



BFACT Council Meeting

5.00 PM Monday 1 July 2024 Electronic Conference

MINUTES:

Present: Cathy Nichols, John Niven, Roger Brake, Ian Thomson, Niek Van Vucht, Mary Tough, Judy Harris & David Clarkson

Apologies: Keith Huggan, Andrew Dawes, Annie McMaster, Jim Lawrence, Stephen Fischer

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

Confirmation of Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of 20 May 2024 cleared for uploading to website. Moved: Cathy Nichols; Seconded: Roger Brake. Carried

Business arising:

The ABF resolutions were passed and we are still waiting on a promised communique to Clubs, States and Territories. WA and Victoria have been in direct contact with President, with their budgets being affected.

Ongoing matters:

BFACT constitution review & update (RB etc)

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

Working group to look at acknowledgment/life membership. (CN)

BFACT policy covering Child Safe Strategy/Working with Vulnerable People. (CN)

Minutes from meeting of 4th June still to be distributed. (JN)

STANDING REPORTS

President's Report (CN):

President had a meeting with the President of Bungendore Bridge Club (Angela McGill). They have a new [website](#) and want to be informed of any special events. Unaware of the recent ABF resolutions.

The number of Directors that are trained to run special/teams events needs more focus. Thanks to CBC for continuing to allow directors from other clubs to gain experience in running a larger group. Sebastian is likely to run another director training session in November. President to approach Bruce Crossman to run a director PD session specifically targeting teams events and with a focus on the best use of the technology.

Good luck to all the Teams at the ANC. Terrific that it is at a country location and looking at the numbers hopefully there will be future ANCs at country locations.

A reminder that BFACT is hosting the ANC (next year is Brisbane) in two years time (2026). We would like to get a working party together quite soon as we need to assess what venues are available and lock it in, within a budget. President asked that people take that back to their clubs to see if anyone can help.

In general the ANC needs 50-70 tables, with 30 tables in side movements. At Orange each day has a sponsor (another club) for the side movements.



In 2017 the working group was John Brockwell, Pam Chrichton, Bev Crossman, Elaine Leach plus others. The venue was the racecourse. BFACT would prefer a more accessible location, with easy access to accommodation and eateries.

Jane Rasmussen is retiring as the ABF secretariat, later this week. She has given nearly 20 dedicated years to the ABF and BFACT is indebted to her for the mountain of assistance over the years. Note that any mail sent to the ABF will now be redirected to the new ABF Executive Administrator (Margaret Cusack) in Ballina, so it could take some time.

Motion: That BFACT gives Jane 200 MyABF credit as a present in recognition of her contribution. Moved: David Clarkson, Seconded: Niek Van Vucht

President to put some words together - pass them by MT & IT, to go with present.

Treasurers Report (RB)

Not a lot of change since last meeting. BFACT has made a very small surplus. The budget for 2024/25 is targeted for a small surplus.

CBC & Youth Report

The 19th & 26th July CBC will be holding an introduction to teams event.

The next Youth day is 21st July.

General Business

Cootamundra discussed the upcoming Congress, incorporating the Interclub teams. They also discussed the impact of the ABF resolutions.

The next meeting scheduled: Friday 2nd August (before the Gala pairs), 5pm.

Meeting closed 6pm.