



BFACT Council Meeting 5:30 pm Friday 05 July 2019 Deakin

MINUTES :

Present: Marianne Bookallil, Julia Leung, Niek Van Vucht, Pam Crichton, Alex Hewat, John Niven.

Apologies: Jenny McAinsh, Andrew Dawes. Judith Tobin, John Donovan, Keith Huggan.

President welcomed attendees and opened meeting at 5.30.

Confirmation of minutes: The minutes of the meeting of 10 May were confirmed and cleared for posting to Website.

Action Items from meeting of 10 May:

- A) President had acquired a small lockable container 3 USBs had been returned from clubs. Container now held in CBC safe,
- B) VPs examination of BFACT and Interstate substitution rules at agenda item 1,
- C) Subsidy and tickets for ANC have been paid some possibility of discount for youth players still open,
- D) TD prepared and distributed paper on managing APBF,
- E) Treasurer advised finalisation of Banking arrangements should be resolved once approved minutes are available to bank.

1. President's Report (MB):

The President advised that Tournament Secretary has been progressing work for ANC and Treasurer has been progressing accounts for end of year. These & other matters would be covered individually.

2. Treasurer's Report (JL):

The treasurer distributed and spoke to a provisional set of BFACT accounts as at 30 June 2019. John Yoon has assisted in clarifying outstanding payments as at 30 June 2018. The Treasurer highlighted and spoke to variations to budget and prior year amounts. Overall both Income and expenditure were lower this year and some figures required further checking. The emphasis on remaining work would be to prepare the accounts for audit.

3. Tournament Secretary's Report (NvV):

The Tournament Secretary advised that ANC arrangements were progressing however there remained some confusion over Government House invitations. This matter would be left to VBA to address. Board dealing for CiB is underway this would be costed at a per board rate.

4. Substitution Adjustment Register (MB)

The President spoke to the Vice President's paper on substitution adjustment register. Judith examined BFACT & NSW processes made various comments/suggestions. VBA is currently examining their process and has agreed to share the outcome with BFACT. The President suggested that once the VBA information is available the matter should be progressed via a sub-committee with a view to finalisation of policy by ANC trials in 2020. The President will find sub-committee members.

5. Director Development (MB)

The President spoke to Sebastian's paper. The makeup of the Course scheduled 31 August & 1 September was noted and agreed and would be advertised on CBC Web Page. Sebastian to contact Ian Dalziell for any past flyers and work done for prior courses.

Sebastian noted the need for a current list of ACT Directors this could be requested at the time Sebastian advises clubs of upcoming training. Results from previous attempt to establish a stocktake of directors would be sought. The Committee agreed the list should be of active directors and those no longer willing to be active to be removed from the list. SY should seek updated details from clubs.

6. Marketing Grants.

The SCBC request to repurpose the balance of their existing grant was agreed.

7. UPCOMING EVENTS

a) Canberra in Bloom 4-7 Oct. (CiB) (MB)

President advised that Justine had called and that progress on structure of event was not finalised and for 2019 a 3 day mixed team event was proposed for rather than 4 day which may be available in following years. The proposal was to name the event the Val and John Brockwell Mixed Team event in recognition of their efforts to establish CiB as a gold point event. No objections were raised to this. Justine has advised she requires assistance to take entries. This action is in train.

b) Inter Club Teams 21 July (MB)

President spoke to John Donovan's paper. John has advised while he remains convenor, he has replaced himself with Christy Geramboux as Director. He will be present throughout the day but notes the low level of entries to date and would request club reps. advertise the event to their members as well while he will organise nibbles through day, but not lunch, he requires someone to organise platters at end of session. Reps agreed to advertise and Secretary agreed to arrange end of session nibbles after liaising with JD as to final numbers.

- c) ANC will be in Orange NSW in 2021.
- d) APBF Selection
 APBF will be run in Perth during April 2020. Currently selection of ACT team representatives will be by invitation for expression of interest (EOI) in CBC bulletin and advice to clubs. Budget costs for BFACT will include cost to APBF, entry fee for team and subsidy for costs including airfares yet to be determined.
 Playoff for team selection will be determined on number of entries and to allow for other selection events and festival timings.
 Outstanding matters requiring resolution prior to formal EOI are: amount, if any, to be contributed by BT Fund, dates of competing events, estimate of costs of fares
- e) Gala Pairs/AGM 29 September
 This will occur weekend before CiB. MB to organise
- f) ANC Women's Team
 An issue may arise if Margaret Bourke is unavailable to play. Given the v. short notice to commencement of competition it was agreed that should this occur Elizabeth Havas be requested to arrange an alternate partner in consultation with NPC.

8. Banking (JL)

Treasurer advised all significant matters have been discussed above.

9. BFACT Legislative Change Requirements

Still awaiting return of thumb drives from Monaro & Cootamundra Clubs. All other drives should be within container within CBC safe. Secretary to email clubs requesting they be brought to ACT by anyone attending interclub teams. If not JN to forward reply paid padded envelope to contacts.

Other Business

Alex Hewat (SCBC) noted that SCBC had in the past run the Aust. Wide Pairs (sponsored by Australian Bridge magazine). It has been suggested that CBC may also be running this event. The problem with two clubs independently running this event is a player may attend at one club and replay the event at another venue. Alex advised that SCBC should be the coordinator of this pairs event in the Act having historically undertaken the role. Pam C (CBC) was not aware of any moves by CBC to host the event. President advised that it would first need to be determined if CBC was also planning to run the event, if not then the second question can be considered with BFACT negotiating an agreement between clubs.

AGM

President requested all elected members to advise their willingness or otherwise to stand for re-election at AGM. All present elected members signified their preparedness to continue in position.

Secretary to research & distribute AGM timetable of action items necessary for lead into AGM

Next Meetings:

Council meeting scheduled for Friday 23rd August 2019 **commencing at the later time of 6PM**