



**Draft Minutes**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**Monday 16 November 2020, 5 pm,**  
**CBC Clubrooms, Deakin and ZOOM**

**Attendance:**

- a) CBC: Justine Beaumont, Stephen Fischer, Terri Henderson, Julia Leung, John Niven, Ian Robinson, David Hoffman, Julia Hoffman, Judith Tobin, Pam Crichton, Ross Crichton, Ian Thomson, Roy Nixon, John Hempenstall, Len Van Der Hor, Liz Van Der Hor, Niek Van Vucht, Elizabeth Havas, Janet Kahler.
- b) ZOOM John Donovan, Cathy Nichols, Alex Hewat, Patricia McDonald, Margaret Kyburz, Keith Huggan, Kevin Caruans.

1. The president opened the meeting at 17.00 and confirmed a quorum was in attendance and that the meeting also included online participants.
2. **Apologies:** Nil.
3. **Acknowledgement of proxy votes:** Nil.
4. **Confirmation of Minutes of the 2019 AGM**  
*Motion:* "that the Minutes of the AGM of 2019 be accepted as a true record of that meeting". Proposed: David Hoffman, Seconded: Ian Robinson. Accepted.
5. **Matters arising from the Minutes of the AGM of 2017**  
No matters arising.
6. **Report of the President**  
Justine advised it had been a relatively quiet year we fielded 3 teams at the GNOT in 2019 and John Yoon and Andrew Spooner are to be thanked for their efforts managing the Junior Teams event for this year. Two members of council, Judith Tobin as Vice President and Julia Leung as Treasurer, are stepping down. She thanked both for the assistance and guidance offered during her first year as President. The President also advised that at the October Council meeting it was agreed that if there were no applicants for the Vice President Position rather than seek a full time replacement the position would be offered to the clubs on a rotational basis commencing with Capital's Keith Huggan.

7. **Special Resolution**  
N/A
8. **Report of the Treasurer**  
The treasurer tabled her report incorporating Reviewed Financial Statements for 2019-20 including the Reviewer's Report thereon all of which have been available on the BFACT web site in excess of 6 weeks. There is a healthy Balance in the Accounts with the past financial period holding steady. Grants have been made to clubs the most significant of which was a grant to Cootamundra for the purchase of a dealing machine and a \$1000 grant to each of the clubs to cover losses incurred because of Covid-19. These costs are yet to be reflected in the accounts. Discussion as to level of funds held by BFACT Cost of Masterpoints ensured. Advice was that masterpoints costs are an ABF matter and not within any control of BFACT. High level of Moneys held at bank are an insurance to cover the high Costs of running ANC events when it is BFACT's turn to host the event. BFACT Council policy is to reduce holdings by 10% per annum by redirecting funds to clubs. To this end a request for grants has gone to all clubs and a subcommittee comprising Roy Nixon and Ian Thompson to examine grants and make recommendations to BFACT. ABF Treasurer discussion. BFACT has also been able to make a profit via Canberra in Bloom (CiB) because we have not been charged venue cost since recent relocation. It is not clear this position will be maintainable in the future
9. **Appointment of Auditor for 2020-21**  
The President advised that Pele Rankin, our/auditor reviewer for 1919-20 was not available for the upcoming year, consequently council had arranged the services of Sean Galbraith. Mr Galbraith is a professional Auditor and therefore some cost are expected to be incurred for his services. Put that Sean Galbraith be appointed as auditor/reviewer for the 1920-21 financial report. Moved Ian Thompson Seconded Stephen Fischer. Accepted.
10. **Affiliation Fee for 2020-21**  
Motion: "that the annual affiliation fee for 2020-21 year remain at \$8.50 (including GST) for all members of affiliated bridge clubs". Proposed Roy Nixon, seconded Ross Crichton. Accepted.
11. **Report of the Tournament Secretary**  
Niek's report which has been circulated was presented. In essence the bulk of representative bridge for 2020 was cancelled. The extent, if any, to which representative bridge will return in the coming year is unclear..
12. **Appointment of Returning Officer**  
The President advised Ian Thompson has been appointed returning officer and asked for any further nominations for council positions be presented. There being none meeting proceeded to election of Office Bearers.

**13. Election of Office Bearers:**

Ian Thompson announced each position and as there was only one nomination for each position that nomination was acclaimed from the floor.

President	Justine Beaumont	Declared elected
Treasurer	Stephen Fischer	Declared elected
Tournament Secretary	Niek Van Vucht	Declared elected
Secretary	John Niven	Declared elected

**14. Other Business**

The question of payment to Pele Rankin was explained as an honorarium in the form of a \$200 gift voucher. The problem of appointing auditor/reviewer is due to recent changes to Incorporated Associations Act which prevents a member of the organisation or a relative of a member being appointed auditor/reviewer. It is therefore difficult for not for profit bodies obtaining pro bono services.

15. There being no further business, the President thanked everybody for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 5.40 pm.