



Annual General Meeting
Sunday 19 September 2021, 5 pm,
ZOOM
MINUTES DRAFT

Attendance:

Justine Beaumont, Stephen Fischer, John Niven, Niek Van Vucht, Marianne Bookallil, John Donovan, Keith Huggan, Cathy Nichols, Alex Hewat, David Hoffman, Julia Hoffman, Pam Crichton, Ross Crichton, Ian Thomson, Len Van Der Hor, Liz Van Der Hor, Jodi Tutty, Bill Tutty, Bruce Crossman, Margaret Kyburz, Nikki Riszko & Andrew Struik

1. The president opened the meeting at 17.00 and confirmed a quorum was in attendance, that the meeting was being conducted exclusively via ZOOM and was being recorded. A formal notification that individual attendees agreed to the meeting being recorded was sent to all participants to accept.
2. **Apologies:** Will Jenner-Shea
3. **Acknowledgement of proxy votes:** Nil.
4. **Confirmation of Minutes of the 2020 AGM**
Motion: "that the Minutes of the AGM of 2020 be accepted as a true record of that meeting". Proposed: David Hoffman, Seconded: Bill Tutty. Carried.
5. **Matters arising from the Minutes of the AGM of 2020**
No matters arising.
6. **Report of the President**
Justine advised given the Covid climate, there is little to report. Council continued to meet regularly via Zoom. I am grateful to Councillors for their cooperation and positive attitudes. Most events for which we have conducted trials have been cancelled, postponed and or transferred to online events. This has resulted in the allocating, then rather dreary recovery of subsidies. Good for the bottom line, but nonetheless, disappointing. The RealBridge portal has been a welcome improvement on BBO sessions. I am pleased to welcome Will Jenner-Shea as our Youth Coordinator. He assumes the role previously held by John Yoon, who did so loyally for many years. While we would all prefer physical bridge to resume quickly, I am not sure how distant that horizon is. I look forward to a less disrupted 2022. Motion that the President's Report

be accepted Moved: Cathy Nichols, Seconded: Stephen Fischer.
Carried.

7. **Report of the Treasurer**

The treasurer advised he would speak to his report which was available on the BFACT Website. The effect of Covid in the past year had been neutral affecting both our income and expenses. Our financial results last year were neutral. The principal source of changes to the Financial Statements was the effect of changes to accounting policies as recommended by our Reviewer. This change has been brought about by the ANC being held in July however our transactions for this event have principally occurred at the end of the prior financial year and consequently transactions have been reflected in that years financials. The Reviewer pointed out that those transactions should apply to the following year. This has been achieved by recognising the transactions as prepayments for last financial year and recognising the expense in this current financial year giving us an immediate expense of some \$21,500. This is in line with our normal budget for ANC held in WA so while a large amount it is in line with our normal expectations.

The anomaly to which I referred to relates to receipts of \$9,825 appearing in income which relates to monies received from the Barry Turner Fund for subsidies. The reason this amount is not recorded in 2021-22 year is because we did not have the documentation to satisfy the Reviewer that it related to ANC subsidies and therefore it is included in 2021 financials. We will ensure for future years the documentation is more robust. The bulk of this expenditure will be deleted as we commence recovering subsidies from recipients. We expect to commence this process next week.

This explains the results and variations within our financials the bottom line is that we are in a sound position for the future and Covid has not impacted BFACT as a going concern.

The Treasurer addressed the issue of ANC being replaced as an online event means that we will not be paying subsidies, and while some costs, entry fees, will still be required these are not expected to be in the order as budgeted. The subsidy from The Barry Turner Fund (\$9,825) will be returned.

The ABF Treasurer confirmed that costs are expected to be significantly lower but could not be confirmed as yet.

Motion that the Treasurers Report be accepted. Moved: Ian Thomson, Seconded John Donovan. Carried

8. **Appointment of Auditor/Reviewer for 2021-22**

The President advised that Sean Galbraith of Galent Management Consultants, Canberra undertook the review of our accounts for 2020-21. He is available & is recommended for re-appointment for 2021-22. A discussion comparing an Auditor v Reviewer ensured as well as associated costs this year. Treasurer advised that no costs were

incurred but as has been our practice an honorarium should be paid. This matter would be discussed at next council meeting. Moved: Ian Thomson Seconded: Alex Hewat. Carried.

9. **Affiliation Fee for 2021-22**

Motion: "that the annual affiliation fee for 2021-22 year remain at \$8.50 (including GST) for all members of affiliated bridge clubs". Moved; David Hoffman, Seconded Stephen Fischer. Carried.

Report of the Tournament Secretary

Niek presented his report which is available on the Website. 2021 saw selection events held to form representative teams for Open, Seniors' and Women's teams. Delays in the ANC due to Covid-19 restrictions has led to the ANC Interstate teams and the GNOT being held as online Realbridge events which will be held in the last 2 months of the year. The Canberra1 GNOT team is the winners of the Knockout Teams event, the Canberra2 and ACT Provincial teams will be decided by the Gala Pairs results (i.e. shortly). Note that we did not form a Youth team in 2021, but would encourage anyone who knows of young bridge players in the ACT to contact BFACT with a view to forming a 2022 Youth Team. If anyone has comments or suggestions for any of the BFACT tournaments, please contact me and I will try to give due consideration to the comments and suggestions.

Discussion on continuing attempts to form a Youth Team for 2021 ensured all attempts had failed the clash with the 2021 academic timetables was not insignificant. The President advised that under the guidance of Will Jenner-Shea expectations for 2022 were better.

Motion That the Tournament Secretary's report be accepted: Moved; Bruce Crossman, Seconded; Keith Huggan. Carried.

10. **Appointment of Returning Officer**

The President advised Ian Thomson has been appointed returning officer. Ian advised that he had one nomination for President, one nomination for Treasurer, one nomination for Secretary and one nomination for Tournament Secretary, there were no nominations for Vice President. The Returning Officer asked for any further nominations for council positions be presented. There being none meeting proceeded to election of Office Bearers.

11. **Election of Office Bearers:**

Ian Thomson announced each position and as there was only one nomination for each position that nomination was acclaimed from the floor.

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| President | Justine Beaumont | Declared elected |
| Treasurer | Stephen Fischer | Declared elected |
| Tournament Secretary | Niek Van Vucht | Declared elected |
| Secretary | John Niven | Declared elected |

The Vice Presidents position remained unfilled.

A special thanks was proposed by Alex for Keith Huggan undertaking the role of Vice President over the past 12 months.

12. **Other Business**

There was no other business.

13. There being no further business, the President thanked everybody for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 5.25 pm.