



BFACT Council Meeting

6.00PM pm Friday 3 July 2020 Electronic Conference

MINUTES

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

Apologies: Judith Tobin, Andrew Dawes.

President opened meeting at 1800 and welcomed Council Members.

Confirmation of minutes: The minutes of the meeting of 1 May 2020 and 29th May were cleared for uploading to website.

Ongoing Matters.

- A) letter to ATO progressing JN awaiting details for inclusion prior to forwarding to ATO, and
- B) maximising return on BFACT funds. Paper is being prepared for Council and will be forwarded when available.

1. President's Report (JB):

President advised that as the Eastlake Club has not opened as yet she has emailed the Club to advise that CiB would not be held this year and that to avoid a clash with the AFL grand final in 2021 could we rebook the 2021 CiB the following week. A response is awaited.

The President proposed that to assist the clubs in restarting after Covid-19 hiatus a grant could be provided to each club to cover cost associated with complying with Covid-19 requirements and to subsidise income forgone resulting from mandatory shutdown. Discussion as to use and need resulted in Council agreeing to a \$1000 grant to each club. This could be reviewed at future meetings.

2. Treasurer's Report (JL):

The Treasurer advised that her principle efforts were concentrating on bringing the accounts up to date for 30 June and preparing Statements for the EoFY and subsequent audit. Accounts are yet to be finalised for audit however an auditor, compliant with ACT Incorporated Associations changes has been identified. The person in question is Pele Rankin, a professional bookkeeper from Queensland who meets all Incorporated Association requirements, Ms Rankin is a bridge player so has an understanding of the environment and is prepared to undertake the task pro bono. Council agreed to appoint Ms Rankin as BFACT accounts auditor/reviewer for the financial accounts. Payment for expenses incurred would be agreed with Ms Rankin based on her actual costs and

costs by CBC in hiring professional accountants. The Treasurer would confirm agreement with Ms Rankin and provide her with accounts to audit/review.

3. Tournament Secretary's Report (NvV):

The ABF level events, including the GNOT final, have largely been cancelled. There is an ABF youth event scheduled, for which an ACT team has been entered and has already competed in some matches. The TS advised he would like to record his and BFACT's appreciation to John Yoon in particular for his efforts in getting the Youth team together and organising their participation in the event. Council agreed to include appreciation in minute and President to forward letter of appreciation to John. Andrew Spooner should also be mentioned for keeping the team going. The TS also noted that in spite of Covid-19 we would need to draft a calendar for 2021 however this would not occur until October.

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)

JN advised of a further Letter from ACT Govt. advising of a further extension to 30 Sept. to period for holding AGM. Again, while the letter does not cover period applicable to BFACT but would further indicate BFACT may be granted an extension resulting from Covid-19. Of specific relevance to BFACT is the removal the 'in person' requirement for attendance at the AGM. BFACT constitution states quorum is 20 members JD advised that Zoom will accommodate in excess of 30 participants, this may be difficult without the attraction of a game day with nibbles afterwards. This matter will be pursued in coming months.

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 papers on resumption of bridge club sessions (Fwd 3 June)
- b) Update on covid-19 & bridge club resumption (Fwd 10 June)
- c) GNOT 2020 (Fwd 19 June)
- d) ABF Management Committee Virtual Meeting (Fwd 13 June)
- e) Capitation Fees (Fwd 28 June)

The above communications from the ABF were noted of significance was that while GNOT has been cancelled clubs may still run qualifying games for Gold points, Red if games are online.

7. Correspondence

NA

8. Interclub Teams Update (JohnD)

NA

9 MasterPoints Matters(JohnD)

Nil.

10 Recent & Upcoming Competitions

NA

11 Banking Treasury Issues(JL)

12 Other Business

Agenda items for next meeting include:

- a) arrangement for conducting 2020 AGM,
- b) future meetings, however conducted, include provision for electronic participation by Monaro and Cootamundra Clubs, and
- c) post Covid-19 start up issues

Next Meetings:

Council meeting scheduled for Friday 4th September 2020 commencing 6PM via Zoom.

Meeting Closed 18:45