



BFACT Council Meeting

5.00 PM Friday 14 April 2023 Electronic Conference

MINUTES:

Present: Cathy Nichols, Keith Huggan, Stephen Fischer, Niek Van Vucht, John Donovan, Mary Tough, David Clarkson & John Niven.

Apologies: Annie Macmaster, Andrew Dawes.

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

Confirmation of minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of 10 March cleared for uploading to website. Moved Cathy Nichols; Seconded Stephen Fischer. Carried.

Business Arising from Prior Minutes:

- a) Capital Rep. for CIB is Shane Woodburn but will not be available on weekend of the Congress.
- b) Niek advised there are 8 pairs registered for the coming week end seniors comp. and 12 pairs the following weekend in the open. Emails confirming eligibility and acceptance will go out after a couple of days. Len Dixon has been advised of timings.

Other matters are covered in reports below.

Ongoing Matters.

- A) Adoption of Child Safe Strategy/Working with Vulnerable People (WwVP).
The ABF is developing a Child Safe Strategy and we expect to adopt/adapt once completed. Ongoing (CN)
- B) Proposal to List Member Clubs Contact Details on BFACT Website ongoing (JN)

STANDING REPORTS

1. President's Report (CN):

- a) President had ZOOM meeting with Treasurer CBC and Barbara Toohey to discuss possible event for rookies within CiB. This would incorporate a couple of talks. Discussion as to a full or half day format being appropriate was canvassed but the objective was to encourage newer players to participate in congresses. Current plans



are to hold the Rookies comp in the upstairs room on Friday PM when it becomes available. CBC will be advertising this at all its upcoming supervised sessions. Consensus was that more entry level events should be available without competing with the standard competition events. It was agreed that Rookie competitors should have fewer than 5 Masterpoints. A budget covering presenters and supervisors will need to be developed. President will on forward emails from CBC and Laurie Kelso.

- b) Sebastian has suggested a date in May to run a one day course for established Directors on Judgement calls. A date for a two day introductory Directors course is yet to be settled. Timings will need to be agreed with CBC.
- c) Will Jenner O'Shea has identified an overseas visitor who would be an addition to the youth team.
- d) President has identified that emails addressed to President@bfact.com.au are not being forwarded to her account. Stephen will arrange for RIZE to redirect to President's email address.
- e) Additional assistance from CBC as well as a Female and Male Recorder for CiB still needs to be arranged. Suggestions would be appreciated. Duties of Recorders are available on ABF website.
- f) President would, in the future like identifiable contact points for matters dealing with directing, teaching, online bridge and MyABF.

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

- a) Treasurer referred to his financial report and advised that there was a deficit of approx. \$2,000 for the year however there are still some invoices of a few thousand dollars due.
- b) The BFACT domain name has been renewed for the next two years.
- c) ANC subsidies will need to account for (cheapest) flight cost of \$850. CBC has advised that the Barry Turner Fund will be contributing approx. \$12,500 (still to be confirmed). Current proposal is that BFACT & CBC contribute \$800 in total. This will match last year's costs to Adelaide there has been a drop in costs. Budget is based on 6 members plus NP Captain for each team plus 4 youth members and 3 chaperones for youth team.
- d) The above cost basis will result in an \$8,500 loss for the year however costs for next two years (NSW & Qld) will result in much lower costs.
- e) Policy for costs of Victory Dinner to remain as prior years.
- f) The Budget includes two directing workshops costed at \$1500 less some income for cost of attendance. An account for Youth Bridge has not been drawn on recently. Overall the Budget reflects past years practices. Moved Treasurers Report including ANC subsidies be approved Cathy Nichols: Seconded John Niven. Carried.



3. Tournament Secretary's Report (NVV)

- a. BFACT Event Regulations to introduce automatic capping were a substitute is introduced into an event.
- b. Current BFACT regulations approved in 2019 refers to appeals processes however ABF has now moved onto review process. TS would like to update regulations to reflect current processes which would require input from Clubs. CBC regs refer back to BFACT and ABF regulations. Requirement at Capital and SCBC were discussed. Over next month Niek proposes to review current BFACT regulations and prepare a draft reflecting more modern requirements for circulation and comments leading to new regulation for approval and introduction for 2024.
- c. Merits of changes were discussed and agreed particularly automatic capping of substitutes. Discussion included online bridge which would be directed at Real Bridge events rather than BBO. This would include on line policies being developed by ABF.

4. Masterpoints Secretary(JD)

- a) Masterpoint for this and following weekend to be advised and submitted on conclusion. Effect of Masterpoint allocation due to current qualifying procedures discussed and expected to be lower cost than previous years.

5. BFACT ABF Councillor's Report (SF)

- a) Little to report generally however current BFACT Councillor's term is due for renewal and appointment for next two years is sought/required. Put that Stephen Fischer be reappointed as BFACT representative for next two years. Moved Niek Van Vucht. Seconded John Donovan. Carried. Secretary to Advise ABF Secretary of reappointment.
- b) ABF is continuing to look at online events and is currently looking through received suggestions/advice.

6. Secretary (JN)

- a) Discussion on ACT Govt's review of incorporated associations took place as submissions were required by 6 April we will await any recommendations to rule changes.
- b) President advised of a member's submission to ACT Govt in relation to changes of in penalties for breach of Privacy Act particularly for Non-Incorporated entities. SCBC is awaiting a response.

Other Agenda Items & Other Matters

Mary Tough who joined the meeting late advised of changes in senior director roles at CBC and interim position until end of June. CBC will assist Sebastian in two proposed directors' courses later in year. We have missed getting on to Floriade for this year's CiB however an



early start will be sought for next year. CBC recognises that further trained directors are needed. Possible interim solutions were discussed. Mary advised her absence throughout May and an interim CBC rep will be appointed. Progressing youth membership was discussed.

Expanding ACT Bridge members to be an agenda item at next meeting.

Next Meeting

Next Council meeting scheduled for Friday 12th May 2023 commencing 5.00PM via Zoom.

Meeting Closed 18.05.