



BFACT Council Meeting

6.00PM pm Friday 27 November 2020 Electronic Conference

MINUTES: Draft

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 1800 and welcomed Council Members in particular New Treasurer Stephen Fischer, and CBC representative Liz Van Der Hor

Confirmation of minutes: The minutes of the meeting of 23 October were cleared for uploading to website.

Ongoing Matters.

- A) letter to ATO will now need to reflect changed Treasury members.
- B) Maximising return on BFACT funds. Remains outstanding.
- C) Amalgamation of Deakin PO Boxes. Underway

1. President's Report (JB):

President advised that future notifications of meeting should remind members that all necessary papers are available on the BFACT Website. This was done when notification of meeting was initially circulated however it appears reminders may need to be issued.

2. Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer advised that Council needed to formalise new bank signatories and advise BFACT bankers at Beyond Bank. It was agreed that new Bank Signatories were:

- Treasurer Mr Stephen Fischer as Principal Finance Officer,
- President Justine Beaumont Countersigning officer and to act as Principal Finance Officer in the absence of the Treasurer, and
- Secretary John Niven as reserve countersigning officer.

The above matter was proposed and approved by council.

Treasurer advised that Julia Leung (former Treasurer) would remain as a signatory during transition period and President advised the same would hold for former Vice

President, Judith Tobin. Neither would be removed as signatory until completion of transition,

3. Tournament Secretary's Report (NvV):

Tournament Secretary referred to paper he had circulated before the meeting regarding the status and potential for representative bridge and asked for comments from Council. There was agreement with the TS plan as set out in his paper. The TS also advised that he was unable to progress the interclub teams and therefore The Masterpoints Secretary was continuing with this matter.

John D referred to the Interclub Teams and the paper he had distributed on the matter. Following a suggestion from Alex he was considering utilising the Real Bridge software and was currently researching this option as well as timing options.

Discussions indicated that selection events would however be live only and expected to be on Monday nights at CBC. Return to Tuesday night selection events would not occur until further easing of Covid constraints.

Other Agenda Items.

4. Matters Arising from 2020 AGM

Secretary advised that while the Zoom recording provided a clear understanding of the interaction of the Zoom participants regrettably when those in the room were speaking away from the microphone, they could not be easily understood by those on Zoom. Further Zoom participants input was only available after the meeting. President advised that apologies were due to the Zoom participants and for future meetings a portable microphone would be acquired, and a microphone rover appointed, and the Zoom participants would be monitored for input. Secretary advised that attempt to monitor resulted in unacceptable feedback in zoom and therefore had to turn his computer sound off.

Draft AGM minutes have been distributed and Secretary asked for comments, corrections and missed detail to be provided to him/

5. ABF Matters

Various correspondence from ABF was discussed and Noted.

Other Business.

6. Correspondence

President has received correspondence from a researcher at Melbourne University undertaking research on Covid-19 effects. She would provide a copy of letter to Secretary for distribution to clubs so they may choose to participate if seen fit.

7. AGM Attendee

The Secretary advised of an attendee to AGM who did not sign in but was recognised by several other participants. TS advised that he was a member since 70/80s called Geoff. Justine would inquire via ABF Treasurer as to his surname.

Next Meeting:

Council meeting scheduled for Friday 08 January 2021 commencing 6PM via Zoom.
Meeting Closed 18:40.