



BFACT Council Meeting

5.00 PM Monday 25 September 2023 Electronic Conference

MINUTES:

Present: Cathy Nichols, Ian Thomson, Keith Huggan, Roger Brake, Niek Van Vucht, Mary Tough, David Clarkson, & John Niven.

Apologies: Andrew Dawes. Annie McMaster, John Donovan.

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

Confirmation of Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of 25 August 2023 cleared for uploading to website. Moved: Keith Huggan; Seconded: Niek van Vucht. Carried.

Matters Arising:

- a) Treasurer adjustment to Bank Accounts completed.
- b) Gala Pairs proceeded as planned.
- c) BFACT take up of pro-active approach to clubs organising Gold Point events leading to Club Reps inclusion into Gala Pairs still to confirm.
- d) Knockout Team Status to be included in Tournament Secretary's Report.

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 attended recent Cootamundra Congress which was well managed as usual. Daryl Whitfield partnering with Will Jenner O'Shea won the pairs Daryl and Ian also helped resolved some Compscore3 issues.
- b) President had discussions with Cootamundra and Cooma clubs regarding upcoming inter-club competitions scheduled for Cootamundra next year and Cooma 3 years later. BFACT preference is for the interclub (when held in Canberra) to be held in July when the ANC is held. Discussions as to make up and timing of teams and pairs events were held. BFACT would help promote the congress and arrange for a suitable Director. The objective is to encourage



interclub cohesion and support surrounding clubs. For this reason timing with the Orange congress will need to be considered. The President advised the regional clubs that BFACT will support them holding the interclub Teams event merged with their annual congress if that suites them.

- c) CiB has achieved a healthy enrolment and registration has closed with Friday at capacity and near capacity for Saturday/Sunday with possible pick up for Sunday/Monday. President offered a thank you to Jane Rasmussen and the ABF for the support provided.
- d) As well as Stephen standing down as treasurer he has also relinquished his role as a BFACT rep. to the ABF. Ian, BFACT's other councillor to the ABF will be standing in today. It is expected President and Treasurer will take turns representing BFACT as 2nd ABF councillor until Stephen becomes available.
- e) Council will note that Will produced a Youth Player Report for the AGM. One of his recommendations was that BFACT recognise/support the youth players more. One way is to provide a Youth Uniform/Jacket/shirt or similar. President recommends supporting this by examining budget cost and then if feasible agreeing increase the support to youth. MT advised that next youth date is on Sunday 15th October, Will Jenner-O'Shea will be running it and also running Women's Training Camp on the same day. Will has arranged assistance for youth to allow him to move between events.

Acceptance of Presidents report moved Mary Tough; seconded Keith Huggan: carried.

2. Treasurer's Report (RB):

- a) President introduced and Council welcomed Roger Brake as the recently elected Treasurer. As he has yet to be permitted access to the BFACT accounts he was asked to report on other matters.
- b) Treasurer reported that indications are that the upcoming CiB is expected to produce a larger return than last Year. Last Year revenue was approx. \$19,000. Budget for this year was \$20,000. However we have \$27,000 of nomination of which \$25,000 are confirmed. We will however also have increased costs in part due to the extra costs of Masterpoints. President advised that increased surplus would help fund youth costs and player development.
- c) Secretary advised that within a week he, President and Treasurer would present themselves with copy of AGM minutes at Beyond Bank to register Roger as the new BFACT treasurer thus allowing him full access to the accounts. It was agreed to finalise a mutually convenient of Tuesday 3rd or Wednesday 4th October out of session.

Moved Treasurers Report be accepted: John Niven; Seconded Keith Huggan. Carried.



3. Tournament Secretary's Report (NVV)

- a. Tomorrow AM Niek will be attending a calendar Committee meeting for 2024. Other attendees are David Warne, Mary Tough, Jodi Tutty, David Hoffman and Ian Robinson. One issue will be to set up a schedule for 2024 Knock-Out Teams and ensure it is strictly adhered to. Running of evening sessions plus weekend events will depend on number of teams enrolling in each category. 2023 knock out teams now finalised. A discussion on source and level of some subsidies occurred.

Moved Tournament Secretary's Report be accepted: Cathy Nichols; Seconded Keith Huggan. Carried.

4. Masterpoints Secretary(JD)

- a) NA.

5. BFACT ABF Councillor's Report (IT)

- a) Ian advised that the ABF has its next meeting in November but he has yet to see an agenda. He will share this once it becomes available. Current issue occupying Committee is MYABF. Currently use is limited but ABF is hopeful of all clubs using it as a tool. Ian advised that report on future of Online v F2F had not been finalised. Niek would be provided with a report as soon as practicable.
- b) A discussion on CiB covering timing and effect of Daylight saving took place as well as production of medals and certificates.

Moved ABF Councillor's Report be accepted: Niek Van Vucht; Seconded Keith Huggan. Carried.

6. Secretary (JN)

- a) Secretary advised past practice had been to hold meetings on a monthly basis at 5PM on a Friday with a fall-back position of 5PM Monday. Friday timing was acceptable to all however Secretary advised that Monday timings may prove a problem with his arrangements.
- b) Council was advised that the AGM minutes would be required as evidence to the Bank of Rogers appointment and could any amendments be supplied to the Secretary.

7. Other Matters (As Required)

- a) President Advised that Will Jenner O'Shea has agreed to continue as youth Co-ordinator. His Reappointment was supported by Council. President would advise Will.



- b) President advised that feedback from youth was very positive however she asked Council to advise her of any matters requiring attention as soon as possible to ensure timely treatment
- c) CBC AGM will be held 5 October.
- d) A discussion of a real bridge event marketed towards youth players (novice/restricted) was discussed. Issues involved were costs, subsidies, director, fees and sponsorship at Club or BFACT level.

Next Meeting

Next Council meeting Friday 3 November @ 5PM

Meeting Closed 18:00.