



## **BFACT Council Meeting**

5.00PM Friday 30 September 2021 Electronic Conference

### **MINUTES:**

*Present:* Justine Beaumont, Stephen Fischer, Niek Van Vucht, John Donovan, Keith Huggan, Liz Van Der Hor, Alex Hewat, John Niven.

*Apologies:* Andrew Dawes, Annie Macmaster.

President opened Council meeting at 5.00pm and welcomed all members to meeting.

### **Confirmation of minutes:**

- a) The minutes of the meeting of 27 August were cleared for uploading to website.
- b) The Draft Minutes of the 2021 AGM of 19 September 2021 were cleared for uploading to Website.

### **Ongoing Matters.**

- A) Adoption of Child Safe Strategy. Ongoing.

## **STANDING REPORTS**

### **1. President's Report (JB):**

- a) President advised there were no significant matters other than the appointment of a Vice President until the 2022 AGM. This Power is vested in the Council under Section 22.3 of the 2018 constitution and as Keith Huggan had fulfilled the office for the past year and had offered to continue to fulfil the position it was put to Council to appoint him to the position until the election at 2022 AGM. The appointment was confirmed. A discussion as to duties and functions of Vice President ensued.
- b) Other matters are that the BFACT Zoom licence has been renewed in time to obtain the discounted fee of \$150.
- c) The President has received a letter from a member who has entered the CiB but is having difficulty paying. Options for paying were provided by the Treasurer, key among these were use of his MyABF account otherwise bank transfer was an option. A general discussion indicated that the MyABF site is currently experiencing problems but this was expected to be corrected shortly, if not other work arounds are available if required.

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

- a) Treasurer spoke to the Financials as at 26 Sept, previously circulated. Key transactions are the return of the Barry Turner subsidy and awaiting return of subsidy from some players. A discussion on various transaction costs ensued. Council policy, which has been communicated to all players is for a full refund, and therefore players should not commit to non-refundable transactions given the Covid environment. The option exists for council to review on a case by



case basis however the expectation is that full refund back to BFACT should be expected. Should a player not refund fully then the player may not be eligible for BFACT events until refunded, BFACT clubs be asked to implement similar policy as well as requesting ABF to enforce similar restrictions until advised otherwise by BFACT. Council agreed that this final decision not be communicated at this time but that TS write to members reminding them that BFACT expects full subsidy refund. It was agreed that BFACT policy would be that every attempt be made to obtain full refund of subsidies before any penalty be instigated.

- b) The matter of payment/honorarium for our reviewer, referred to at AGM, should now be addressed. Treasurer suggestion is that we approve up to \$300 of red wines. President recommended Ian approach Sean as to his preference and this be addressed at the next council meeting.
- c) Treasurer asked Masterpoints Secretary as to amount and timing of invoice for Gala Pairs via RealBridge. JD advised invoice would be electronically passed to BFACT Secretary when due. Secretary would pass to Treasurer when received.

### **3. Tournament Secretary's Report (NVV)**

- a) GNOT teams are up on the GNOT website, ANC withdrawals have been replaced by Bruce Crossman and Niek Van Vucht TS will be asking all ANC representatives to practice on real Bridge at least once a week. Entry fees are yet to be advised by ABF. These are expected to be significantly less than previously advised.

## **Other Agenda Items**

### **4. Matters Emanating from Refund of ANC Subsidies (NVV)**

- a) Members Covered above
- b) BAWA. All payments were refunded on 30 June.

### **5. Matters Emanating from 2021 AGM(JN)**

- a) Draft Minutes. No matters.
- b) Other. Discussion as to when an auditor/reviewer function might be required.

### **6. Masterpoints Secretary(JD)**

- a) No matters to discuss as Masterpoints System not available

### **7. ABF Matters**

- a) GNOT National Final Postponement Noted
- b) ANC Rotation Noted
- c) GNOT Entry Fees Noted
- d) ANC Interstate Teams Noted
- e) ABF Strategy 2025 Refresh Phase 2: Matter discussed while further Information required matter was not supported at this time.



Last Minute Matter from ABF offering to provide a service monitoring unethical online behaviour. President to write to ABF indicate support for the service.

**8. Other Matters**

Alex (SCBC) advised that after trialling BBO with Video/Sound members had elected to abandon its use and revert to simple BBO. In contrast to CBC result with RealBridge. He also pointed out that membership had grown since the transfer to Virtual Bridge and wondered if this was reflected in other clubs. Discussion of merits of RB v BBO ensued.

**Next Meeting**

Council meeting scheduled for Thursday 4th November 2021 commencing 5PM via Zoom.

Meeting Closed 6.20pm