



## **BFACT Council Meeting**

5.30 PM Friday 23 September 2022 Electronic Conference

### **MINUTES:**

*Present:* Cathy Nichols, Keith Huggan, Stephen Fischer, Niek Van Vucht, Annie Macmaster, Alex Hewat, John Niven.

*Apologies:* Andrew Dawes, Justine Beaumont, John Donovan & Liz Van Der Hor.

President opened Council meeting at 5.30pm and welcomed all members to meeting in particular the Cootamundra Club representative Annie Macmaster. As Annie had to leave by 6pm she was afforded time to give an update on the club. Annie advised the club Congress was scheduled for 15-16 October and hoped to catch up with us and other BFACT members then. The club was returning to pre-Covid levels and that playing days had grown to 2 weekly sessions being Tuesday & Thursday. The club was also advised of the ABF request, for club teaching requirements, should be progressed through the Treasurer. Annie was updated on the status of CiB particularly the poor representation at the novice/restricted levels.

### **Confirmation of minutes:**

- a) The minutes of the meeting of 19 August 2022 cleared for uploading to website.  
Moved Keith Huggan; Seconded Stephen Fischer. Carried

### **Ongoing Matters.**

- A) Adoption of Child Safe Strategy. Ongoing.
- B) Proposal to List Member Clubs Contact Details on BFACT Website (JN)
- C) Canberra in Bloom. See Presidents Report.

## **STANDING REPORTS**

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

- a) President advised that a further director's course has been scheduled for the weekend of 12/13 November and BFACT would subsidise cost of any members undertaking the course.
- b) The 2022 BFACT AGM has been finalised.
- c) As a component of developing our child safe strategy the President suggested we obtain a report from BFACT's Youth Co-Ordinator initially on an annual basis. President will pursue action item "Working with Vulnerable People" including where an issue arises during a BFACT sponsored event.
- d) CiB  
Justine has forwarded an email indicating matters are in hand. John Donovan will be the second Director required Sunday and Monday. More entries for the



Novice/Restricted levels would be preferred, caddie tea/coffee. Agreed costs payable to CBC is amounts to approx. \$2400 for the event. This will consist of the entire premises other than the upper room on Friday morning when it is pre booked. Cleaning costs have been minimised due to normal cleaning now postponed to completion of CiB.

- e) President observed that convenor for CiB should be identified well in advance of following years CiB given the time required to advise ABF of dates and details. President to liaise with immediate past President as to status of 2023 convenor and to commence recruitment process. This timing would in future allow next year's Convenor to understudy current year CiB as a precursor. Justine has spoken to CBC on matters including the need to update honour boards which will become an ongoing agenda item.
- f) President advised that Masterpoints Secretary had advised that his Norton Security had warned him that MyABF was a dangerous website. Secretary advised that he had accessed MyABF at Least 3 times the previous day with no complaints from his Norton package, Alex advised that his security package, Trend, had not detected any problems with MyABF.
- g) John Donovan advised that action was underway at Capital BC to identify a replacement club representative to take over from Keith who has now been elected Vice President.
- h) President advised that Justine had heard from Sean Galbraith confirmed his acceptance to be BFACT's Reviewer for the following year. Confirmation of the receipt of wine is awaited.

### **Directors Workshop**

- i) Director's follow up workshop. Sebastian has advised that the weekends of 12-13 and 19-20 of November are available. Council elected to adopt 12-13 November for the event with advertising to commence as soon as practicable.

## **2. Matters arising from AGM of 17 September (JN)**

Secretary advised that minutes have yet to be finalised as some matters had yet to be clarified the draft minutes could then be uploaded as well as final drafts of Presidents and Treasurers reports for uploading to web. Annie Macmaster had to leave the meeting at this time.

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

- a) Treasurer referred to his financial report which contained nothing to of note and given the time remaining he would not expand but would answer any questions.
- b) Resulting from the AGM the Treasurer recommended the removal of the Immediate Past President, Justine Beaumont, as a signatory to the BFACT accounts held with Beyond Bank and substituting the current President, Cathy Nichols. Moved Niek van Vucht and Seconded Stephen Fischer. Motion Carried.
- c) Treasurer to forward current financial year budget to President.



- d) Council agreed an honorarium of up to \$300 value be offered to Sean Galbraith CA as reviewer. It was further agreed the President seek Sean's agreement to be BFACT Reviewer for 2022-2023.
- e) The second set financials represent the status as of the Accounts for the current year to date and indicate a net loss of \$16,126. This is due to the costs of sending our various representative teams to the ANC in Adelaide and is some \$3000 over budget due to the significantly higher than expected airfare cost.
- f) In Relation to the ANC the president has advised SABF that parents of the youth team were unhappy with the treatment of the Youth Team once they were the first group assessed as having, or being in touch with, Covid. SABF advised they were aware of this and had forwarded a letter of apology to the president for on forwarding to parents/guardians.

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

Tournament Secretary asked if any other member wished to join him on the Calendar Committee. President agreed to join other members of committee would be sought once two new club representatives are appointed.

#### 5. **Masterpoints Secretary(CN)**

- a) President advised that the Masterpoints Secretary had advised there were no matters to discuss other than he was prepared to continue as the Masterpoints Secretary. Secretary moved that John Donovan be reappointed Masterpoints Secretary; Seconded Stephen Fischer. Carried.

#### 6. **BFACT ABF Councillor's Report (SF)**

- a) Stephen spoke to key issues of the ABF Communique. As discussed above Joan Butts is retiring at the end of the year. Clubs views on the role of teachers which is scheduled for discussion at the mid-term meeting so if clubs have views on what should or shouldn't happen they should pass these views up to Stephen at [Secretary@abf.com.au](mailto:Secretary@abf.com.au).
- b) An issue that has not been referred to before is the relationship of online & Face to Face bridge and the ABF's involvement in both forms. This is a significant issue within the ABF and so it has formed a Committee which Jenny Thompson is chairing and will be undertaking consultation to determine significant issues around this including liaising with NZ who have recently completed their review on the matter. This matter will affect all clubs so it is important to get this right.
- c) Keith Ogborn the ABF historian has produced a paper on Australians in Bridge that is accessible from the ABF website.
- d) Following a question from Alex Stephen advised that the MyABF club trial is expected to get underway once certain legal clearances were clarified.



## 7. Secretary (JN)

- a) The next major issue for the Secretary is the submission of the Incorporated Associations Annual Return to the ACT. This will require details of Cathy and Keith as newly elected Board Members. This should include their BFACT generic email addresses once they are available from Stephen. Secretary will forward a copy of the information required but advises that only the Public Officer is required to give a directly contactable address.

## Other Agenda Items

## 8. Other Matters

- Treasurer referred to BFACT Tournament Committee Report previously circulated which would require BFACT approval prior to next meeting, Agreed required matters would be circulated and approved out of session.
- President advised that future meetings will be via ABF Zoom thus eliminating the 40 minute limit imposed on this current meeting.

## Next Meeting

Next Council meeting scheduled for Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022 commencing 5.30PM via Zoom.

Meeting Closed 18.20