



BFACT Council Meeting

5.00PM pm Friday 02 July 2021 Electronic Conference

MINUTES:

Present: Justine Beaumont, Stephen Fischer, Niek Van Vucht, John Donovan, Liz Van Der Hor, Alex Hewat, Annie Macmaster & John Niven.

Apologies: Andrew Dawes, Keith Huggan

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

Confirmation of minutes: The minutes of the meeting of 14 May were cleared for uploading to website subject to a minor correction.

Ongoing Matters.

- A) Letter to ATO –Matter negotiations with ATO fruitless cannot even get admission that they have received either of the two letters I have sent to Penrith office, including the one sent registered post. On the other hand have received letter from Albury office advising of waiver of our failure to submit our BAS return on time. Will review other avenues to resolve matter with ATO.
- B) Maximising return on BFACT funds. Council agreed to rollover of current strategy.
- C) Adoption of Child Safe Strategy. Ongoing.

STANDING REPORTS

1. President's Report (JB):

- a) Status of Canberra in Bloom (CiB): President advised yet to hear extent, if any, of discount for Club booking. Competition for amenities over weekend. In particular Saturday night may require truncated programme over Saturday to Monday. The Club requires the room for two functions from 4pm Saturday. This would require us to dismantle the room before this time and re-establish the room the following morning. This later issue will be compounded by the start of daylight saving. Organisation issues relating to CiB will be progressed as required outside BFACT meetings.
- b) ANC has been postponed to 8th November. This delay may allow us to establish a youth team President will ask Will Jenner-O'Shea to investigate however being University exam period may present some problems. The treasurer confirmed that the inclusion of a junior team would incur an additional cost but this cost had been budgeted.

2. Treasurer's Report (SF):

- a) Treasurer in speaking to his report mentioned two caveats subsidy payments amounting to \$2,200 and affiliation fees not yet billed of approximately \$8,400 this would indicate a yearly loss just over of \$12,000. Treasurer to confirm within invoice with SCBC number of members to be levied.



- b) ANC costs update: Players who receive subsidy and subsequently withdraw from team would be expected to repay full subsidy. BAWA has indicated it will repay Victory Dinner deposits half of which will be refunded to CBC.
- c) Draft Budget for coming year 2022: Items to note are significant drop in Bank Interest due to banks reducing rates, affiliation fees have been increased. Treasurer is to discuss with Auditor future acceptable accounting practice relating to ANC transactions that straddle financial years. Treasurer asked for and received unanimous approval for the current budget which would be subject to advice from the Auditor

3. Tournament Secretary's Report (NvV)

- a) TS advised as ANC had been rescheduled to 6th-18th November Ross Crichton who had to withdraw his acceptance because of clash with scheduled medical procedure was now available to rejoin the seniors team. The TS advised that as the Crichtons were now available he and his partner had agreed to withdraw from the team and the TS would again be NPC. Council agreed that as the Crichtons had originally accepted and their subsequent withdrawal was based on need for urgent medical attention the re-establishment of the original team was supported. It was confirmed that this decision would not establish a precedent.
- b) The effect of the above would be to re-establish the original budgeted costs and ANC entry list. TS will advise ANC.

Other Agenda Items.

4. Request for Grant Subsidy by CBC of 50% of cost of workshop held 8th May. (Fwd. 31 May)

- a) Council agreed that as the subsidy was for an educational purpose and open to all Clubs the grant of \$910 would be approved. Council was concerned with the short notice given BFACT. Council was advised this was an opportunity available to CBC over a short window thereby preventing normal process. President BFACT would communicate with CBC that prior approval would be required for any future grants.

5. Memorandum of Understanding Between BFACT and CBC (JB/LVDH)

- a. Following discussions on the various drafts of the MOU it was agreed that the BFACT president should finalise the draft MOU with the CBC president.

6. Masterpoints Secretary(JD)

- a) Masterpoints Secretary advised no significant movement in period women's team results submitted in time for last month's update and resultant invoice passed to treasurer.
- b) Interclub Teams planned for August 15th at SCC Woden. Remaining issues relate to pricing charges by SCC. Key to high cost of coffee is need to have a



SCC staff member available if coffee is being served. Solution may be to charge teams an entry cost that covers most, but not all, of this additional charge with BFACT covering the difference. An objective is the competition rotates and all clubs be given the chance to host the competition.

- c) There being no realistic clash with The Sydney Trumps club planned holiday competition in Canberra ABF are advised there are no objections to the issue of Masterpoints during the competition.

7. History of Bridge in the ACT

- a) President advised there has been no further changes since last meeting.

8. Request for Directors Course by Cooma Club

- a) The lead time required between the decision to run and actually obtaining a suitable teacher to run the last course was discussed. John McIlwraith's current availability was considered. It was agreed President would discuss availability with ABF/ABDA. Costs apportionment was discussed and would be reviewed once costs became clearer.
- b) Annie Macmaster advised of the proposed Cootamundra Club Charity Day, currently planned for 28th August. John D. to forward John Yoon contact to assist Cootamundra obtain a suitably qualified Director. Current plan

9. ABF Matters

- a) **ANC rotation**, ACT next scheduled 2025. Noted

10. Other Business

- a) John D advised that updating of BFACT Honour Boards at CBC was under Consideration.

11. Next Meeting

Council meeting scheduled for Friday 30 July 2021 commencing 5PM via Zoom.

Meeting Closed 18.10