



BFACT Council Meeting

5.00PM pm Friday 08 January 2021 Electronic Conference

MINUTES:

Present: Justine Beaumont, Stephen Fischer, Niek Van Vucht, John Donovan, Liz Van Der Hor, Keith Huggan, Alex Hewat, John Niven.

Apologies: Andrew Dawes. Annie Macmaster.

President opened meeting at 1715 and welcomed Council Members.

Confirmation of minutes: The minutes of the meeting of 27 November were cleared for uploading to website.

Ongoing Matters.

- A) Letter to ATO - continuing.
- B) Maximising return on BFACT funds. Awaiting financial clarification.
- C) Amalgamation of Deakin PO Boxes. All necessary action taken finalise during March.

1. President's Report (JB):

Nil.

2. Treasurer's Report (SF):

The Treasurer spoke to his report and attached papers previously distributed.

- a) A review of the 2020 financial report disclosed some inconsistencies. As a consequence the amended statements were prepared and an updated Reviewers Report prepared by our Reviewer. These statements indicate BFACT achieved a net surplus of some \$10,000 for the year. It was agreed the amended Financial Statements and Reviewers Report should be placed on BFACT website.
- b) Treasurer spoke to his amended 20-21 Budget based on recent relocation of ANC by ABF. This change would indicate a significant loss to BFACT for 2021, while this loss allows for support via Barry Turner Fund, it is predicated on ANC proceeding. The president indicated that the 10% return to clubs, agreed to last year, should be assessed in the light of the extraordinary costs/loss associated with ANC participation for 2021. The Treasurer pointed out that failure to hold CiB during 2020 further amplified the expected loss.
- c) A discussion as to costs associated with preparing for CiB 2021 ensured in order to determine what could be done at low cost. Dealing was identified as a

significant cost but this was not normally undertaken until winter school holiday period. It was agreed that the matter should be revisited during March when arrangements for holding CiB became clearer. President will arrange preliminary scheduling of CiB to occur in week following AFL grand final.

3. Tournament Secretary's Report (NvV):

- a) Tournament Secretary thanked John Donovan for organising the Interclub Teams Competition.
- b) Niek spoke to the paper on Selection Events he had previously distributed. BFACT is looking at organising qualifying events to select Open & Seniors Teams to represent ACT. This would be to select 10 qualifying pairs to compete in a final. Women's and Junior selection events will be crystallised from May when there will be a clearer understanding of requirements. Open selection will be run at CBC Monday evenings over March-April. This has been chosen so as not to conflict any individual clubs competition night. TS will release flyer once timing is more certain.
- c) John D confirmed interclub teams will be played on 17 January boards to be dealt on upcoming Wednesday. Entry payments are to be paid direct to BFACT accounts. The treasurer advised he had identified 5 separate Beyond accounts and was unsure what was the specific purpose of each active account and which may be legacy accounts from a restructure from some 3 years prior. The matter would be researched. The format and structure of the Interclub was discussed. Covid requirements would be distributed and strictly enforced.
- d) Discussion of uploading of prior year's minutes was discussed. TS and Secretary to finalise in coming weeks. The identity of last member at AGM was agreed as Keith ?

Other Agenda Items.

4. Matters Arising from 2020 AGM

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5. Banking Arrangements(SF):

- a) In the past month the incoming Treasurer and Secretary have been confirmed as signing officers and the President reconfirmed. Test transactions have confirmed satisfactory operation. Former treasury officers have been removed from signing access list
- b) The Treasurer has identified 5 separate banking accounts these are: Main a/c; an Operational a/c; an Events a/c, the only a/c operational by single signature; a BFACT events a/c; and the Term Deposit a/c. The history and continuing need of each of the first 4 accounts would be examined. The need for purpose and continuing need of the NAB merchant service would also be reviewed.

6. ABF Matters

- a) The change of ANC venue for 2021 from NSW to WA was noted.

7. IT Hosting & BFACT Email Aliases (SF)

- a) The BFACT Web Hosting was organised through “Rize Design”. With the resignation of Emlyn as webmaster he has advised Rize that Stephen and Niek where now the authorised webmasters. The two Key functions Rize Design do on our behalf are 1) host our website and 2) provide email aliases, that is provide a name such as ‘Secretary@BFACT’ to an already existing account normally accessed by the Secretary.
- b) The need for a centralised email point of contact would be considered over the interim to the next council meeting.

Other Business.

8. ABF

The ABF has, today, announced the first stage of its new Technology Plan which will centralise and streamline members interaction with all aspects of the ABF. This will be expanded on as more information comes to hand. Arrangements would be made for ABF to give BFACT a presentation at its next meeting.

9. SCBC

Alex advised that SCBC would be returning to its normal, but Covid adjusted, face to face meetings from the coming Wednesday and continue its shared online arrangement with Capital Bridge Club on Tuesday & Thursday evenings.

Next Meeting:

Council meeting scheduled for Friday 05 March 2021 commencing 6PM via Zoom.

Meeting Closed 18:35.