

Minutes 2017 AGM and 2017-18 BFACT Council Meetings

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Minutes
Annual General Meeting
Sunday 15 October 2017, 4.45pm,
CBC Clubrooms, Deakin

1. **Attendance**, Ian Dalziell, Marianne Bookallil, Niek Van Vucht, John Niven, David Hoffman, Subhash Jalota, John Brockwell, Terri Henderson, Lynne Moss, Terry Heming, Emlyn Williams, Perelle Scales, Gytis Danta, Elizabeth Havas, Margaret Bourke, **Sankar Chatterjee**, Ross Harvey, Ross Crichton, Pam Crichton, Stephen Fischer, John Donovan, Bill Tutty, Clive Kirby, Heather Kirkby, Desh Gupta, Jodi Tutty, Anne Powell, Paul Nelson, Malcolm Wood, Ian Rodgers.
2. **Apologies**: Roy Nixon, John Yoon, Judith Tobin, Julia Hoffman
3. **Acknowledgement of proxy votes**: No proxy votes received.
4. **Confirmation of Minutes of the 2016 AGM**
Motion: “that the Minutes of the AGM of 2016 be accepted as a true record of that meeting”. Proposed: Jodi Tutty seconded: Stephen Fischer. Accepted.
5. **Matters arising from the Minutes of the AGM of 2015**
No matters arising
6. **Report of the President**
Roy Nixon’s written report was accepted.
Roy is not standing again this year after many years of leadership as President. The meeting noted many new successful initiatives were begun including the Canberra in Bloom congress. The meeting thanked him for his generous service. (Moved Stephen Fischer, seconded Niek Van Vucht)
7. **Report from the Treasurer on BFACT’s Financial Statements for 2016-17**
The treasurer’s report was tabled. Ian explained that BFACT’s finances fluctuate depending on where the ANC is held that year. He noted that presently they appeared very healthy but this reflected the ANC being held in Canberra in 2017. However in future years there will not be this source of income and there will be a need for travel subsidies for participating teams. Also Ian advised that the Canberra in Bloom congress in 2017 had run at a loss. Ian noted that most of the profits from the successful CIB in 2016 had been returned to clubs. Members suggested various options for the incoming committee to consider if there are future surpluses. These included promotion eg, teaching beginners.

John Yoon was thanked for his excellent report with his detailed and helpful explanations which guided useful discussion. Reception of the report was moved and accepted (Jodi Tutty, Stephen Fischer).

8. **Appointment of Auditor for 2017-18**
Motion: “that Miklos Tifan be appointed as auditor for BFACT for 2017-18”.
 Proposed Ian Dalziell. Elizabeth Havas, seconded, Accepted.
 Ian Thomson was thanked with applause for the help and guidance he has provided to BFACT as Auditor for many years.
9. **Affiliation Fee for 2017-18**
Motion: “that the annual affiliation fee for 2017-18 be set at \$8.50 (including GST) for all members of affiliated bridge clubs”. Proposed Ian Dalziell.
 Marianne Bookallil, seconded Accepted.
10. **Report of the Tournament Secretary**
 Niek presented and spoke to his written report. Niek noted the difficulty in getting catering for BFACT events and asked whether participants would be prepared to bring their own lunches. Members present were receptive to this suggestion. However members also wanted a compensating reduction in entry fees. Report accepted moved Marianne Bookallil, seconded Anne Powell.
11. **Appointment of Returning Officer**
 Emlyn Williams was appointed as Returning Officer and presided over the Council elections.
12. **Election of Office Bearers:**

President	Marianne Bookallil	Declared elected
Vice President	Judith Tobin	Declared elected
Secretary	Ian Dalziell	Declared elected
Treasurer	John Yoon	Declared elected
Tournament Secretary	Niek Van Vucht	Declared elected
Immediate Past President	Roy Nixon	ex officio
13. **Any Other Business**
 Margaret Bourke suggested the committee consider the provision of uniforms or badges for ANC teams.
 There was also discussion about the use of earnings from the Barry Turner Fund. Some suggested that it be used for travel for representative teams whilst others emphasised the need to promote bridge among beginners.

There being no further business, the new President thanked everybody for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 5.10 pm.



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



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



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



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.



BFACT Council Meeting

5.30 pm Friday 11 May 2018 Deakin

MINUTES

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

Apologies: Jenny McAinsh, Andrew Dawes, Niek van Vucht, Roy Nixon.

The draft minutes of the previous Council meeting of 13 April 2018 were confirmed with the addition noting that \$500 had been tentatively agreed as an appropriate subsidy for ANC participants in 2018.

