil be its delegate for a 2 year term 2018-19 on the Management Committee of the ABF (Lynne Moss/Ian Dalziell). The secretary is to advise ABF.

### Convenors

Julia Leung and Judith Tobin agreed to co-convene the ANC stage 2 event on Sunday 8 April 2018

John Donovan volunteered to convene the BFACT interclub event on 22 July 2018.

Niek van Vucht undertook to convene the Gala Pairs event on 16 September 2018 if no one else could be found.

**MOTION:** That Roy Nixon be congratulated for the successful convening of the Summer Festival of Bridge (Marianne/acclamation).

Contract for Dealing Boards. Council agreed that BFACT would contract CBC to provide dealing boards for BFACT events at the club rooms of CBC with the understanding that CBC would subcontract to Sean Mullumphy (and others).

The Treasurer noted that whilst the Budget appeared very healthy this was due in major part to the profits from last year's ANC being in Canberra (a once in 7 year event). He also noted that the Canberra in Bloom congress had run at a loss and that provision needed to be made for possible future financial losses. In this situation he was reluctant to recommend reductions in capitation fees at this stage.

On behalf of CBC Pam Crichton sought payment of \$2700 representing the in-kind contributions of CBC members including the dealing of boards. It was noted that other clubs had provided \$500 in sponsorship. Capital and South Canberra undertook to discuss the proposal with their clubs and bring back a recommendation to Council.

South Canberra foreshadowed that they would bring to Council a proposal for subsidy for replacing old dealing boards.

Lynne Moss advised that Peter Parsons had agreed to be Honorary Auditor.

MOTION: That Council appoint Peter Parsons as Honorary Auditor of BFACT (Yoon/Moss)  
John Yoon will contact Mr Parsons with further information.

It was agreed that BFACT would pay the \$25 annual ABDA Association Fees for active directors. Clubs were asked to provide a list of active directors to the Secretary and Treasurer for payment to the clubs.

Pam Crichton advised that the WBF had offered to provide a new dealing program to Canberra Bridge Club and other clubs at no cost. BFACT and BFACT clubs were encouraged to take up the offer.

Marianne advised that Justine Beaumont, the convenor of the Canberra in Bloom 2018 event, was considering a new venue that would be advised when a contract was signed.

Youth Bridge. Judith Tobin agreed to explore with Andrew Spooner whether it might be possible to encourage youth bridge initiatives.

Constitutional Change. John Yoon presented an analysis of the present constitution which showed it needed updating and streamlining. He undertook to make proposals for change and for a committee (of John Yoon, Marianne Bookallil and Ian Dalziell) bring to Council suggested reforms. In the meantime Marianne would write to clubs advising them of the intended process. John Yoon also undertook to provide a one page summary of proposed changes and offered to present to CBC, Capital and South Canberra. It is also proposed to host a discussion of members after the Stage 2 event on 8 April.

Honour Boards. John Donovan is progressing this and will discuss suppliers and options with John Yoon.

#### Directors Courses 2017 Outcomes

Ian Dalziell is to liaise with John McIlrath about the outcomes of the 2017 Courses (It is understood that 2 people did the exam and passed: Roger Curnow and Jodi Tutty but this will be confirmed)

#### Training in new laws

It was suggested that it would be appropriate for there to be a training course on the new laws for BFACT directors (and others) and that Ian Robinson or Bruce Crossman might teach that course. A suggested time was the day before the Interclub teams, ie 21 July.

Updating of Directors List on BFACT website. Ian undertook to do this.

Next Meetings: 9 March 13 April