



## **BFACT Council Meeting**

6.00PM pm Friday 05 March 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.

Due to constraints on Julian Foster President opened meeting to allow Julian to give his presentation on MY ABF. The system is designed to cater for every level i.e. individual players, Clubs, State Associations and ABF. The project is still being finalised but is expected to be operational during the coming year.

Julian completed his presentation at 18.10. Council thanked him for his presentation and would await the system going live.

Julian & Ian Robinson left meeting.

President opened Council meeting at 18.15 and welcomed all members to meeting.

Confirmation of minutes: The minutes of the meeting of 7 January were cleared for uploading to website.

### **Ongoing Matters.**

- A) Letter to ATO – awaiting response from ATO
- B) Maximising return on BFACT funds ongoing.
- C) Amalgamation of Deakin PO Boxes. Process now finalised.

#### **1. President's Report (JB):**

- a) It appears that CiB will proceed. Margaret Kyburz has agreed to be Convenor. Action over next weeks will be to confirm availability of venue & dealing of boards. Expenditure will be postponed until necessary. Flyers would not be utilised.
- b) John Brockwell & David Hoffman have finalised a book on the history of Bridge in the ACT and surrounding area. An application to the ACT Heritage Commission has been drafted seeking funds to help publish the book, their chances of obtaining a grant of up to \$10,000 would be enhanced if BFACT & CBC indicated they were prepared to subsidise for an amount of at least \$5,000. It is proposed to publish physically and electronically. The merits and cost of each publication option was discussed. The President would discuss

further with John & David as well as CBC and get back to council. It was agreed it was a worthwhile project more details as to production costs and styles was needed.

## **2. Treasurer's Report (SF):**

The Treasurer spoke to his report previously distributed.

- a) Approval was required to renew the BFACT.com.au domain name as well as fee for Web Hosting by Rize Design and an invoice from CBC to cover room hire and board dealing. Payment of all fees were approved by Council.
- b) Invoice for payment of 26 ACT members of ABDA has been received. It was agreed clubs would advise of current directors who no longer wished to be registered with ABDA and the resulting costs approved for payment.
- c) Email Hosting addresses discussed last month have been set up i.e. President, Treasurer, Tournament Secretary and Secretary.
- d) Basis for our holding 5 Bank Accounts has yet to be resolved. See agenda item 5. Current BSB account numbers are changing all accounts will now have a common account number Council members will be advised of this number separately.

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

- a) TS advised that selection events had started with open well advanced and seniors' trials are to follow. ABF subsidy for two restricted pairs to go to Perth ANC. It is suggested that the first rated pair from the recent competition together with a second pair from a further BFACT sponsored competition be offered the subsidy. This competition is planned for Sunday 11 April. JB to draft advertising and will be restricted to players meeting ABF and Grand Slam rating requirements.
- b) A discussion on scheduling of events ensued. The reality is given Covid restrictions some events will have to occur in the evening. From May CBC will return to a Tuesday night competition night. This may be flexible to allow members playing at other clubs on Tuesday nights to compete in BFACT events.

## **Other Agenda Items.**

### **4. Cootamundra Club Proposed Congress**

- a) Cootamundra has expressed a desire to hold a congress to during August/ September 2022 to coincide with the districts Wattle Time Festival. John Donovan (Masterpoints Secretary) advised that timing would need not to clash with a number of surrounding clubs in SE NSW. JB to liaise with NSWBA and register a suitable weekend date. The congress was strongly supported by Council and it is expected to be well represented from BFACT.

### **5. Banking Arrangements(SF):**

Discussed above see 2 d)

**6. ABF Matters**

- a) ANC Perth 10 July.
- b) ABDA Fees and Development
- c) ABF management Committee
- d) ABF relaxation of Age Limits for Youths
- e) QBA Child Safe Policy Strategy
- f) Autumn Nationals Adelaide
- g) ANC Restricted Butler Pairs Subsidies for 2021
- h) My ABF Project

Matters not discussed above were noted with the exception of item e. The significant QBA report would be read by council members in order to discuss adoption by BFACT as required at next Council meeting.

**7. IT Hosting & BFACT Email Aliases (SF)**

- a) Covered above see 2c)

**8. Other Business**

Details of Honour Boards/Shields relating to events that have recently been completed now need to be updated.

**9. Next Meeting**

Council meeting scheduled for Friday 09 April 2021 commencing 5PM via Zoom.

Meeting Closed 19:05.