



BFACT Council Meeting

5.00PM Friday 27 August 2021 Electronic Conference

MINUTES: DRAFT

Present: Justine Beaumont, Stephen Fischer, Niek Van Vucht, John Donovan, Keith Huggan, Liz Van Der Hor, Cathy Nichols, John Niven.

Apologies: Andrew Dawes, Annie Macmaster, Alex Hewitt.

President opened Council meeting at 5.10pm and welcomed all members to meeting.

Confirmation of minutes: The minutes of the meeting of 30 July were cleared for uploading to website subject to amendment.

Ongoing Matters.

- A) Letter to ATO – Matter finalised. Remove once treasurer confirms successful contact with ATO.
- B) Adoption of Child Safe Strategy. Ongoing.

Council agreed to deal with Agenda Item **4 Planning for 2021 AGM** before dealing with other matters.

4. Planning for 2021 AGM (JN)

Secretary raised the issue of a continuing lockdown means only way AGM could go ahead on 19th would be via ZOOM. He questioned the viability of reaching a quorum (20) via Zoom participation only.

If Gala Pairs was cancelled this would mean no carry over presence for AGM. TS raised issue of GNOT final proceeding. Treasurer advised ABF may agree to go proceed using Real Bridge. TS recommended proceeding on 19th using Real Bridge. Indications are that this approach would be less costly than BBO, however scoring would need to be adjusted from UK to AUS basis.

TS to proceed with arranging for Gala pairs to run via real Bridge and distribute flyer. Flyer will also advise that AGM will follow at conclusion of Gala pairs and link will be forwarded to participants.

Secretary to advise clubs of proposal to hold AGM via Zoom at conclusion of Gala Pairs. Club Contacts would be forwarded link to on forward to interested members in week before AGM.



STANDING REPORTS

1. President's Report (JB):

- a) A positive letter has been received from Will Jenner-O'Shea, the ABF Juniors co-ordinator, who has an interest in junior's bridge so President will follow up. Status of Canberra in Bloom (CiB): president's discussed with Bruce Crossman option of running an online CiB over two days. Indications elsewhere is that this is a successful approach. Treasurer advised that if an event ran over two days there is an option of obtaining PQPs. There are various options but preference was for one which was inclusive of less experienced players. CiB is expected to be run around, but not on 4th October.

2. Treasurer's Report (SF):

- a) Treasurer spoke to the Financials, which together with the Reviewers Report, are now on the website. Some payments are now reflected in different years eg. payments made for the ANC, which has now been moved to 21-22 financial year are now treated as prepayments and will be charged against 21-22. This has no overall effect on our financial position just the year in which expenses are recognised have changed. The effect is for the upcoming year we commence expecting a significant budgeted loss however overall we expect our resources to be lower but still healthy.
- b) A member club has not paid affiliation fees attempts to contact to ensure invoice has been received have not proved successful. President will attempt to contact.
- c) Treasurer will now contact ATO to commence GST deregistration procedures.

3. Tournament Secretary's Report (NVV)

- a) ABF yet to formalise re ANC & GNOT. Expectations are:
ANC; postponement or online. If online this may be a reduced competition of Teams only.
GNOT; likely to be online using RealBridge. Single knock-out format over 3 days with pairs running last two days for pairs that have been knocked out.

Other Agenda Items.

4. Planning for 2021 AGM (JN)

See Above

5. Masterpoints Secretary(JD)

- a) Masterpoints being processed for forwarding to database

6. ABF Matters

- a) ABF Board Meeting Communique:
Noted



Other Business

7. INTERCLUB TEAMS

President SCBC advised 23 tables, including 5 Novice and 7 Restricted tables, were confirmed for the interclub indicating a high level of interest/support for the competition. Only expenditure was payment of \$300 room deposit to SCC which is expected to be recovered. Plan is to reattempt holding competition later in year.

Next Meeting

Council meeting scheduled for Friday 24th September 2021 commencing 5PM via Zoom.

Meeting Closed 6.10pm