



BFACT Council Meeting

4.35 pm Friday 10 October 2025 – F2F and Teams

Minutes

Attendees: Wendy Boxall (President), Roger Brake (Treasurer), Cathy Nichols (Vice President), Stephen Fischer (CBC), Keith Huggan (Capital), David Clarkson (South Canberra) and Tamara Cutcliffe (Secretary) in person and electronically Edie Grumley (Monaro), Niek Van Vucht (Tournament Secretary) and John Donovan (Masterpoint Secretary).

Apologies: Keith Huggan (Capital), Toni Adams (Gungahlin).

Introduction: President welcomed members, thanked the outgoing Secretary and welcomed the new Secretary.

Confirmation of minutes of previous Council meeting of 5 September 2025. Moved NVV, seconded CN CARRIED

Business arising from prior minutes: Revisited the need to schedule the 2026 AGM early. The meeting would prefer the AGM to be after Canberra in Bloom but recognized the need to avoid Spring Nationals and other major events. Also it will not be possible to combine it with the Gala Pairs if it is to be after Canberra in Bloom. Niek to consider further. Perhaps 5.30pm Tuesday prior to a Tuesday night competition could work.

Standing Reports

- 1. President's Report** - concentrating on Canberra in Bloom (CiB) A big thank you to Roger for all the work done on CiB. Survey of participants underway.
- 2. Treasurer's Report (& CiB) –**
CiB generally went off well. There were a few teething issues with catering, lighting, Regulations around Mixed Pairs and Open Pairs. CiB costs this year higher given higher expenses. Entries pleasingly 40% up on last year. Venue costs, moving costs, directors' costs, board dealing all higher than last year. Too early to report final financial result but we expect a small surplus. The survey will go out shortly and form a useful basis for next year's event and for ANC. Of key interest is the responsiveness of venue staff, ANC impact on CiB 2026 and capacity for further growth. Higher entries make program delivery more complex and more expensive.
The President moved a vote of thanks to Roger Brake and team on a well-orchestrated CiB 2025. Suggested some of the results and photos could go up on BFACT Website.
- 3. Tournament Secretary's Report** - Interclub Teams Survey about to go out.

Other Agenda Items (if not covered above)

- 4. Notification of Out of Session Decisions**
None

- 5. Masterpoint Secretary Report**

The President moved (seconded TC) that John Donovan be appointed BFACT Masterpoint Secretary for 2025-26. The motion was carried unanimously. John accepted the position and advised ABF Gold Point



Secretary David Anderson would allocate points from CIB event.

6. ANC Report (CN)

Cathy advised that important lessons had been learned from Canberra in Bloom that she and Lyn had taken on board. One is to use room dividers during the ANC.

7. ABF Report – covered by other items

8. General Business

WB advised the Bungendore Bridge Club is interested in transferring from Bridge NSW to BFACT. She is liaising with Dave Weston. Hopefully the change can be implemented by next meeting.

Edie Grumley advised all correspondence to Monaro should go to her via Monaro Bridge Club email address. Happily, the Cooma Congress is fully booked 22 tables – on 8 and 9 November.

9. Next Meeting

Next meeting is fully online of the 14 November at 5pm.

Meeting closed 5:25pm.