



BFACT Council Meeting

5.30 pm Friday 10 November 2017 Deakin

MINUTES

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

Apologies: Jenny McAinsh, Andrew Dawes, Alex Hewat Roy Nixon, John Yoon.

The draft minutes of the previous Council meeting of 22 September 2017 were confirmed.

Reports

1. President's Report

Marianne pinpointed four priorities for 2018-9:

- a. Identify convenors for BFACT events including training
- b. Review the constitution in 2018
- c. establish a better structure for updating honour boards and trophies
- d. Undertake a formal review of BFACT events.

2. Treasurer's Report

MOTION (Niek/Lynne) re operation of accounts: 'Whereas Marianne Bookallil has been elected President of the Federation, the Council authorises Marianne Bookallil to operate all of the accounts of the Federation. The authority of Roy Nixon to operate the accounts of the Federation ceases. To avoid doubt, Marianne Bookallil, Ian Dalziell and John Yoon are authorised to operate the accounts of the Federation'.

MOTION (Lynne/Ian): The proposed Budget for 2017-18 was noted.

3. Tournament's Secretary Report

GNOT 2017: The proposed teams were agreed including the proposed emergency substitution.

CNBC: Niek reported that he had so far received two expressions of interest and intended to run a playoff event to determine representation.

GNOT 2018: Niek alerted that he intended to consider alternative formats for selection in 2018 whilst maintaining the accessibility of selection of the smaller clubs.

Business

4. BFACT delegates to ABF: Marianne noted that she and Roy are currently delegates and that consideration needed to be given to succession planning at the next meeting of Council.

5. Selection Events in 2018: Niek reported that dates in 2018 had been agreed and that convenors are needed

Womens ANC 2,3,4 March; Seniors ANC 16,17,18 March; Open ANC 20,21,22 April;
Open ANC Stage 2 Selection: 8 April;
Interclub: 22 July (Alex has retired);
Gala Pairs: 16 September;

- Canberra in Bloom (date?): Justine Beaumont will convene in 2018.
ACTION: Council members are asked to suggest names of possible convenors to Niek.
6. Calendar: Niek reported that the calendar for 2018 was about to go to the printer.
 7. Directors Course 18 (club level) 19 November (congress level)
About 4-6 people had so far expressed interest in each course. It was agreed to increase advertising to encourage others to come.
It was not clear whether accommodation had been arranged for John McIlrath.
ACTION: John Donovan will meet with John McIlrath on 11 November in Mittagong and would clarify arrangements. Ian (who will be away) agreed to provide details to JohnD. Pam noted that CBC is providing administrative and promotional assistance.
 8. Annual Return: The Annual return was completed by those present.
 9. Replacement for Hon Auditor: Miklos Tifan has declined his election.
Suggested names were Peter Parsons, Andrew Kettle, asking Ian Thompson for suggestions, or asking CBC members. If unsuccessful in finding a volunteer, BFACT may need to pay for auditing.
ACTION: Lynne to ask Peter Parsons.
 10. Canberra in Bloom 2017: There was a report of some damage at Thoroughbred Park by a player. The damage was an accident and the individual has refunded the costs of the damage to BFACT. Council agreed not to take further action.
 11. Representation of member Clubs: The representatives are as follows: Pam Crichton (Canberra Bridge Club), Jenny McAinsh (Cootamundra Bridge Club) , Andrew Dawes (Monaro Bridge Club), Alex Hewat (South Canberra Bridge Club), Lynne Moss (Capital Bridge Club)
 12. Teacher training Sessions at SFOB: Pam reported on proposed sessions on 9 and 19 January at the Summer Festival of Bridge.
 13. Bridge for Kids: Pam noted that Elaine Leach planned to again run a Bridge for Kids program in 2018. BFACT commends this plan and has agreed in principle to provide 50% financial support.
 14. Constitutional Change: John Yoon has identified areas of the present constitution 1997 to be outdated and in need of reform.
MOTION: That Marianne, Ian and John Yoon form a subcommittee to canvass member clubs and to suggest proposals for updating and/or reform. Others may be co-opted by the subcommittee.
ACTION: Clubs reps to take this suggestion to their members and provide feedback to the president.
 15. Supplemental Councillor: John Donovan is the Masterpoints Secretary and needs to be formally reappointed to Council.
MOTION (Ian/Pam): That John Donovan be reappointed a Supplemental Councillor.
 16. Updating trophies and honour boards:
ACTION: John Donovan was tasked with arranging for Honour Boards and trophies to be updated.

Next meeting

26 January 2018