Presidents Report. The President reported on issues discussed at a recent Management Committee meeting. This included changed composition of the MC, constitutional amendments, long term planning, increases in fees, exchange rates for non-ABF players, and direct contact of members.

Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer circulated updated financial statements. He also agreed to provide a report on BFACT distributions to each member club (including marketing grants) over the last 6 years. John requested suggestions for a new Treasurer to replace him at the next AGM. It was agreed to maintain the Affiliation Fee at \$8.50 pp in 2019.

Grants. Council agreed to submissions from the Capital Bridge Club for a capital grant of \$426 (representing half the cost of new boards \$372 and new cards \$480) and a marketing grant of \$929 (representing part of the annual cost of Yellow Pages advertising).

Tournament Secretary. The Tournament Secretary was commended and thanked for overseeing the arrangements and selection for the successful ANC trials.

Bridge Tournament Advisory Committee. Marianne advised that the members of Committee are Niek van Vucht, Roy Nixon, Stephen Fischer, Julia Hoffman. The membership and terms of reference for the committee were agreed by Council and are attached.

BFACT Interclub Teams: 22 July. John Donovan reported that he had invited all local clubs but had not yet received any replies. He will also invite Bungendore. Council asked John to continue to keep contact with clubs.

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 (playing captain). BFACT ratified this team. ABF has provided 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 noted that Griff Ware may be able to advertise youth bridge at ANU.

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). The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for 13 May. The planned consultation on 20 May after the Southern Tablelands Teams is on track.

Honour Boards. Pam Crichton and John Donovan reported that CBC and BFACT are coordinating to update all boards.

Canberra in Bloom. Justine Beaumont will be asked to provide a report to the next BFACT Council meeting.

The Treasurer noted that arrangements for PAYID are being progressed

Club Reports.

CBC advised that that the Ginnan-Hollands skills development program on 28 & 29 April had been very well received.

Cootamundra BC reported that the new bridgemates (purchased with the assistance of a marketing grant) are working well.

South Canberra BC noted that renovations at the Southern Cross Club had caused some temporary disruption.

Capital BC advised that their regular Thursday venue at St Ninians Lyneham was still unavailable so that they are meeting at the Belconnen Community Centre in the meantime.

Bridge for Kids. Pam reported that this event was very successful, and that Elaine Leach was investigating holding it for 2 sessions in future school holidays.

Directors Ian had provided a list of directors to the Treasurer and CBC so that their \$25 pp annual association subscriptions could be paid by BFACT. Council agreed to reimburse directors who had already paid.

Next Meetings: 15 June, 13 July.



BFACT Council Meeting

5.30 pm Friday 15 June 2018 Deakin

MINUTES

Present: Marianne Bookallil, Ian Dalziell, John Yoon, Alex Hewat, Pam Crichton, John Donovan.

Apologies: Jenny McAinsh, Andrew Dawes, Niek van Vucht, Roy Nixon, Lynne Moss, Judith Tobin.

The draft minutes of the previous Council meeting of 11 May 2018 were confirmed.

Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer circulated updated financial statements. He also provided a report on BFACT distributions to each member club (including marketing grants) over the last 6 years. It was noted that Monaro club had received two grants in 2017-18 and therefore had exercised its rights for 2018-19.

Constitutional change.

1. Marianne and John Yoon reported on the consultation with members held on 20 May after the Southern Tablelands Team.
2. John updated BFACT on the progress of the committee on constitutional change (namely John Yoon, Marianne Bookallil, Sebastian Yuen and Ian Dalziell). The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for the weekend of 23-24 June.
3. John circulated and discussed outstanding issues of discipline, extent of the use of bylaws, and expenditure oversight arrangements.
4. It was agreed that John would circulate a revised draft constitution to clubs by 27 June seeking comments on behalf of their members by 13 July.
5. Notice for the proposed constitutional changes would be given to members at the beginning of August 2018 for the next AGM on 16 September 2018.

BFACT Interclub Teams: 22 July. John Donovan reported that he had invited all local clubs and received acceptances from CBC (1), Capital (3), South Canberra (2) and Batemans Bay (1). He will follow-up with other clubs.

Honour Boards. John Donovan was thanked by BFACT for successful updating of the honour shields. Pam Crichton and John Donovan reported that CBC and BFACT are coordinating to update all honour boards. A quote received from one supplier was \$20 per line.

Canberra in Bloom. The Secretary was asked to invite Justine Beaumont to provide a report and attend the next BFACT Council meeting.

Liability Insurance. In response to a query from Alex, John Yoon undertook to seek the advice of Roy Nixon on insurance coverage of club members; for discussion at the next BFACT meeting.

