



BFACT Council Meeting

6.00PM pm Friday 14 February 2020 Deakin

MINUTES:

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

Apologies: Justine Beaumont, Annie Macmaster, Andrew Dawes.

Vice President opened meeting at 6pm and welcomed attendees.

Confirmation of minutes: The minutes of the meeting of 06 January 2020 were confirmed and cleared for posting to Website.

Ongoing Matters.

- A) letter to ATO still ongoing, and
- B) maximising return on BFACT funds held over to return of President

1. A/President's Report (JT):

It was agreed to retitle 'Matters Arising' to 'Ongoing Matters' and restructure agenda so only one 'other business' heading would appear in the minutes. John D advised that Presidents email re grants of 9TH January did not reach the Capital Club due to incorrect email address. This matter would be covered elsewhere however it was agreed all future correspondence from BFACT should be dated.

2. Treasurer's Report (JL):

The Treasurer advised that as there was little change in the accounts, she did not produce updated statements. A GST return was due at the end of the month, this would be a nil return and would again be attempted electronically. Changes to signatories to the account have now been finalised with the addition of Justine and consequential removal of Marianne.

3. Tournament Secretary's Report (NvV):

- a) Open Stage 1 regs. Have been done and posted to website and CBC board. (Agenda item 7).
- b) The best BFACT affiliated restricted pair from the Penline 500 SFoB together with the highest placed eligible pair from the Valentine's Day competition are entitled to a subsidy to the ANC restricted competition. Subsidy is provided by ABF and

subject to conditions including subsidy may only be taken up once and pair must be BFACT affiliated. Invitations have been forwarded to the two appropriate pairs and TS is awaiting final responses.

- c) APBF invitation received applications from 3 teams who played off against each other. Stephen Fischer has been selected for the Australian Mixed Teams thereby excluding his team. Consequently, The Hoffman team will be offered the BFACT subsidy as agreed at Council meeting of 23 August 2019. TS to contact team and arrange funding transfer through Treasurer and arrange posting on web.
- d) Regulations for Seniors Stage 1 have been written and circulated. As no comments were received back they will be published as is.

Other Agenda Items.

4 BFACT Councillor to ABF (JT)

The BFACT VP noted that 3 excellent applicants had nominated for the position and this was agreed by all present. The VP noted that one of the applicants was also the only applicant for the upcoming position of ABF Treasurer. Further a prerequisite of this position was that the applicant must already be a member of an ABF affiliated bridge federation, such as BFACT, and be nominated as that bodies representative to the ABF. A further BFACT Councillor position to the ABF will become available within a year.

The VP put that Ian Thomson be offered the position of BFACT Councillor to ABF prior to his presumed appointment as ABF Treasurer and that both remaining nominees be asked if they wish to be considered for the upcoming position at the appropriate time.

Moved JT seconded John B. Carried unanimously. Secretary of ABF (Jane Rasmussen) will also need to be advised.

5 BFACT Selection Canberra Team2 Team Draft Motion. (John B)

John Brockwell spoke to his paper on amendments to the selection process circulated on 1 Feb. The team pairs would be selected as one pair from Gala open Butler pairs, one pair from a Tuesday qualifying event and a 3rd pair from a Thursday evening qualifying event.

Supplementary Motion: The Canberra 2 pairs selected as a result of Tuesday or Thursday selection events are expected to compete in the Gala Day pairs. Should they choose not to BFACT at its sole discretion reserves the right to withdraw all or part of the subsidy. Motion Moved: John B and Seconded: Alex H. Both motions carried.

6 BFACT Grants to Clubs Presidents Letter of 9 January. (JT)

The VP reminded council that it appeared not all clubs had received the Presidents email and attached letter of 9 January which may explain why submissions had only been received from CBC and Cootamundra.

Council was of the view that Grant applications should be assessed by a subcommittee and assessments should be forwarded to Council. Discussion on the makeup of the subcommittee included that it could consist of the five club representatives to BFACT plus one other. This proposal to be forwarded to clubs with the remote clubs asked to nominate a representative who could participate by email. The intent would be to enable more time to be devoted to considering the submissions from clubs and ensuring an equitable and transparent approach in grants distribution. Terms of reference/guidelines would need to be developed including managing any perceived conflict of interest where a grant request from a subcommittee's member's club was being considered. Existing grants in progress would not be affected by new program.

7 Open Stage 1 Regs (NvV)

Covered above at 3a.

8 BFACT Representative Availability Proposed Policy (NvV)

The Policy had meet with overall agreement some comments had been received these would be reviewed prior to finalisation.

9 NA

10 ABF Issues

- a) Cash Management at Tournaments Risk Analysis: Council noted the trend to non cash transactions.
- b) Proposed Revisions to ABF Constitution: John B noted clause 7 which relates to powers and composition of council. It would be critical to understand that the Powers of the ABF rest with the Council and not the Management Committee or other subcommittees. The committees should be able to make recommendations rather than Reports to council. John B to forward paper to Secretary for action
- c) ABF Management Committee Meeting: It was felt that full minutes should be available to members, if not directly, then by access via ABF website.

11 Options for Interclub Teams Update (JD)

Still being progressed via SCBC and Valley BC. Costs of venue catering being the current issue.

12 MasterPoints Matters(JD)

ABF is subsidising masterpoints for bushfire support events. These need to be processed through MP Secretary rather than by clubs directly.

13 Recent & Upcoming Competitions

Covered above.

14 Banking Treasury Issues(JL)

Treasurer has prepared payment schedule for ABDA. Some clubs are preferring to pay direct.

15 Other Business

The President has recommended that an agenda item covering correspondence be included in the minutes this was supported by council

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Next Meetings:

Council meeting scheduled for Friday 27 March 2020 again commencing 6PM

Meeting Closed 19:30