



BFACT Council Meeting

5.00 PM Monday 31 July 2023 Electronic Conference

MINUTES:

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

Apologies: Andrew Dawes. John Donovan.

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 23 June cleared for uploading to website. Moved Cathy Nichols; Seconded Stephen Fischer. Carried.

Matters Arising:

- a) President thanked CBC for access to dealing machine to prepare CiB boards,
- b) Daryl Whitfield has been approved as Assistant Tournament Director for CiB,
- c) Director Training was held as scheduled with a positive turn out.
- d) An email has been sent to John Brockwell, (cc David Hoffman) confirming BFACT's original proposed payment of \$1000.00 however account for payment still needs to be clarified. Treasurer advised we are also holding a further contribution to be paid.
- e) President and Treasurer confirmed bank account scheduled for closure has not been done as bank will not action on draft minutes.
- f) Assistant to youth co-ordinator has lodged application for WwVP,

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) Proposal for Novice & restricted players has been lodged in the Drop Box but not clear all have yet to receive access,



- b) A special thanks to Will for his progressing the scratch youth team to such a high level,
- c) Given that we are at the penultimate meeting for year President thanked council members for the application over the last twelve months,
- d) The interclub comp had a great turn out and the report has been circulated. Council discussed issues with the comp and suggestions for improvement. Moving the comp to Saturday and ensuring timetabling was met would be of assistance to those travelling some distance to compete.
- e) Policy of refunding entrance fees to players who may have to withdraw prior to tournament commencement was endorsed, other recommendations were: guidance report be prepared to assist convenors, more assistance be provided to players in Novice category, minimum of 4 reserves be maintained until commencement date, 2nd or assistant director be utilised when there are four or more categories or greater than 20+ tables. Also a responsible person be appointed to ensure appropriate serving of alcohol is in play.
- f) Payment of fee to Bruce Crossman additional to the current director's fee.
- g) Use of CBC dealing machine protocol currently under review.
- h) Bricet Kloren is CiB partnership/sub secretary, phase 1 of board dealing completed, phase 2 will occur closer to date when numbers are clearer.
- i) A second meeting of Club Presidents has occurred

Acceptance of Presidents report moved Stephen Fisher; seconded Niek Van Vucht: carried

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

- a) Treasurer referred to his financial reports and advised that the Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2023 has been forwarded to the Reviewer his report is expected by mid-August.
- b) The report for the current financial year to date indicates a current deficit of some \$16,000 due in the main to cost associated with the ANC being in Perth. As Perth represents our major expenditure for the current year this should reduce over the remaining 11 Months of the year.
- c) At the last council meeting Council approved the renewal of the BFACT.com.au email address. The actual cost was \$15 per annum rather than the quoted \$55 over two years this allows us to use the domain if required but importantly prevents others from utilising the domain.

Moved Treasurers Report be accepted: Cathy Nichols; Seconded Niek Van Vucht. Carried.

3. **Tournament Secretary's Report (NVV)**

- a. ANC BFACT teams came 6th, 2 teams achieved 4th and open team achieved 2nd place. (Stephen Fischer as non-playing captain will submit a report for the next meeting however results and players/teams dynamics were positive.)



- b. Scheduling of the knock out teams to select the ACT1 team representing ACT at the GNOT is proving difficult. The teams were unable to meet on the scheduled date. On previous occasions the teams would agree on a date and BFACT would arrange support, i.e. location boards director etc. To date the teams have not been able to agree on a date at all. An option is to force the teams to play on the 23rd a Wednesday evening at which a capable director will be present as well as boards etc. and we need to resolve this before the Gala pairs at which the ACT2 team is determined. This means one of the team will need to use a substitute player. This is resisted by the teams as they believe use of a substitute means the team is sub optimal. All attempts to resolve with the teams has proven fruitless. Stephen Fischer was excused from the council meeting while a general discussion on the problems occurred.

Given the limited time remaining it was agreed that the final should be scheduled for the 23rd. as a suitable director and support facilities and staff were known to be available. Teams would be allowed to nominate any substitutes if required. David Clarkson moved that this be the decision of the committee; Seconded Keith Huggan. Carried. TS will communicate Committee decision to teams.

Stephen invited to rejoin committee.

- c. Details re Gala Pairs posted to BFACT website. Could members review and provide comments/feedback. Advertising to be followed up. Jodi to organise director for Gala pairs. Issues with Bus availability on day mentioned.
- d. Of ANC restricted pairs only one pair attended. No feedback received as yet.

Tournament Secretary's Report be accepted:

Moved: Stephen Fischer; Seconded: David Clarkson. Carried

4. Masterpoints Secretary(JD)

- a) NA.

5. BFACT ABF Councillor's Report (SF)

- a) A large scale review of the ABF Calendar is being undertaken and BFACT should consider input.
President advised she has put some points together covering Summer Festival and CiB has been sent to Roy Nixon a response is still awaited. Issues included were why they were held at those times. It appears the Gold Coast event may be curtailed post 2024. This review is in no way related to online events review. BFACT input should be provided by the end of August. President asked for all clubs to consider the calendar and provide feedback to Stephen.



6. Secretary (JN)

- a) Secretary advised of the need to formally advise date of AGM and requested feedback on the three notifications provided to the Committee. Financials still need to be provided and committee members will need to supply nomination forms if they wish to continue in their position. Zoom component will need to be organised. John Donovan has undertaken this in past.

Other Agenda Items & Other Matters

- a) A Discussion of the Gala Pairs flyer took place.

Next Meeting

Next Council meeting scheduled for Friday 25th August @ 5pm.

Meeting Closed 18:18.