



BFACT Council Meeting

6.00PM pm Monday 06 January 2020 Deakin

MINUTES:

Present: Justine Beaumont, Judith Tobin, Julia Leung, Niek Van Vucht, John Brockwell, John Donovan, Keith Huggan, Cathy Nichols, John Niven.

Apologies: Annie Macmaster, Andrew Dawes.

President opened meeting at 6pm and welcomed attendees.

Confirmation of minutes: The minutes of the meeting of 28 October 2019 were confirmed and cleared for posting to Website.

Action Items from previous meetings

Secretary advised

- A) for various reasons letter to ATO had not been issued, and
- B) letter to clubs regarding ABF marketing grants had been forwarded.

Consequential to A above it was agreed the President would request webmaster to close down 'Contact Us' tab on website until fixed.

1. President's Report (JB):

The President advised that BFACT should have parameters around what and how we administer BFACT grants to the club and the type and level of accountability required by Treasurer. This would bring some clarity to purposes for which BFACT would grant a subsidy and level of accountability clubs would be required to meet. Requests would be submitted through Secretary for consideration at following Council meeting. President would prepare communication to clubs.

2. Treasurer's Report (JL):

The treasurer presented and spoke to the monthly financial report. The layout of the report has been improved for clarity. Expenses and receipts have been as expected including Subsidies to Novice Teams which are now included under Interclub expenses as this why they were awarded.

3. Tournament Secretary's Report (NvV):

Tournament Secretary advised 3 teams had entered for the APBF. These teams would play off over 28 board matches over 3 Wednesdays in late January early February.

The TS drew the Councils attention to the 'BFACT Tournament Regulations 2019 Edition Draft' and discussed the updated Substitution rules. The Council agreed to accept the new regulations and authorised the TS to arrange for their promulgation on the Website.

Other Agenda Items.

1 BFACT Councillor to ABF (JB)

Marianne's decision to not seek reappointment as a BFACT representative to ABF was discussed. It was agreed to seek nominations by forwarding request to clubs and advertising in CBC bulletin. Any appointee would be required to report to BFACT. Council would appoint once applications have been received.

2 Eligibility Criteria for ACT Provincial Team (John B)

John Brockwell spoke to his paper on amendments to the selection process. A vigorous discussion ensued and it was agreed to trial the new arrangement for 2020 and review for 2021 and future years.

3 Investment of BFACT funds to Maximise Returns (JB)

The President advised that given the low return on Cash Holdings generally BFACT should look to maximise return on its cash. One alternative was to engage with the Barry Turner fund or establish a similar fund. Council agreed to receive a presentation from a Financial Advisor who would explain risks and benefits.

4 Proposal for Selection of Canberra 2 GNOT Team (John B)

This matter was discussed and agreed to be revisited at next meeting.

5 ABF Management Committee review (JB)

President advised we draw attention the ABF's agreement to waive masterpoint fees for events designed to raise funds in support of Bushfire victims.

6 Interclub Teams (JD)

John D advised the event would be held earlier in the year but had yet to be finalised.

7 Recent and Upcoming Events

Covered above

8 Banking(JL)

This was progressing and would be finalised by next meeting.

9 Marketing Grants.

Covered above

Other Business.

JB to follow up progress on CBC complaints procedure development in line with ACT incorporated Associations ACT.

Council was advised of the passing of Hilde Gielb (CN)

Next Meetings:

Council meeting scheduled for Friday 14 February 2020 again commencing 6PM

Meeting Closed 19:10