



BFACT Council Meeting

5.30PM Friday 04 March 2022 Electronic Conference

MINUTES:

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

Apologies: Liz Van Der Hor, Andrew Dawes, Annie Macmaster.

President opened Council meeting at 5.31pm and welcomed all members to meeting.

Confirmation of minutes:

- a) The minutes of the meeting of 28 January 2022 were cleared for uploading to website.

Ongoing Matters.

- A) Adoption of Child Safe Strategy. Ongoing.
- B) Progress of 2021 Annual return. Ongoing

STANDING REPORTS

1. President's Report (JB):

- a) President advised that she has been in touch with relevant parties to arrange conduct of the next Directors training course which will go ahead as soon as practicable.
- b) Justine advised the application for the Heritage Grant for the publication of the ACT Bridge History had been examined and we have been advised that the budget area needed strengthening. This is being done and is on track for submission prior to the end of April.

2. Treasurer's Report (SF):

- a) Treasurer advised that he had paid three accounts during the period of relevance for the meeting were that invoices for Masterpoints were still being addressed to John Brockwell. Masterpoints Secretary advised he had now corrected this and invoices would now come to him. Website Invoices, currently addressed to Emlyn would now be directed to the Secretary.
- b) Club Capitation Fees would be sent to Clubs sometime after 31st March but before the next meeting.

3. Tournament Secretary's Report (NVV)

- a) TS advised that acceptance notices for the WBF had been received and that Notice for 2022 ANC selection events had been distributed to clubs. This notice would also be placed on the BFACT web site.
- b) The seniors' competition is unclear as numbers are not clear at this time however current proposal will cater for up to 14 pairs.



- c) Current entry fees are paid through CBC pay. For those not members of CBC pay payment will be directed deposit to BFACT account. Treasurer advised that he would see to the option of MYABF payments.
- d) The Treasurer advised that for Gold Coast Congress the MY ABF payments worked well though some communication issues required clarification.

Other Agenda Items

4. Convenor for Canberra in Bloom (JB)

- a) Ian Thomson has undertaken to guide Ian Morrison through the CiB process handing it over as he goes and acting as an assistant for the upcoming year. The one outstanding matter is finalisation of the venue. Issue is the provision of lunch if the venue has inflexible views on food provision as well as the risk of the venue wishing to occupy the competition room the Saturday evening of the competition. The following Sunday being daylight saving Sunday will place a strain on ability to re-setup competition area.

5. Masterpoints Secretary(JD)

- a) There have been no BFACT competitions during the period.

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

- Secretary is still progressing this matter

7. ABF Matters

- a) Gold Coast Rescue Congress (Fwd. 28 Feb)
Noted
- b) ABF-Strategy review-(Fwd. 14 Feb)
Treasurer spoke to this item advising while not dramatic changes should put ABF in a better place particularly in regard to youth players and progress of MyABF while the ABF is introducing MyABF this will not be mandated.
- c) ANOT Adelaide Flyer (Fwd. 9 Feb)
Noted

8. Other Matters

- Treasurer has forwarded a corrected list of BFACT members of ABDA and requested an updated invoice which will reduce fee payment to \$500.
- Masterpoints Secretary advised that RealBridge was now overtaking BBO in popularity at the club level particularly in the ACT where only one BBO competition was occurring each week. With the return to face to face games the utilisation of online ACT games had dropped significantly however online games were now a permanent fixture.



Next Meeting

Next Council meeting tentatively scheduled for Friday 22nd April 2022 commencing 5.30PM via Zoom.

Meeting Closed 18.10pm