



BFACT Council Meeting

5.00PM Thursday 04 November 2021 Electronic Conference **MINUTES**

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

Apologies: Andrew Dawes, Annie Macmaster, Keith Huggan.

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

Confirmation of minutes:

- a) The minutes of the meeting of 30 September 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 that she did not wish to convene CiB again (agenda item 4) and asked Council to consider possible alternatives. The pool of talent will have been enlarged with the flow of numbers from Grand Slam's closure. Some possible alternatives were discussed and it was felt nominee should be in place in time for the GNOT.
- b) President discussed BFACT's assistance to the authors of the Bridge History of the ACT (agenda item 8). Critical to the publication would be access to an ACT Heritage grant. To assist this BFACT will arrange for the grant application to be proofed by previously successful grant applicants. Discussions as to subsidy took place and it was agreed BFACT would pledge \$1000 towards publication. The President to write to clubs advising them of proposal and asking if they wished to pledge directly to the proposal in addition to their contribution via BFACT. Total amount pledged would be available to the authors after CBC and other clubs had formalised their decision and once the proposal was crystallised. It was accepted actual cost of publication would depend on ratio of paper and online published.
- c) The President advised council of the planned sponsored bridge afternoon for Len Dixon's 100th birthday. Presidents of BFACT & CBC have costed modest catering costs (\$5 per head) prior to seeking agreement to shared costing from each body. This was supported by Council. Costs would be reduced by the amount other clubs with which Len is associated have advised they would contribute.
- d) The re-appointment of John Donovan as Masterpoints Secretary was confirmed.



2. Treasurer's Report (SF):

- a) Treasurer spoke to the Financials as at 31 October forwarded 01 November.
 - All ANC subsidies have been returned and all affiliation fees have been paid.
 - Entry fees for the ANC and GNOT have not yet been invoiced.
 - We have an accounting loss of \$7.2k for the year but a positive cash flow of just over \$20k. While a bit odd, this reflects the flow of money relating to the ANC.
 - A two-day Canberra in Bloom event was held in early October. The preliminary financial statement for this is below.

	• Income	
• Entry fees		• 3,130
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	• Expenses	
• Director		• 1,000
• Prizes		• 350
• MyABF fees		• 51.10
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• <i>Subtotal</i>		• <i>1401.10</i>
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• Net profit		• 1728.90

This statement is preliminary because we have not yet received the bill for the Masterpoints from the event. Nevertheless, the event was well run and profitable.

All entries and most payments were managed through MyABF. There were some issues, both due to the outage of the ABF Masterpoints Centre and to lack of familiarity with the system, but we and the MyABF team worked through them. We did provide feedback about some areas which were not intuitive, and these will be considered for future MyABF updates.

- The honorarium for Sean Galbraith, the Reviewer of BFACT financials, was agreed via email out of session. See agenda item 5. Thanks to Ian for his time and effort.



3. Tournament Secretary's Report (NVV)

- a) TS advised that two practice sessions for the ANC teams (open, Senior, Women) had been successfully conducted. The CBC Realbridge licence was used, and CBC maybe invoicing BFACT with the cost which is expected to be minimal.

Other Agenda Items

4. Convenor for Canberra in Bloom (JB)

- Covered above

5. Notification of Out of Session Decision (JN)

- Due to need to finalise commitment to Reviewer Council agreed to authorise payment of \$300.00 to cover honorarium to reviewer.
- Covered in Treasurers Report above
- Matter noted by Council.

6. Progress of BFACT Incorporated Association 2021 Annual Return (JN)

- Electronic copy of Annual Return lodged on 20 October. Receipt of lodgement received but formal acceptance normally some months later.

7. Masterpoints Secretary(JD)

- CiB Masterpoints entered in last update. Bill will be forwarded in due course.
- A discussion on availability/use of Red Points sessions ensured. It appears clubs generally do not utilise entire allowance. To be analysed out of session and referred back at later meeting. No other matters.

8. Bridge History a Compulsive Pastime (JB)

- Covered at 1b) above.

9. Cootamundra Charity Day

- Cootamundra has advised of its Charity Day being rescheduled to 21st November agreed the clubs should advertise this new date to members and encourage participation by BFACT members.

10. Proposal to List member Clubs Contact Details on BFACT Website (JN)

- Council discussed the matter of including details of Clubs on the BFACT website. Of concern was the very recent attempt to spam the Secretary. Discussion revealed that there had been several attempts to spam the treasurer (far more logical). It appears that there have been structured attempts to compromise Bridge Clubs (indeed possibly social club in general). The committee therefore felt it unwise to display any links that



incorporated an individual's email or that pointed to any individual/personal email account.

- Prior to uploading details Clubs should be encouraged to de personalise Website & any links.

11. ABF Matters

- a) Agenda for Mid Term Meeting (Fwd 9 Oct)
- b) ANC Interstate Teams (Fwd 20 Oct)
- c) ANC Interstate Teams Info Updated (Fwd 31 Oct)
- d) Communique 25 October (Fwd 31 Oct)
 - The above matters were noted. Further details regarding communique of 25 October expected following review and board meeting later this year.

12. Other Matters

N/A

Next Meeting

Next Council meeting tentatively scheduled for Thursday 9th December 2021 commencing 5PM via Zoom.

Meeting Closed 18.00pm