



BFACT Council Meeting

5.00PM pm Friday 14 May 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: Annie Macmaster, Andrew Dawes.

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

Confirmation of minutes: The minutes of the meeting of 09 April were cleared for uploading to website.

Ongoing Matters.

- A) Letter to ATO – AP advised letter collected 7.55AM 29 April. Public Officer to follow up with ATO.
- B) Maximising return on BFACT funds. Ongoing.
- C) Adoption of QBA Child Safe Strategy. President advised that discussion with ABF indicated QBA model was heavily influenced by Qld legislative requirements ABF believed NZ model more generally applicable. NZ strategy will be reviewed.

STANDING REPORTS

1. President's Report (JB):

- a) President discussed prospect with Will Jenner-O'Shea of his taking over role of Youth Co-ordinator. He expressed some interest and president would follow up.
- b) The prospect of establishing a Youth Team in time for the Perth ANC was discussed. Various issues including competition commencing during 1st week of school term indicated this was not viable at this time.
- c) Status of Canberra in Bloom (CiB) including Co-ordinator and cost and availability of Gungahlin Club during 1st to 4th October. Club has confirmed there are no competing bookings for this period and they will review our status for discounted booking cost. We will also need to commence marketing process to mitigate competitive clashes as well as CiB's PQP status.

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

- a) CBC normally reassess the amount they are prepared to subsidise ANC teams via the Barry Turner Fund. BFACT matches (more or less) this amount as well paying for attendance at victory dinner. Teams consist of six players with a Captain who may be a team member or NPC. CBC have indicated \$13,100 subsidy for this year which they will forward in early June. BFACT will thus issue each player and captain with approximately \$1000.00 plus ticket subsidy for those indicating they will attend. Current assumption is that there will not be a youth team for logistical reasons and due to start of school term. Payment of function ticket will be refunded if player having advised they will attend does not attend without a compelling reason. BFACT will pay function ticket cost direct to organiser.
- b) Tournament Secretary advised he will be writing to all team members indicating requirements and date those requirements must be met. This includes advising of Team Captains (playing or non-playing) uploading of system cards etc. This letter will also include recommending travel insurance and to note cost risks should the event/travel be cancelled. Refund of unrecoverable costs will be considered on a individual case basis.
- c) Treasurer disclosed his involvement with MyABF & recommended that BFACT commence utilising MyABF for all its events. National events, including ANOT, have been successfully run using MyABF. This received positive support from council members given the overheads involved in running National & State events. It is expected BFACT events including CiB, interclub teams could be run using MyABF but club level availability will need to await coming upgrade. Eventually current adhoc finance systems such as CBC pay would be superseded.
- d) Treasurer also drew Council's attention to the included Balance Sheet and Income Statement.

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

- a) TS advised all significant matters had been discussed above.

Other Agenda Items.

4. **Policy on underwriting BFACT representative players where competition is cancelled**

- a) The President raised issue of developing a standard policy to cover this eventuality. She would discuss with Treasurer ABF to ascertain ABF views.

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

Discussions centered on the apparent 12 month life of the MOU and the clause directing final decision making power of BFACT events to CBC directors.

The view was that the MOU should run unless either party requested a change. It would be expected that differences of opinion would normally be resolved by mutual agreement. Where conduct of a BFACT event was at issue and a mutual agreement could not be reached then the matter would be referred to a

BFACT nationally accredited director would be assigned as arbiter.

The reference to CBC paying BFACT a levy to BFACT was noted and that this had been suspended by BFACT to assist the bridge community generally. It was agreed this suspension should continue for the time being.

President to draft letter to CBC for review by council.

6. Masterpoints Secretary

- a) Masterpoints costs for women's team has been passed to treasurer.
- b) Recent meeting with SCBC on staging interclub teams indicated preferred location of Tuggeranong was not a suitable venue however a venue at Woden SCC has been identified and booking is expected over next few weeks. Once this is confirmed flyers will be distributed to clubs.

7. History of Bridge in the ACT

- a) President discussed matter with ACT Heritage Council who advised we have missed application deadline for this year. Applications will open again in March next year for 7 weeks. Indications are that the current status of project is still at draft stage. ACT heritage advised that books would only be considered if professionally edited. Justine will consult further with David Hoffman.

8. ABF Matters

- a) QBA Child Safe Policy Strategy (Forwarded 30 January)
- b) **National Discipline and Recorder issues (FWD 21 April)**
- c) Proposal to include Mixed Teams in ANC (FWD 22 April)
- d) ABF AGM major Items and decisions (FWD 26 April)
- e) ABF Update re overseas players (FWD 06 May)

9. Other Business

- a) Secretary advised Web Page listing Council Members was not available and "Contact Us" page did not include PO Box number. Niek to investigate.
- b) Alex advised SCBC had trialled a daytime session. This has been successful with increasing patronage at each event.

10. Next Meeting

Council meeting scheduled for Friday 02 July 2021 commencing 5PM via Zoom.

Meeting Closed 18.25