



## **BFACT Council Meeting**

4.30 pm Friday 20 June 2025 - Face to face (CBC) & Electronic (Zoom)

### **Minutes**

**Present:** Wendy Boxall, Roger Brake(e), Cathy Nichols, Niek Van Vucht, John Donovan(e), Stephen Fischer (CBC) (e), Toni Adams (Gungahlin) (e), David Clarkson (SCBC), Sherryn Datto (VP)

**Apologies:** Judy Harris (Cootamundra), Andrew Dawes (Monaro), Keith Huggan (Capital)

**Introduction:** President welcomes members

- 6. ANC Report (LC):** Locked in sponsors MailBoxesEtc (Printing), Abode (note Mercure is also part of the Accor family), TBIB. Possibly Fixed Income Solutions. An EOI has been sent out for the Tournament senior staff (Chief Tournament Director, Scorer etc) and locally for Directors. Waiting on responses. The ANC flyer is being distributed and a electronic version will also be available. This will be promoted more after July. President and LC to talk at this years ANC, at the Presentation get together. NT only has an Open team in this years ANC, and we'd like them to come to Canberra next year. Discussions have been held and it is understood to be a funding issue. Would like to put funds in the ANC budget for the NT team, to help them field more teams however it need BFACTs approval. Further discussions to be had, would like to see the ABF also contributing.

The ABF boards and cards need to be available after the Summer Festival to enable dealing in a timely manner. This year they have also been used for the Victorian Festival of Bridge (held in June, previously called the VCC). It is hoped that next year different arrangements will be made. ABF ED email mentioned that there are a number of events in the lead up the ANC that may require some boards, so board dealing schedules may need to adjust. The loan conditions from the ABF is that everything is returned in 'good order', including cleaned. There is a charge for the loan of the bridgemates and servers, but for the rest of the equipment listed there will be no charge. TBIB have advised that insurance is needed for equipment that leaves the Fyshwick premises, until it is returned. This would be insurance for the ABF to take out, possibly passing that charge on. It was noted that Director lists online are not kept upto date.

**Confirmation** of minutes of previous Council meeting of 9 May 2025 as circulated. Proposed NVV, seconded RB

### **Business arising from prior minutes if not covered in items below:**

Trophies - quote was received for updating the ANC Interstate Team trophies. Discussion around options, history etc, carried that BFACT will not progress with updating the trophies. BFACT especially thanks Lyn Carter for the work that has been put into cleaning and sorting out the trophies.

### **Standing Reports**

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

Sean Mullamphy passed away Wed night/early Thurs morning, quite a shock. Will miss him a lot, such a big part of bridge in the ACT. Meeting approved that President organise flowers and condolences.

The President welcomed Sherryn as the new Vice President. Sherryn gave a brief history of her bridge, having started in Harden 40 years ago and becoming involved in bridge initiatives and training in the surrounding region. BFACT is supporting the youth event on the weekend by supplying red master points. Talked on the



Director continuing education program, Ian Lisle did Illawarra, John McIlraith & Bruce Crossman did Canberra, with a good turnout, approx 15 each day. Secretary attended both days - a very good course, well received, a lot of the resources are on the NSW website. Gungahlin noted that there is still a need for a new directors course, will put something together before the next meeting - perhaps CBC should offer an invite to other Clubs for a Directors get together. ABF Presidents meeting tomorrow, sharing initiatives, marketing etc, to send agenda around.

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

Starting to work on accounts for end of FY, should have a decent surplus. Possibly a deficit for the following year. Thanks to all the clubs for their affiliation fees. Agreement with the Barry Turner fund regarding the subsidies for the ANC. Thoughts regarding next years affiliation fees, to leave the same.

President & Treasurer progressing with CiB, working on 3rd Director, Fella Hamilton has offered sponsorship. Marketing - will be sending out an email to those from last year. Query re workers compensation.

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

Peter Reynolds has organised Bernie Waters to take Sean's place in the Seniors team. Carried by the meeting that this is the best approach, totally appropriate. Working on September Gala Flyer, the Gala pairs will be early Sept. Last years minutes to be sent to Tournament Secretary in a collatable format. Tournament Secretary also to review the regs for CiB.

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

### **4. Notification of Out of Session Decision**

Resignation of Richard Hills as Vice President, appointment of Sherryn Dato to position.

Payment for extension of [bfact.au](http://bfact.au) domain name rights.

### **5. Masterpoint Secretary report**

GNOT still ongoing, clubs to submit teams. Not many entries for InterClub, has talked at a couple of congresses & emailed all Clubs (Sherryn to contact Moruya).

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

CBC sends their condolences to Sean's family. The options for the web hosting has been distributed, to be discussed next meeting.

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

Talked to the ABF communique, the player numbers are stable, there will changes to the format of the Spring Nationals, double elimination teams etc. There will be a 3 day match point pairs event at the Autumn Nationals, variety. ABF finances, a small surplus, mainly due to less development work. Expecting a small deficit next year. There have been conversations regarding the ABF model (re State/Territory format), for example if a counsellor wants to support their State/Territory but once on the Board has to look at bigger picture. Current Presidents has around 11mths left. Next AGM will be in conjunction with the Autumn Nationals in Adelaide. There has been a discontinuation of annual cards and promotional master point certificates. It was noted these are important for those starting out, is the ABF becoming impersonal, losing the personal touch.

### **9. General Business**

Youth players in the International team sent an email requesting funding. Noted that this is what the Barry Turner Fund is for. BFACT will be paying for the master points for the youth fundraiser to support these players.

### **10. Next Meeting**

Friday 25th July, 4:25pm Canberra Bridge Club (face to face) and Zoom.