



BFACT Council Meeting

5.00 PM Friday 01 March 2024 Electronic Conference

MINUTES:

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

Apologies: Andrew Dawes, Annie McMaster, Jim Lawrence

President opened Council meeting at 17.05 and welcomed members to meeting.

Confirmation of Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of 02 February 2024 cleared for uploading to website. Moved: Cathy Nichols; Seconded: Roger Brake. Carried.

Matters Arising:

President asked if Will Jenner O'Shea had been advised of amount and terms of youth subsidy. Mary Tough to clarify.

President's Report Minutes reference that the 6 year gap between Cooma and Cootamundra interclub alternating each 3 years.

Treasurer will give us an update on Canberra in Bloom.

Masterpoints Secretary and President have arranged to meet with Gungahlin club at 10AM morning of the 13th. Mary Tough agreed to join.

Ongoing Matters.

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)

Proposal to List Member Clubs Contact Details on BFACT Website ongoing (JN)

STANDING REPORTS

1. President's Report (CN):

Regarding our strategy of working with vulnerable people <https://www.sportintegrity.gov.au/> has produced a member protection policy. Alignment with this plan may cover a number of areas, President to liaise with ABF to see practicality of adoption.

A discussion as to inclusion of Gungahlin Club as host of Interclub - agreed they should be included in schedule after a suitable time.



Dates for Cooma and Cootamundra congresses have been scheduled and members should advertise within their clubs. Niek to update website notification.

ABF AGM in May Ian to be renominated. President to substitute for Stephen if unavailable. Moved C. Nichols Seconded R. Brake. Carried.

President to lobby ABF for funding of assistant director for CiB.

Tournament Secretary will cover GNOT events issues.

Sapphire Coast will be held 13-14 April and will need to be promoted Sebastian to be Director.

Availability of Sebastian may be curtailed due to his movement interstate at some time.

Secretary of ABDA approached C.N. at Gold Coast Congress and asked why we had ceased membership ABDA. President advised we were unable to determine value. If they would submit a letter indicating what services were provided the matter would be resubmitted to the Committee. Ian advised that ABF had similarly ceased funding ABDA and requested notification of services ABDA provided. ABF is awaiting a response.

Bruce Crossman has requested we provide a list of those that have undertaken BFACT sponsored director's courses. This is a large list including some outside BFACT as the objective has been to develop suitable director skills throughout the various clubs. Wagga Club has requested if we could provide a suitable tournament level director. While Wagga falls within NSW due to their proximity to ACT President will examine availability of Congress level Directors. Pressure on our limited No of Tournament directors highlights our need to develop further numbers.

The issue of individuals affiliating with BFACT was discussed. BFACT constitution requires a minimum number of members to be eligible for affiliation. As W. J O'Shea resident in NSW he will be advised to examine his eligibility to align with NSW or ABF.

Issue of updating BFACT constitution was discussed. MT advised that CBC constitution was currently being examined and we could be provided with suitable resource once this program had been completed.

President advised GC congress while not back to previous levels had been improving including a large overseas representation.

Acceptance moved Ian Thomson: Seconded Niek Van Vucht. Carried

Treasurer's Report (RB):

- a) Treasurer advised that it had been quiet over the period. We had paid Sebastian \$1500 for his director's course. Committee will recall previous discussions of matters hosted at CBC but financed by BFACT and those by CBC. Discussions have been held with Tournament Secretary and discussions will be held with CBC treasurer to further clarify issues to see if current arrangement and fees are appropriate.



- b) Cathy, Rob Hurst and Treasurer held meeting at GC to discuss CiB. Various matters including Director Arrangements, sponsorship arrangements as well as scope for a further Teams competition. GC congress highlighted popularity of Team Competitions. Option of using hired accommodation was discussed. Treasurer report had been prepared and distributed.

Moved Treasurers Report be accepted: Moved: J. Niven; Seconded: J Donovan. Carried.

Tournament Secretary's Report (NVV)

Niek advised selection events were up and running on MyABF a further reminder will be distributed shortly. Niek advised he will be away evening of Women's Competition so a responsible bar person was being sought for end of competition. President will approach Peter Parsons as to his availability. Need to rearrange Gala Day (as currently scheduled for same day as Cootamundra congress) was discussed.

Moved Report Accepted C. Nichols; Seconded Roger Brake. Carried.

Masterpoints Secretary (JD)

John advised there were no issues with Masterpoints.

ABF Representative (IT)

Ian advised little had occurred but pleased Summer Festival had returned a surplus. Introduction of MyABF across all clubs
Acceptance Moved J. Niven Seconded D Clarkson Carried.

Secretary (JN)

NA but pleased system worked.

Other Matters (As Required)

Youth lessons 11 to 1 comps on this Sunday. JD advised he was available as director if needed.

Masterpoints and other Costs for Tuesday nights to be reviewed.

Future BFACT meetings suggested to be moved to Monday nights - agreed.

Next Meeting

Next Council meeting Monday 8th April @ 5PM

Meeting Closed 17:50