



BFACT Council Meeting

5.45PM Friday 22 April 2022 Electronic Conference

MINUTES:

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

Apologies: Andrew Dawes, Annie Macmaster.

President opened Council meeting at 5.45pm and welcomed all members to meeting.

Confirmation of minutes:

- a) The minutes of the meeting of 04 March 2022 were cleared for uploading to website.

Ongoing Matters.

- A) Adoption of Child Safe Strategy. Ongoing.
- B) Progress of BFACT's 2021 Annual return. Ongoing
- C) Proposal to list Member Clubs Contact Details on BFACT website. Ongoing
- D) Convenor for Canberra in Bloom. Ongoing

STANDING REPORTS

1. President's Report (JB):

- a) President advised that planning for 2022 CiB was underway with a view to sorting out location. Alternative sites to Gungahlin including CBC and Croatia Club were being examined.
- b) 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.
- c) 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 spoke to his financial report & advised that he had forwarded affiliation invoices to member clubs and payments are being received. Income from the women's trials has yet to be received however payment to Director has been made. Treasurer advised he would prepare a budget for next year and circulate prior to next meeting for comment.
- b) Treasurer referred to the proposal for the payment of \$1000.00 for the History of Bridge in Canberra. He was seeking evidence of council approval as well as bank account details. The President advised that the payment was not yet



required but that in order to apply for an ACT Heritage Grant the application required evidence of relevant financial support. To this end both BFACT and CBC had promised financial support and this had been approved in a late 2021 council meeting. The Secretary undertook to research and advise of the specific minute and terms.

3. Tournament Secretary's Report (NVV)

- a) A Stage two and restricted pairs event will be held on Sunday. An extra pair had to be sourced for the restricted event in order to have a viable movement. This pair has been allowed to play without paying an entry fee. This would be relevant for the Treasurers budgeting.
- b) The three seeded pairs had confirmed acceptance for the women's event however nomination of team captain is still undecided.
- c) The TS drew council's attention to his proposal for selection events in 2023.
- d) TS advised that he would be on holidays while the Open & Senior trials were on so would be seeking someone to stand in for him during this period. The Vice President *agreed* to undertake this role for the period. The requirements for finalisation of these events were discussed as well as the conditions for \$110 subsidy to the victory dinner and need to repay subsidy if failure to attend occurs without a sound reason. Requirements for participation in Senior's and Junior competitions were discussed however to date no entries for the junior competition had been received.
- e) A general discussion on attracting novice/restricted players to participate in selection competitions occurred. This included courses/coaching encouraging improving players to take part in selection competitions.

4. Masterpoints Secretary(JD)

- a) There have been no matters to report regarding Masterpoints
- b) The 2022 interclub teams will be run at SCBC due to cancellation of 2021 event. Advertising of the 2022 event will commence circa mid-May. SCBC will converse with Valley BC to negotiate a date.

Other Agenda Items

5. ABF Matters

Council members attention were drawn to a late ABF email regarding relocation of ABG AGM agenda papers

- a) ABF-AGM Agenda-(Fwd. 11 April) -Noted
- b) ANC State entry form (Fwd. 7 Mar) -Noted
- c) ABF Strategic Plan (Fwd 2Mar) -Noted



6. Other Matters

- President advised that the matter of the Directors Workshop was still underway and she would forward an email to the convenors to expedite and clarify dates.
- Liz Van Der Hor advised that CBC had recently purchased a new stock of playing cards and consequently had a large number of used but very serviceable cards available should anyone want them.

Next Meeting

Next Council meeting tentatively scheduled for Friday 03rd June 2022 commencing 5.30PM via Zoom.

Meeting Closed 18.35