



BFACT Council Meeting

5.00 PM Friday 23 June 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 of apologies received.

Confirmation of minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of 12 May cleared for uploading to website. Moved Cathy Nichols; Seconded Stephen Fischer. Carried.

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) Progress Report on CiB:

- i. President advised meeting held with Roger, Roy Nixon, Ronnie Ng to discuss card dealing requirements. President also asked for names of anyone not proposing to play in CiB but able to assist in card dealing or assist in caddying during CiB. A number of candidates were proposed. A general discussion on board dealing requirements as well as dealing machine availability and Flyer distribution occurred. Planning for working group and partnership secretariat as for shadowed. Ron Ng was confirmed as TD and ABF has been asked to approve Darryl Whitfield as ATD and funding to assist in TD development. Response awaited.



- ii. As there are prizes for all levels these will need to be documented.

- b) Director training is scheduled for tomorrow and Sebastian will send an e-mail confirming nominations to participants.
- c) Progress of interclub teams was discussed with some clubs still to complete nominations.
- d) Confirmation of BFACT contribution of \$1000 for production of the “Bridge in Canberra” publication occurred as well as mechanics of payment by BFACT and other contributing parties as well as ratio of paper to electronic copies occurred. Payment to be made by BFACT and clubs on receipt of invoice. President to report back on process.
- e) ANC Restricted Pairs: ABF subsidy for this event will cease after 2024. BFACT subsidy is a separate matter and will continue on an as required basis. Status of pairs who had missed out due to COVID cancellations and might still be eligible after consideration of current status was discussed. Given limited timeframe TS will finalise as soon as practicable.
- f) Council clarified and confirmed that anyone receiving a subsidy for cocktail party and failing to attend are required to repay subsidy to BFACT. All team captains to be reminded and advise team members.
- g) Gala Pairs occurring on same date and immediately prior to BFACT AGM at CBC. Date still to be agreed with CBC but Saturday 16 September is expected date.
- h) Online Report adjourned to next meeting. Next meeting with Club Presidents still to be agreed.

2. **Treasurer’s Report (SF):**

- a) Treasurer referred to his financial reports and advised that, barring any unexpected invoices, the 22-23 financial year will generate a net deficit of \$5324. This larger than normal deficit is in part due to the high cost of subsidising air fares to Adelaide ANC. The ANC being hosted by WA next financial year will contribute to the larger \$8000 deficit however we should return to surplus the following year when the ANC is scheduled for Orange. Other final numbers in the report are ANC trials surplus approaching \$1300. CiB budget has been adjusted due to need to pay GST on ABF licence fee. ANC expensed are costing in the order of \$17,000 meaning we should start 2023-24 with a \$17,000 deficit.
- b) Other issues are BFACT currently runs 4 operational accounts. Treasurer recommends this be reduced to 1. While absorbing 2 of the twin signature accounts into the third is efficient the need for the single signature account,



which was set up to assist tournament convenors with some financial independence in managing the tournament this has never been exercised.

- c) Moved that Council agree that Treasurer arrange for the closure of two of the general accounts and that single signature account be retained for the time being at least till the year BFACT manages the ANC.

Moved: David Clarkson Seconded: Niek Van Vucht. Carried

Moved Treasurers Report including be accepted: John Niven. Seconded Niek Van Vucht. Carried.

3. Tournament Secretary's Report (NVV)

- a. All ANC Teams makeup are finalised and ready
- b. Discussion on the Youth Team event scheduled for Sunday 2nd July took place with the need that the appropriate people possess a WwVP clearance for the ACT

Tournament Secretary's Report be accepted:

Moved: John Niven Seconded: Stephen Fischer. Carried

4. Masterpoints Secretary(JD)

- a) Masterpoint are on track there are no issues to report.

5. BFACT ABF Councillor's Report (SF)

- a) A general conversation on the ongoing nature of online play and the recent Interim Report including the merits of BBO v RealBridge occurred. Highlighted was the ability nature and recognition of cheating. It was agreed this matter would be an Agenda item for the next meeting.

6. Secretary (JN)

- a) Secretary advised of the need to commence planning for BFACT AGM which must be held as soon as practicable after 1 September. Current planning is for Saturday 16th September. JN to ensure date is available from CBC and clubs are advised of live/Zoom access.
- b) Circumstances would indicate Council meetings prior to AGM are possible in last Friday of July or first Friday August. Agreed next council meeting would be 5Pm on line Monday 31st July.



Other Agenda Items & Other Matters

- a) President advised she had forwarded a paper targeting Novice and Restricted events. Councillors should consider the paper and raise matters with their clubs so that Novice Restricted matters can be progressed.
- b) Mary Tough gave an analysis of youth game which must be considered a success. Next youth event should be more successful based on current trends. MT & President to monitor progress. President also asked council agree to contribution of \$20 per person for the Youth Team. Moved C Nichols Seconded John Donovan. Carried.
- c) Treasurer advised that email URL BFACT.com be renewed to protect access by BFACT to the name. This would amount to \$88 for two years payment was agreed by Council

Next Meeting

Next Council meeting scheduled for Monday 31st July 2023 commencing 5.00PM via Zoom.

Meeting Closed 18.15.