



BFACT Council Meeting

5.00PM Friday 30 July 2021 Electronic Conference

MINUTES:

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

Apologies: Andrew Dawes, Annie Macmaster, Keith Huggan

President opened Council meeting at 5pm and welcomed all members to meeting.

Confirmation of minutes: The minutes of the meeting of 02 July were cleared for uploading to website.

Ongoing Matters.

- A) Letter to ATO – Following contact by ATO confirming receipt of my letter of 20 April discussions ensued regarding Minutes of 05 Oct, 2018. These were required to be signed by current committee members and immediate past president. This was finalised on 26 July and following confirming discussions with ATO on 29 July Minutes were dispatched that day via Registered Post.
- B) Adoption of Child Safe Strategy. Ongoing.

STANDING REPORTS

1. President's Report (JB):

- a) Status of Canberra in Bloom (CiB): Given the NSW Lockdowns, general uncertainty including the need to commit BFACT moneys well in advance of any certainty the President recommended, and Council agreed, to cancel CiB for 2021. It was recognised that CiB is BFACT's chief source of income during the year however any other option would see expenditure for no return.
- b) Director training has been requested through the address on the ABF website. Preference for location is to be within ACT to maximise access by the various clubs. Costs to BFACT would be reviewed.

2. Treasurer's Report (SF):

- a) Treasurer spoke to his report and advised that the financials had been forwarded to the Auditor/Reviewer. Current indications are that we will have a significant loss though not as great as expected in the budget. Affiliation fee invoices have been forwarded and most have already been paid.
- b) President of SCBC advised that the recently established Ainslie Club had enquired about membership of BFACT. BFACT President would write to Ainslie committee advising of benefits of affiliation.



3. Tournament Secretary's Report (NVV)

- a) TS advised ACT Open Teams selection was coming up in a few weeks however format was still being negotiated.
- b) Discussion of cancellation of CiB indicated all relevant parties had been advised of cancellation. (President & Secretary ABF, ABF website manager & Bruce Crossman).

Other Agenda Items.

4. Planning for 2021 AGM (JN)

Secretary Advised planning for the 2021 AGM needed to consider:

- a) minimum 28 days notice to members and auditor/reviewer as well as circularising final agenda, finalised and audited/reviewed accounts,
- b) agree and circularise location, timing and format (in person, Zoom or mix) of AGM,
- c) agreement by current council members to stand for their position or otherwise, and
- d) must be held at 1st practicable date after 1st September.

Council agreed initial plan: to hold AGM at CBC on Sunday 19th September at conclusion of Gala Pairs. Secretary to take necessary action and President to agree timing with CBC.

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

- a. Following discussions on the various drafts of the MOU it has been agreed by the BFACT president and the CBC president.

6. Masterpoints Secretary(JD)

- a) Cootamundra Charity day advised as 28th August 2021 with proposed date for Congress being roughly the same time in 2022. The Charity Day has been advertised in today's CBC newsletter.
- b) Interclub Teams, planned for August 15th at SCC Woden, has also been advertised in current CBC newsletter. Given NSW lockdown status event will consist only of Canberra clubs. If any clubs external to ACT were to be included we will need to postpone to some indeterminate date. If Ainslie club enters the comp this may give us the 13/14 teams required. Current expectations are:

Capital has 4 teams
SCBC has 3 but can organise a 4th
Ainslie 2 teams
Valley 2 to 3 teams
Gungahlin 2 to 3 teams

This will supply 13 to 15 teams without CBC representation. CBC does not subsidise teams and expects them to enter individually.



Remote teams may be able to join online if we can source sufficient computers at SCC. Remote clubs could participate using Real Bridge. This raises issues of logistics, computer access and internet bandwidth.

- c) Proposal is to proceed with known ACT resident teams while maintaining option of possible non-ACT based team(s) participation via real bridge. Registration is not expected to close until close to 28th August.
- d) Treasurer advised that under current format MyABF is not suitable and clubs should deposit direct to BFACT account.

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

- a) President wrote to President CBC saying that the BFACT Council agreed to the subsidy but highlighted a preference for advance notice. Treasurer has requested invoice from CBC so subsidy can be paid.

8. ABF Matters

Youth Development Plan. Noted

9. Other Business

- a) Treasurer and Liz advised accounts had been passed to managers for action. Treasurer advised as he had editor rights on MyABF he could create new events directly.

Next Meeting

Council meeting scheduled for Friday 27th August 2021 commencing 5PM via Zoom.

Meeting Closed 5.35pm