



BFACT Council Meeting

5.00 PM Friday 08 April 2024 Electronic Conference

MINUTES:

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

Apologies: Andrew Dawes, Annie McMaster, Jim Lawrence

President opened Council meeting at 17.00 and welcomed members to meeting.

Confirmation of Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of 01 March 2024 cleared for uploading to website. Moved: Keith Huggan; Seconded: Niek Van Vucht. Carried

Matters Arising:

Youth subsidy - still waiting on an invoice from Will Jenner O'Shea, delay may be due the last youth session being this coming weekend.

Email advising the re nomination of Ian Thompson as a BFACT representative on the ABF in progress.

List of those attendees to previous Director courses supplied to Bruce Crossman, with Bruce to liaise with Sebastian to fill in any gaps.

Ongoing matters:

BFACT constitution review & update (RB etc)

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

STANDING REPORTS

President's Report (CN):

- The new book 'A Compulsive Pastime' was displayed. This is a thorough book covering the history of bridge in the ACT and surrounding regions. The writers of the book - John Brockwell and David Hoffman - have kindly given a copy to BFACT, the President has the copy if anyone wants to borrow it sometime. SCBC and Capital were also given a copy. The details of the launch is not known as yet. David has been in contact with CBC to arrange a time - BFACT can promote it and supply funds for refreshments (CBC is supplying venue). Noted that President, Treasurer & CBC President have authority to discuss and agree on funds required.
- ABF child protection policy - not clear that it has been reviewed since first launched. It states that the ABF appoints a child protection officer, but it is not clear who that is. There is details on code of conduct etc (for example avoid alone time without chaperones) and forms that can be utilised. It was discussed & agreed that all directors should have a WWVP card - to not just cover youth but other vulnerable people. Where the group has young people from different genders there needs to be parents/chaperones that cover each gender. Need parents explicit approval of the



arrangement - for example when other parents are the chaperones. There is a form that covers billeting. Also noted that it doesn't facilitate reporting by children/vulnerable people themselves (in a very supportive environment). RB to send out further comments. The ABF policy is not binding on BFACT, so BFACT needs to make a decision whether to adopt it. Discussion to be continued next meeting.

- Womens & Seniors team selections have been done. Thanks to Niek for organising them. Open selections still ongoing. No one has taken up accommodation options. President to send info to Will re youth team.
- Have asked a couple of people re possibilities for BFACT secretary next year (as JN is retiring), any suggestions welcome.

Treasurer's & CiB Report (RB):

- Currently deficit for the year is approx \$8k. There has been the expenses of the trials and there will be affiliation fees coming in.
- Subsidies and costs for ANC. In the past the Barry Turner Fund pays half, and BFACT pays half. It was noted that the CBC Treasurer is one of the trustees of the Fund, BFACT Treasurer will liaise and work out a reasonable amount. No flight costs this year. The ANC is one of the main expenses for BFACT, with the costing for selection events at a rate that attempts to break even. It is timely for a review.
- There is a new teams event for CiB - a one day event for Novice/Restricted with limited numbers. Ronnie has 1st drafted the regulations and entries are open. The cases and boards have been commandeered. There are some options for board dealing, still to be finalised. Capital has a second dealing machine (lent to the Henry). Can that be borrowed for CiB? - JD to follow up.

Tournament Secretary's Report (NVV)

- Some people in the Seniors team may be in the Open, so decision can't be made. Have confirmation from womens team. BFACT agreed to ratify womens team.
- BFACT would appreciate any constructive feedback regarding the running of the selection events.
- The review time (to pick up scoring errors) was highlighted. Currently 30min is in the regulations, to be discussed with directors to get guidance whether it needs to change. Will also check with the ABF regarding the time in larger events.
- With the selection events on one day there was a large Novice section in the other side of the room. A second director (unpaid) was used when needed. This may need to be reviewed as there were complicated movements.

Masterpoints Secretary (JD)

Masterpoints for the women selection event has gone in, seniors, state open teams will go in this month. To go to Gungahlin with the BFACT president later this month.

CBC & Youth Report (MT):

Change in guard at CBC, congratulations to Mary who was become President.

Youth have been going to the Advanced Lessons and then the Youth Sessions.

Noted that the upcoming fundraiser for Diya and Zara (representing Australia in the u26 womens team) needs to be promoted. They have been asked to supply information to distribute.



It was noted that with the upcoming youth session Mary is unavailable as is Cathy N. Mary to follow up re helpers and people with working with vulnerable people cards. An email to go out alerting people to the event.

ABF Representative (IT)

The ABF AGM is on in May (in Brisbane), when an agenda is received it will be distributed. Not sure if it will be on zoom or not. Stephen & Ian will be attending the AGM.

Other Matters (As Required)

Capital holding their annual championship in upcoming weeks.

Cootamundra have a designated Director for their congress - doing the whole weekend, including the InterClub. CN has sent through information regarding likely numbers for the Interclub - subset categories for the teams part of the congress.

Current understanding is that Ian Lyle is the assistant director for CiB (to Ronnie Ng).

Next Meeting

Next Council meeting Monday 20th May @ 5:15PM

Meeting Closed 18:05