



BFACT Council Meeting

5.00 PM Friday 25 August 2023 Electronic Conference

MINUTES:

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

Apologies: Andrew Dawes. Annie McMaster.

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 31 July cleared for uploading to website. Moved: Keith Huggan; Seconded: Niek van Vucht. Carried.

Matters Arising:

- a) Treasurer expects to finalise adjustment to Bank Accounts within a week or so.
- b) The Inter-Club Directors Report received and Reconciliation report included in Treasurers Report.
- c) Status of Nomination Forms discussed. Forms can be obtained from BFACT Web Site.
- d) Knockout Team Status included in Presidents Email.
- e) Gala Pairs proceeding as planned.
- f) BFACT should take pro-active approach to clubs organising Gold Point events leading to Club Reps inclusion into Gala Pairs.

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 referred to her email report and that the coming Sunday Events.
- b) The coming BFACT/ABF Real Bridge introductory/trial is designed to allow novice users to become comfortable before attempting ABF sponsored Real Bridge competition. Timing, Costing and Pairs v Teams were discussed to make introduction comfortable for novice players. Agreed matter should be considered by next BFACT committee.



- c) Vice President to review Team Knock Out procedures to allow orderly and timely resolution for finals.
- d) Masterpoints area using incorrect BFACT postal address. Matter to be corrected but as communication also by email no issues were identified.
- e) AGM agenda item 10 to increase BFACT affiliation fee to \$10.00pp was discussed. Treasurer advised that this would lower, but not extinguish, the negative financial results. A general discussion on costs including subsidies and source was held moved seconded and carried that the increase be put to AGM.

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 and Report for Current year and advised both indicate a loss however current year's loss should decrease over remainder of year. 2022-23 financials plus reviewers report cleared for posting on web.
- b) Interclub Teams indicates a nominal \$550.00 surplus this will be offset by the claims made against the \$900 prizes awarded.
- c) CiB indicate over \$15,000 in entries with a month to go expectations are for an improved result from last year indicating a small profit or break even result. Entries principally via MYABF.
- d) Consolidation of BFACT accounts not undertaken due to competing priorities.
- e) Directors have paid \$430-\$450 per day for several years recommendation is this be raised to \$480.00 per day in line with inflation. Moved Keith Huggan: Seconded Cathy Nichols. Carried
- f) Sean our current BFACT accounts reviewer has indicated he would be prepared to continue this function for the coming year.
- g) Treasurer put that we recompense Reviewer with Several bottles of wine not exceeding \$300 in appreciation for his services. Moved Seconded and agreed.
- h) Treasurer announced he would be stepping down for a period while he attended to personal matters.

Moved Treasurers Report be accepted: Cathy Nichols; Seconded John Niven. Carried.

3. Tournament Secretary's Report (NVV)

- a. GNOT knock out teams resolved with help of Treasurer, Niek confirmed the need for earlier agreed review to see how processes could be improved for next year.
- b. Gala Pairs is available via MYABF and some entries are being received.
- c. Niek advised he would circulate clubs reminding them of availability of running gold point entry events for next year but too late for current year.
- d. Currently TS duties are directed at Website update and preparation of annual report.



4. Masterpoints Secretary(JD)

- a) No Matters require reporting.

5. BFACT ABF Councillor's Report (SF)

- a) Stephen advised that he had nothing significant to report however he would need a proxy to attend the mid-year meeting towards the end of October. BFACT will need to advise ABF at least 7 days in advance of name of Proxy. 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 progress preparation for AGM in particular the method of Zoom participation. We will need to provide members, via clubs, of procedure to log in. Prior year issues were discussed however 2022 AGM remote link operated successfully. John Donovan will discuss with past President of procedures adopted last year.
- b) Procedures for responsible distribution of alcohol was discussed. Issue arises only when drinks are being served not when players use their own beverages. Certification is dependent on sale v distribution.

Next Meeting

Next Council meeting will be scheduled after AGM.

Meeting Closed 17:50.