Bridge for Kids. Pam reported that this event was very successful, and that Elaine Leach was expecting to have 2 sessions in the next school holidays. BFACT agreed to pay for refreshments. Pam noted that the teams of 3 event is scheduled for 1 July.

Directors

1. Ian reported that arrangements were on track for 21 July course (10am to 12.30 pm at Deakin) for existing directors on the new laws. Bruce Crossman will present. Clubs are asked to advertise among their directors.
2. had provided a list of directors to the Treasurer and CBC so that their \$25 pp annual association subscriptions could be paid by BFACT. Council agreed to reimburse directors who had already paid. Directors now need to fill in the relevant forms.

B4c BFACT agreed in principle to proposals suggested by David Anderson. John Donovan to finalise.

Next Meetings: 13 July, 17 August.



BFACT Council Meeting

5.30 pm Friday 13 July 2018 Deakin

MINUTES

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

Apologies: Jenny McAinsh, Andrew Dawes, Roy Nixon, Justine Beaumont.

The draft minutes of the previous Council meeting of 15 June 2018 were confirmed with amendment.

Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer circulated provisional income and expenditure statements for 2017-18 noting that final financial reports were close to completion and would be sent to the Hon Auditor soon.

Constitutional change.

Marianne and John updated BFACT on the progress of the committee on constitutional change (namely John Yoon, Marianne Bookallil, Sebastian Yuen and Ian Dalziell). The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for late July. He also noted that clubs had been circulated a draft of the revised constitution and there had been general support and some comments had been received. Marianne undertook to consult further with the webmaster so as to get the exposure draft of the constitution available on the website. (This has now been done). Notice for the proposed constitutional changes would be given to members at the beginning of August 2018 for the next AGM on 16 September 2018.

BFACT Interclub Teams: 22 July. John Donovan reported that 19 teams had registered and the Bruce Crossman would be directing. It was noted that lunch would not be served but that refreshments would be served during and after the event thanks to Lynne, Pam and Judith.

Canberra in Bloom: 28 September to 1 October. Organiser, Justine Beaumont, gave her apologies and provided a written report. She noted that Roy Nixon had been able to resolve CIB website issues; and that dealing will commence on 15 July at ABF HQ. She intends to pay the CIB rate: 30 cents a board, with not more than \$450 paid to an individual in any one month. The President undertook to meet with Justine to finalise arrangements.

Honour Boards. It was decided to proceed with updating the existing Honour Boards (\$20 per line) this year. New Boards would cost about \$780 each. The decision about whether to proceed with Honour Boards in the future is deferred.

AGM 16 September. Ian and John Yoon advised that they intended to resign from Council at the AGM. All other councillors indicated that they intended to re-stand.

Youth Bridge. Judith agreed to ask Andrew Spooner for advice on who might be BFACT youth coordinator.

Liability Insurance. John Yoon reported that BFACT has public liability insurance for \$20 million.

Directors

Ian reported that there had been about 15 acceptances for the planned 21 July course (10am to 12.30 pm at Deakin) for existing directors on the new laws. Bruce Crossman will present. He thanked the clubs for advertising the event.

Club Reports

SCBC noted that former member Michael Rusin had died. The Council gives their condolences.

CBC reports that Bridge for Kids was again very successful with 40 tables.

Next Meetings: Monday 13 August; Friday 24 August; AGM 16 September.



BFACT Council Meeting

6 pm Monday 13 August 2018 Deakin

MINUTES

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

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

The acceptance of the draft minutes of the previous Council meeting of 13 July 2018 were held over to the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report. The Council received the Treasurer's circulated audited income and expenditure statements for 2017-18 noting a surplus of \$4399.

The Treasurer recommended that the next Council deregister BFACT for GST purposes. The President noted that Ian Thomson could give further advice on this issue.

The Treasurer recommended that when the next ANC is held in Canberra, then it should be considered whether separate ANC financial accounts should be created with its own treasurer and licence arrangements.

Constitutional change

John tabled a final draft of the proposed new constitution for discussion at the AGM. It was agreed to distribute this to members through clubs and to be posted on the website.

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A nomination form was submitted for Julia Leung for the position of Treasurer. Ian advised that no one had yet accepted nomination for Secretary.

It was decided that the agenda for the AGM should have the issue of constitutional reform following the Presidents Report.

It was noted that relevant notices with the AGM are required by 17 August.

Other business items were held over to the next meeting on 24 August.

Next Meetings: Friday 24 August; AGM 16 September.



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 Meeting: AGM 16 September.