



## **BFACT Council Meeting**

5:30 pm Friday 24 August 2018 Deakin

### **MINUTES**

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

*Apologies:* Ian Dalziell, Jenny McAinsh, Andrew Dawes, Roy Nixon.

1. Confirmation of minutes: The minutes of the meeting of 13 July were confirmed (M: M Bookallil, S: A Hewat). The minutes of the meeting of 13 August were confirmed (M: M Bookallil, S: J Tobin).
2. Matters Arising: No matters arising.
3. President's Report (MB): The President thanked the Council for its hard work, and acknowledged the Councillors departing.
4. Treasurer's Report (JY): No further documents to the Fin Statements tabled 13 August. No budget at this time, but in consideration of VIC ANC should turn small surplus.
5. Tournament Secretary's Report (NvV): The Tournament Secretary notified the Council of a meeting of the Tournament Subcommittee and a proposed format for 2019. It was noted that the Subcommittee had not yet formally reported to the Council. The CBC Representative raised questions about the feasibility of the format and whether it would lead to perverse outcomes. Resolved to consider further upon receipt of the report.
6. Tournament Organiser's Duty Statement (JT): J Tobin spoke to the document circulated before the meeting and explained that the issues it addresses were raised during recent events. Concern was raised about playing convenors – it was agreed that the convenor should be available (and therefore not playing) or that the convenor should make alternate arrangements. The precise nature of arrangements was held over for further discussion.
7. Gala Pairs and GNOT qualification: Although lunch was not intended to be served, the event was advertised as including lunch so it was considered that lunch may have to be provided. The CBC Representative raised concerns that the failure of BFACT to provide lunch at its events reflected poorly on the CBC to those members who were unable to distinguish the two bodies. Discussion about the cost to BFACT of the GNOT and its qualifying events, especially in relation to the gold point events of the CBC. Format was roughly discussed, although the decision was left to a point where more information relating to numbers was available.

8. Beginner's Championship: Discussion about whether this event was a BFACT event. Discussions about the future and honour board implications held over. Tournament Organiser to speak to CBC Beginners Coordinators relating to advertising and entries.
  
9. Canberra In Bloom (MB): The Capital Representative raised the lack of available advertising material made available. In relation to Coffs Congress disallowing the CIB Banner – Council resolved to write to the ABF asking them to examine the matter. Notified that board dealing costs agreed at 33 cents.
  
10. Constitution (JY): No discussion further to 13 August.
  
11. Preparations for AGM (MB): It was noted that there was still no nominee for Secretary.
  
12. Interclub (JD): Reported that event successful and turned a small surplus.
  
13. Other Business: SCBC noted that it had clarified parts of the Constitution that it had concerns about. SCBC and Capital noted that it would raise the matter of marketing grant invoices out of session directly with the Treasurer. Judith Tobin noted that Andrew Spooner had not been able to suggest a contender for organising youth bridge.

Next Meetings: AGM 16 September.