



BFACT Council Meeting

4.25 pm Friday 25 July 2025 - Face to face (CBC) & Electronic (Zoom)

MINUTES

Attendees (all electronic): Wendy Boxall, Sherryn Dato, Roger Brake, Cathy Nichols, Niek Van Vucht, John Donovan, Stephen Fischer (CBC), Keith Huggan (Capital), Toni Adams (Gungahlin)

Apologies: Judy Harris (Cootamundra), Andrew Dawes (Monaro)

Introduction: President welcomes members

Confirmation of minutes of previous Council meeting of 20 June 2025 (with typo amendments)

Business arising from prior minutes:

Problems with BFACT website - Council agreed that a new hosting site was needed, tasked to Niek & Stephen. First 2 options from Stephens paper looked OK, Niek to follow up, may need to be resolved outside of session, may need transition.

Standing Reports

1. President's Report (& Youth report)

Attended Presidents meeting, ABF to be a voice for smaller jurisdictions, likely to be a change in the structure - Councillors/Board Members, recognised problem regarding the Certificates - to let the Masterpoint Centre know that your Club wants them. Allison is stepping down at the end of the term. Enjoyed the ANC, a big thank you to the non-playing captains.

2. Treasurer's Report (& CiB)

End of FY, unaudited accounts show a healthy surplus (due to lower travel subsidies & CiB). Next year will depend on ANC. The last couple of years people have supplied incorrect bank account details, problematic (as currently not easy to trace where the problem is in a batch payment). Going forward propose that the default option be to pay via MyABF, discussed re there is now a 2% charge if people want to withdraw that money. Bank transfers (like Osko) are improving the data matching, another option is PayID. In future to ask players their preference. With the InterClub the host club and BFACT share the profit or loss, to be worked out with KH. Treasurer to supply regular financial statements for each meeting.

CiB registrations going well, at the moment 61 pairs for the Friday, 46 tables for the teams. Have been in contact with Jodi & Steve G to help with promotion for the novice/restricted. A number of directors are lined up. Partnership desk up & running. In discussion with Julian regarding BFACT & MyABF, ability to charge.

3. Tournament Secretary's Report

Council supported the move of selection dates (for ANC). Initial flyer for Gala Pairs sent out. Low numbers for InterClub, should it be continued? It will not be held in 2026, to look at any proposals next year. It was noted that ideal numbers are 20 teams minimum.

Other Agenda Items (if not covered above)



4. Masterpoint Secretary report

Inconsistency re sometimes the bill is via email, sometimes just online. Request for access to be given to Treasurer (they can then see the reports/invoices). Also noted that a backup Masterpoint Secretary is needed, Gungahlin may have someone who can do it.

5. ANC Report (CN or LC)

The website is live, any feedback welcome. In discussions regarding a request for reciprocal prizes with the Spring Nationals. The National Convention Bureau will add the 2026 ANC to their list of events that they send to their members.

6. CBC report (SF)

7. ABF report (SF or WB)

8. General Business

Very positive feedback from Gungahlin regarding the recent Directors course (John McIlraith a terrific resource). Still working on beginner Director training (refer to email), preliminary talk with a number of Clubs, possibly run a pilot. Capital 5-6 tables during winter, some have moved to day time or online. Please let players at your Club know there is a Partnership Desk for CiB and also if any can be subs. Jamieson bridge club (not affiliated) folded, some of the excess equipment has been passed to clubs at aged care facilities, for example Goodwin Crace. KH to send thank you to Kerry from Canberra Labor Club for their help with the InterClub.

9. Next Meeting

Meeting closed 5:15pm. Next meeting scheduled for Friday 5th September, online only, 4:25pm.