



## **BFACT Council Meeting**

4.20 pm Friday 9 May 2025 - Face to face (CBC) & Electronic (Zoom)

### **MINUTES**

**Attendees:** Wendy Boxall, Roger Brake(e), Cathy Nichols, Niek Van Vucht, John Donovan(e), Stephen Fischer (CBC), Keith Huggan (Capital)(e), Alex Hewat(SCBC)

**Apologies:** David Clarkson

**Introduction:** President welcomed members

**Confirmation** of minutes of previous Council meeting of 28 March 2025. Proposed SF, seconded RB.

#### **Business arising from prior minutes:**

Confirmed that Clubs (in particular smaller clubs) do not have to run a qualifier for GNOT entries.

#### **Standing Reports**

##### **1. President's Report (& Youth report)**

President will attend the ABF AGM remotely and SF will be there in person. To distribute papers once received. Discussions ongoing regarding Fyshwick. Bruce Crossman is doing another Director Tour, this year with Ian Lisle and John McIlraith. Date for CBR refresher course is 10am-2:30pm on Friday 20th June. CBC rooms unavailable, the Whitlam Room at Canberra Labor Club Belconnen may be an options. Further details to be distributed.

##### **2. Treasurer's Report (& CiB)**

Nothing unexpected, will send out Club affiliation invoices within the next couple of weeks. Waiting on finalisation of selections to determine the ANC subsidy. Currently a healthy surplus, and a surplus should still be in place at the end of FY. The cost of sending teams to Brisbane will be reflected in next years financial statement. This together with the increased cost of CiB for this year (venue hire etc), may impact any future surplus.

Keen for all the Clubs to come to CiB, still working on sponsorship and advertising. Ronnie, Daryl and another are the Directors (Bruce C is assisting with names to follow up). The President is assisting with CiB (and not playing) this year and has nominated to do the board dealing (at the same rate that was paid last year). Motion that this nomination be accepted, seconded NVV, carried.

Discussion around the InterClub prizes, those attending the meeting agreed that prizes to CiB instead of SFOB is more appropriate (NB when the prizes were set up CiB was not in existence). To be comparable to the historical prizes for SFOB (normally 50% of a 4 days teams event) it would be full entry to a 2 days teams event. Proposal that for each eligible (where there is at least four competing teams in the relevant category) winning team, the prize is entry to CiB in the same year, for a team in the same category. This proposal was agreed in principal, wording may be fine tuned.

##### **3. Tournament Secretary's Report**

Open selection event imminent, still working on the Youth team. Should all be resolved in the coming week. Jade & Alexis are going to Italy for the World Youth Team Championships.



## **Other Agenda Items (if not covered above)**

### **4. Masterpoint Secretary report**

Nil to report, but requested a copy of a previous InterClub Flyer.

### **5. ANC Report (CN or LC)**

Debra Birkby is working on a Facebook page. LC & CN have met with Laurie Kelso (NEC), online, suggestions included putting out an EOI for the Chief Tournament Director. The ABF have asked for a report on progress (initially asked for the AGM, then changed to 1st board meeting after the AGM). Capital has agreed in principle to their walk-in events during the ANC, 2 Tuesday nights - eclectic. SCBC may look at something similar.

### **6. CBC report (SF)**

Nil to report

### **7. ABF report (SF)**

The most recent ABF communique is on their website. There isn't a GCC next year. In 2028 the ANC will be in Alice Springs. The WBC interim President is Ben Thompson from Australia. Andy Hung and Sartaj Hans won the final of the inaugural World Bridge Tour. ABF policies are being reviewed and MyABF is progressing.

### **8. General Business**

Discussion around attendance of VP, there may be unknown issues. President to follow up.

### **9. Next Meeting**

June 20th, 4:20pm, CBC face to face and zoom.

Meeting closed at 5:25pm