



BFACT Council Meeting

6.00PM pm Friday 3 April 2020 Electronic Conference

MINUTES:

Present: Justine Beaumont, Judith Tobin, Julia Leung, Niek Van Vucht, John Donovan, Keith Huggan, Alex Hewat, John Niven.

Apologies: Annie Macmaster, Andrew Dawes, John Brockwell.

President opened meeting at 6pm and welcomed attendees.

Confirmation of minutes: The minutes of the meeting of 14 February 2020 were confirmed and cleared for posting to Website.

Ongoing Matters.

- A) letter to ATO progressing JN to action as Public Officer current Treasury Group (JL, JB & JT) to complete details ongoing, and
- B) maximising return on BFACT funds ongoing.

1. President's Report (JB):

It was agreed to streamline and incorporate independence into the grant review process by appointing Roy Nixon and Ian Thomson as the Grants Review Subcommittee. Carried

Consequential to the above the president to write to Roy and Ian requesting they develop a set of criteria which would be forwarded to the clubs.

2. Treasurer's Report (JL):

The Treasurer advised the current return to ATO had been submitted and that the APBF subsidy that had been paid out had now been returned due to cancellation of event.

3. Tournament Secretary's Report (NvV):

A number of events have been cancelled consequent to Covid -19. While the ANC had not yet been cancelled it was fully expected it would be. TS proposed no further selection events be held until there was some clarity as to its scheduling by the ABF. This was agreed to by the Committee.

The Masterpoint Secretary advised he had suspended the relevant masterpoints and would submit once it was clear as to the rescheduling of the event.

Other Agenda Items.

- 4 BFACT
Not Required
- 5 ACT Incorporated Associations Changes & Consequential Resignation of BFACT Auditor. (JN)
Changes to the above legislation barred members of the organisation, or spouse or family member of a member performing the role of Auditor. As a consequence, the BFACT Auditor Peter Parsons has tendered his resignation. A discussion as to who constituted a member of BFACT remained unresolved. Critical is unless the ACT reviews is potential costs on not for profit organisations will be the need to obtain a suitable auditor/reviewer in the next 5 months
- 6 BFACT Grants to Clubs. (JB)
Matter addressed in presidents report.
- 7 ABF Issues(JB)
 - a) ANC Rotation ABF email of 29 Mar.
No difficulties were seen in the proposed amended timetable put forward by the ABF. The president would advise the ABF of BFACTs view.
 - b) 2020 AGM ABF EMAIL OF 25 Mar.
The committee noted the email
- 8 Interclub Teams Update (John D)
John meet with the presidents of the Valley and SCBC. Given the restrictions on gatherings no progress was considered. Matter to be reviewed at next meeting.
- 9 MasterPoints Matters(JohnD)
Covered elsewhere
- 10 Recent & Upcoming Competitions
NA however the committee noted Capital Bridge Clubs introduction of on line weekly competitions. John D advised that the recent strain on BBO bandwidth has meant that the size and timing of free competitive club games has had to be strictly controlled. The TS advised that there seemed to be an unscheduled increase in Vugraph competitions, AlexH advised SCBC would attempt to move its Wednesday night club games to BBO from next week.
- 11 Banking Treasury Issues(JL)
There has been a low level of transactions relevant matters have been covered at Agenda Item 2.
- 12 Other Business
Alex H advised a previously approved grant had been expended. Invoices to be presented.

Next Meetings:

Council meeting scheduled for Friday 1 May 2020 again commencing 6PM
Meeting Closed 18:45