



BFACT Council Meeting

6.00PM pm Friday 29 May 2020 Electronic Conference

MINUTES:

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

Apologies: Andrew Dawes, Annie Macmaster

Vice President opened meeting and welcomed Margaret Kyburz who has replaced John Brockwell as CBC representative.
President re-joined meeting.

Confirmation of minutes: The minutes of the meeting of 1 May 2020 were cleared subject to attendance correction and completion of agenda item 10.

Ongoing Matters.

- A) letter to ATO progressing JN awaiting details from JL & JT to complete details for forwarding to ATO, and
- B) maximising return on BFACT funds. Held Over.

1. President's Report (JB):

President advised that she had expressed the view that CiB was unlikely to proceed this year the ABF had questioned this given the time still remaining. Given the playing restrictions, the problems in obtaining a suitable venue (considering size and cost) and the necessary hygiene overheads the committee was of the view that unless these matters were significantly overcome by July CiB 2020 could not proceed. The matter would be revisited by July.

The 2021 CiB currently competed with the AFL Grand Final meaning the preferred location would be unavailable. Given the preceding weeks would clash with semi-final games the president undertook to liaise with Eastlakes to determine availability. The president advised the committee that John Brockwell had resigned for health reasons. A letter has been forwarded to John thanking him for his contribution to ACT Bridge on behalf of BFACT.

2. Treasurer's Report (JL):

The Treasurer advised that there had been only one payment since previous meeting and that had been for masterpoints.

3. Tournament Secretary's Report (NvV):

An online ABF youth championship has been established. This would require the establishment of an ACT youth team with at least 4 players. Initially last year's team members would be approached as well as a general invitation of other interested participants. The competition to run from June 26 to July 26 however regulations are still to be finalised. Council agreed it should seek participants to establish a team.

A suggestion has been received from Pam Crichton to establish a BFACT double knockout teams event online. The TS will examine the feasibility & operational requirements and report next meeting.

A general discussion on the growth/establishment of online bridge as well as problems in administration took place.

Other Agenda Items.

4. ACT Incorporated Associations Membership of BFACT (JN)

The secretary noted that due to the late receipt of an important paper this could not be forwarded to committee members until the day of the meeting. In future the Secretary advised that papers involving any complexity that could not be forwarded at least 24 hours before the meeting should be held over until the next meeting or forwarded for noting only and be dealt with at the following meeting or out of session.

Letter from ACT Govt. advising of extension to period for holding AGM. Letter is dated 26 March. Lateness not entirely explainable due to closure of CBC. Does not cover period applicable to BFACT but would indicate BFACT will be granted extension if Covid-19 period extends.

Request for members of treasury group who have not completed ATO form to complete section 11 & 12 for forwarding to ATO.

5. BFACT Grants to Clubs. (JB)

Progressing these matters to be held over until closer to return to normal bridge arrangements. CBC advised they wish to withdraw the request for interest subsidy but appreciate BFACT undertaking to subsidise the cost of the teaching weekend.

6. ABF Issues (JB)

- a) ABF Mgmt. Committee meeting of 11 May
- b) Covid-19 Discussion Paper Draft
- c) 2021 ABF Calendar
- d)

The above communications from the ABF were noted.

7. Correspondence

- a) letter from ACT re timing of AGM (see 4 above)
- b) Resignation of John Brockwell from Committee (see presidents Report)

8. Interclub Teams Update (JohnD)

John D advised this competition is unlikely to go ahead this year.

9. MasterPoints Matters(JohnD)

John D advised masterpoint matters had now all been brought up to date.

10 Recent & Upcoming Competitions

NA

11 Banking Treasury Issues(JL)

The matter of replacement auditor/reviewer for the BFACT Annual Financial Statements was discussed. The matter would be pursued by various committee members.

12 Other Business

John D advised that BBO has advised that anyone who had established their account after 2016, and whose account remained inactive for 3 years would forfeit any funds remaining in their BBO\$ account. This is a warning not to oversubscribe their BBO\$ account as unused funds cannot be withdrawn.

Next Meetings:

Council meeting scheduled for Friday 3rd July 2020 again commencing 6PM

Meeting Closed 19:00