



## **BFACT Council Meeting**

5.30 pm Friday 9 March 2018 Deakin

### **MINUTES**

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

*Apologies:* Jenny McAinsh, Andrew Dawes, Lynne Moss.

The draft minutes of the previous Council meeting of 26 January 2018 were confirmed with minor amendments.

Alex Hewat advised that he had been formally chosen to represent South Canberra Bridge Club on the BFACT. Council welcomed him.

John Yoon notified Council that Roy Nixon had now been removed from the list of allowable signatures for the Council's Beyond Bank account (replaced by the new President) and that Peter Parsons had agreed to be Honorary Auditor.

MOTION: That Mr Peter Parsons be Honorary Auditor for BFACT (Yoon/Dalziell).

MOTION: That the Treasurer be given the authority to investigate and implement if found appropriate the use of Payid for payments and receipts. (Alex/Niek)

The Treasurer suggested that it might be appropriate for BFACT be deregistered for GST as revenue is generally less than \$100,000. He left this for an agenda item for a future meeting.

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.

### Grants

*Monaro Bridge Club:* Council AGREED to the payment of \$695 to Monaro Bridge Club as a marketing grant for 2017-18 for 50% of the cost the provision of lessons in May and June 2017

*SCBC:* Council AGREED to the payment of \$500 for each of 2017 and 2018 towards the purchase of new boards and cards.

*Canberra Bridge Club:* Council AGREED to the payment of \$1000 towards the teaching visit of Laura Ginnan and Peter Hollands 28-29 April 2018.

### Loan

The Canberra Bridge Club presented a case for assistance from BFACT for car park repairs. Council AGREED to provide an interest free loan to CBC over 20 years, repayable annually. The amount would be up to \$23,000 and would be finalised through negotiations with the Treasurer and CBC.

### Tournaments and Convenors

ANC stage 2 event on Sunday 8 April 2018. Convenors: Julia Leung and Judith Tobin  
Judith verbally presented a draft budget

BFACT interclub event on 22 July 2018. Convenor John Donovan. John gave an update on progress noting that we would soon be contacting clubs.

Gala Pairs event on 16 September 2018. Convenor: Niek van Vucht. John Yoon will consider financial arrangements.

Seniors selection event. It was agreed that after the senior selection event that there would be an informal discussion of options for how to run the same event in 2019 Canberra in Bloom. A report was received from Justine Beaumont noting among other things that the new venue would be Eastlake Club in Gungahlin, that John McIlrath had been appointed to be Director in Chief and that advertising was being arranged. Justine was thanked for her report.

Youth Bridge. John Yoon and Judith noted the small numbers of youth who are currently interested. John Yoon undertook to discuss with Daryl whether he is willing to go to Hobart for youth participation in the ANC.

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

Bridge for Kids. Pam reported that Elaine Leach and Patricia MacDonald are organising a bridge for Kids event in April 2018.

Constitutional change. John Yoon provided a detailed analysis of the possible changes to the constitution. The subcommittee appointed at the last meeting is intending to meet on 23 March to consider the proposals. It was decided that the proposed meeting of members on 8 April was not feasible and would aim for a consultation on 20 May after the Southern Tablelands Teams. Marianne undertook to write to clubs advising them of the expected process.

World Bridge Contest. A proposal was received from John Brockwell suggesting that BFACT could host participation in this event. Council thanked John for the suggestion and noted that Canberra has participated in this contest before with considerable success. However, Council decided that there were already enough on the program for 2018 and respectfully declined the suggestion.

Honour Boards. John Donovan reported that the firm who had previously updated boards was no longer doing so and he is liaising with CBC to find an alternative.

#### Reports from Clubs

CBC advised that one of the managers Keith was retiring. Capital advised that their Thursday venue at St Ninian's Lyneham had been flooded and that until further notice they would meet at the Belconnen community centre on Thursday evenings. SCBC advised that their club would participate in the Australia Wide pairs event.

Training in new laws. Pam undertook to invite Bruce Crossman to take a training course in the new laws for BFACT bridge directors on the day before the Interclub teams, ie 21 July.

Next Meetings: 13 April, 11 May