



BFACT Council Meeting

5:30 pm Friday 8 February 2019 Deakin

MINUTES

Present: : Marianne Bookallil, Judith Tobin, Julia Leung, Alex Hewit, Pam Crichton, John Niven.

Apologies: Jenny McAinsh, Andrew Dawes, Niek van Vucht, Lynne Moss.

Confirmation of minutes: The minutes of the meeting of 7 December were confirmed subject to corrections and cleared for posting to Website subject to amendments.

1. President's Report (MB):

The President advised that a meeting was held to discuss the CIB the format of the Mixed Teams would depend on number of entries with 8 teams to final; other event could be on a knockout format, other options would be on a Swiss Round Robin. The matter was deliberated by Tournament Committee but as yet no decision is known.

There is expected to be a charge for the venue this year. Justine to organise a committee to look at arrangements Pam to email possible committee members to Justine.

2. Treasurer's Report (JY): The treasurer advised of continuing difficulties in managing the banks electronic signature process. Most issues are resolved or in process of being resolved. There may need to be a new account set up to facilitate banks second approver.

The council agreed to the setting up of other account(s) to facilitate the exercise of the requirements the constitution Annex 4 relating to account oversight. Moved Pam Crichton Seconded Alex Hewit.

The bank also suggested changes to Fixed Term Interest accounts to improve return to BFACT. This may also require adjustment to accounts.

Julia advised she would need to prepare the GST return for 17-18 years and due 28 Feb. as well as due to threshold limits we would be better off deregistering for GST except for ANC years. Agreed we would examine process for achieving this

Julia would also examine presenting an abridged financial report to meetings.

Julia to examine problem with possible unpaid invoice. It is not clear BFACT has received invoice from club and this would first need to be clarified prior to consideration of payment

3. Tournament Secretary's Report (NvV):

NA

4. ABF Councillor

Council agreed to renomination of Roy Nixon as BFACT Representative.

5. BFACT Legislative Change Requirements.

- a) Under legislative change Secretary is responsible for maintaining register of members.
- b) This raises the issue of maintaining membership information securely.

There is the issue of a secure container being an attraction to thieves. Julia and Judith to check with possibility of storing USBs at bank.

Secretary to distribute Thumb Drives to member clubs and obtain information for retention for ACT govt.

6. Director Development

President discussed Sebastian's role in training and development of Directors. Some costs would be involved, BFACT has funds available. Costs would include paying for director training and mentoring directors, who would need to be paid if working for the whole event. BFACT would use the same formula as the ABF of paying directors in training 50% of the usual director fees. CIB could be used as a training ground for senior level.

Alex Hewit advised SCBC is particularly interested in training up new director(s).

President to contact John McIlrath to agree date for director training.

7. Marketing Grants.

Changes are expected to be made to future marketing grants to clubs via ABF these are expected to be halved. More specific information is to come.

8. Competitions

Niek, Pam, John D and President met to discuss Seniors Competition. Stage 1 would be held on 8th & 15th April.

Finals would be scheduled for end of April with 10 pairs expected to participate.

Actual dates and format of finals to be finalised.

A Senior Director would be needed for this event.

9. Interclub Teams

In absence of John D president spoke to John's paper. Currently scheduled for 23 July.

Issues of concern are that John D as Convenor and Director would need assistance. Catering would also need consideration.

Pam raised the issue BFACT assisting in subsidising catering for upcoming CBC events.

Currently CBC would cater the upcoming women's event, BFACT would cater the upcoming open event.

MB to write up changes Seniors Trial event for publication in CBC newsletter.

Discussion on difficulty in getting nominations for Restricted events

10. TOURNAMENT QUALIFIERS

Nieks email was discussed and it was universally confirmed that were a qualifying pair was no longer available then a new pair from a further event should be selected and not allow substitute for one of the original qualifying pair

Other Business

SCBC changes to Office Bearers were advised

A discussion of the benefit of obtaining services of high quality Sydney based teacher to ACT and possible subsidy by BFACT ensured. The view was the teacher and teaching methods used had much to offer.

Discussion of return from ABF indicated no areas of significant concern

Next Meetings: Council meeting scheduled for 22 March 2019.