



BFACT Council Meeting

5.00PM pm Friday 09 April 2021 Electronic Conference

MINUTES:

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

Apologies: Niek Van Vucht, Andrew Dawes.

President opened Council meeting at 17.00 and welcomed all members to meeting.

Confirmation of minutes: The minutes of the meeting of 5 March were cleared for uploading to website.

Ongoing Matters.

- A) Letter to ATO – Still awaiting response from ATO,
- B) Maximising return on BFACT funds ongoing.
- C) Amalgamation of Deakin PO Boxes. **Process now finalised'**
- D) Adoption of QBA Child Safe Strategy, ongoing

STANDING REPORTS

1. President's Report (JB):

- a) Some matters will be taken up later however following a request from the ABF for some information regarding our youth arrangements John Yoon our youth co-ordinator indicated he was prepared to gather the requested information but would step down once this task was completed. It was recognised that John Yoon has undertaken the task, at a high level, for some time. Suggestions for a replacement Youth Co-ordinator were sought and will be followed up.

2. Treasurer's Report (SF):

No matters to report

3. Tournament Secretary's Report (NvV)

- a) No matters from Tournament Secretary.
- b) The President raised the issue a proposed MOU between CBC and BFACT regarding the management of BFACT events held at CBC. Following active discussion it was agreed the MOU would be circulated to council members and

discussed at the next meeting. Suggestions should be forwarded during the intervening period to assist in having a finalised document as soon as possible.

Other Agenda Items.

4. ABF Councillor representing BFACT

- a) The President congratulated Stephen Fischer on being appointed BFACT councillor to the ABF. President would write to Roy Nixon and thank him for his contribution to BFACT over the past years. As Stephen will be unable to attend the ABF meeting his vote would be exercised by Ian Thomson.

5. Masterpoints Secretary

- a) Discussion on the proposed 2022 Cootamundra Congress ensued. Pauline Gumby asked that the first weekend in September be avoided to avoid clashes with nearby clubs. Cootamundra was proposing the second weekend in September. As this did not appear to clash the club would lock this date in as soon as possible.

6. Interclub Teams 2021

- a) Proposal that the event be held jointly by SCBC and Valley within Tuggeranong area in July. A specific date has yet to be agreed. It is currently estimated it would be on the same weekend as the ANC in Perth.

7. Rotation of Vice President Position

- a) As a club representative does not constitute an Office of BFACT there was no impediment to Keith Huggan continuing as Vice president for the ensuing 3 months.

8. History of Bridge in the ACT

- a) David Hoffman met with John Brockwell and it appeared that there was a wish for BFACT to publish the book and to seek a grant from the ACT Govt. David has since been put in contact with a publisher who has estimated the cost of publishing 600 books at approximately at \$6,500. President would approach ACT Govt. to determine what amount of grant could be supplied.

9. ABF Matters

- a) QBA Child Safe Policy,
- b) ABF Communique Management committee,
- c) ANC 2021,
- d) ABF Youth Census,
- e) ANC Interstate Teams Entry Form, and
- f) ABF AGM 2021.

Matters above discussed and noted we have 5 youth members.

10. Other Business

a) Treasurer advised that Directors' memberships had been paid to ABDA. Details of directors for which ABDA does not have current email addresses have been passed to clubs.

b) Following a Directors ruling at a CBC event the director was harassed by a player to the extent that the director was in tears. Enquiries are to be made to determine what support can be given to the director and what penalties should be assessed against the player.

11. Next Meeting

Council meeting scheduled for Friday 14 May 2021 commencing 5PM via Zoom.

Meeting Closed 18.00