



BFACT Council Meeting

6.00PM pm Friday 23 October 2020 Electronic Conference

MINUTES: Draft

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

Apologies: Andrew Dawes.

President opened meeting at 1800 and welcomed Council Members.

Confirmation of minutes: The minutes of the meeting of 25 September were cleared for uploading to website.

Ongoing Matters.

- A) The President asked if anyone had any ideas about a Webmaster. Matter to be followed up.
- B) letter to ATO remains outstanding.
- C) Maximising return on BFACT funds. Remains outstanding.
- D) Amalgamation of Deakin PO Boxes. Agreement reached with CBC and Deakin Postmaster. Postmaster advised we should use time remaining on current account to advise change to regular contacts. President advised we could arrange for electronic Bank Statements and any other suitable correspondence. Council members agreed simplification of postal arrangements and ensure all relevant parties informed of change.

1. President's Report (JB):

President congratulated Margaret on her nomination as President of CBC. President advised she had spoken to Stephen Fischer and he had agreed to stand for Treasurer. TBIB had also advised that our invoice had slipped between the Covid cracks and had now paid their sponsorship moneys. President was also proposing to attend CBC AGM to scope the operation of Zoom and effect on BFACT AGM use.

2. Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer advised that that there had only been one transaction since the last meeting and that following updates grant payments to the clubs had been put on hold and would be reviewed after the end of the month. Club representatives agreed with the postponement of grant receipts. The financials had been adjusted to correct the effect of GST.

3. **Tournament Secretary's Report (NvV):**

Council was advised that ABF was running various ad hoc games but as yet no selection events had been listed. It was impossible to develop a BFACT tournament calendar at the moment. Clubs were asked to provide views on staging an interclub teams competition during January to offset the absence of the Summer Festival. The absence of kitchen facilities would require participants to bring their own lunches or obtain external lunches from nearby shopping centres. This may require a 1.5 hr lunch break. CBC would appear the logical locality to hold the comp. A maximum of 24 teams could be accommodated. The matter would be revisited after the AGM.

Other Agenda Items.

4. **Arrangements for Conducting AGM**

a) Justine advised she would arrange acquisition of a BFACT Zoom licence during the week. Due to the limitations of the social licence this would need to be a professional licence. Licence would be offered to Clubs when not needed by BFACT.

b) Justine had discussed the matter of refreshments with the president of CBC and it was agreed the safest course was to not offer any refreshments. BFACT would hold the AGM ensuring sanitising practices were complied with before during and at the completion and then leave the club to the normal game procedures.

c) Judith has advised that she is not willing to stand for re-election to VP. The President thanked Judith for her contribution to BFACT over many years and suggested that for the upcoming year, if there are no AGM candidates, that the position be offered to the clubs on a rotational basis, A discussion ensued regarding the timing of the rotation and treatment of conflicts when Club Reps. are undertaking a BFACT position.

d) Completed nomination forms to be forwarded to Secretary prior to AGM.

5. **ABF Mid Term Meeting**

The advice of the meeting was noted.

Secretary advised that the cost of purchasing BBO \$ seemed out of relation to actual exchange rate. Conversation ensued relating to the additional costs incurred if purchased by via phone or tablet.

Other Business.

6. **Webmaster**

Covered Above

7. **Team Matches**

a) Masterpoints Secretary advised that BBO has advised of the capability to undertake masterpoint awarded Team Matches via BBO. John D would undertake further investigation of the arrangements to investigate the feasibility of providing online team matches.

b) There is an alternative to BBO available which NSWBA is offering initial free access. Key variation is that other players are visible via a Zoom like scenario. The matter is under investigation at moment but possibility exists for utilising facility for CiB.

c) Treasurer advised that due to commitments the auditor who conducted the 2020 review would be unavailable for 2021. President would discuss alternatives with Stephen Fischer.

Next Meetings:

Council meeting scheduled for Friday 27th November 2020 commencing 6PM via Zoom.
Meeting Closed 18:40