



## **BFACT Council Meeting**

4.35 pm Friday 5 September 2025 - Electronic (Zoom)

### **Minutes**

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

**Apologies:** David Clarkson, Alex Hewat, Edie Flanagan, Judy Harris

**Introduction:** President welcomes members

**Confirmation** of minutes of previous Council meeting of 25 July 2025. Moved KH, seconded SF.

**Business arising from prior minutes:** nil to report that won't be covered in upcoming agenda items.

#### **Standing Reports**

- 1. President's Report** - concentrating on Canberra in Bloom (CiB) and the upcoming AGM. A big thank you to Roger for all the work being done on CiB.
- 2. Treasurer's Report (& CiB)** - no change regarding 2024/25 figures, as circulated after last meeting. Has circulated a report for this meeting. Currently a loss of 11K due to ANC and CiB costs. Expectation is that there may be a small surplus or will break even for the year. The auditor is happy with the accounts, signatures needed (can then be put on the web & the link distributed). Will check to see if he will be able to do it next year. CiB is under control, currently 67 teams where last year it was full at 50. Negotiating the hire of another 2 rooms. The bandwidth is better than before. Invoices to be sent to treasurer@bfact.com.au. Quite a few people happy to volunteer.
- 3. Tournament Secretary's Report** - DreamIT change has gone quite well. Noted that it is part of the Aussiebroadband family and some at the meeting are shareholders. Any further decisions regarding the serviceprovider, to exclude those with shareholdings. Price is \$216/annum. Gala pairs coming up, currently 18 pairs for the Open & 8/10 for the other 2 categories. Clubs that held qualifying events have been invoiced. The CBC social secretary will be there to help, along with a number from the council. It will be a 4 session event, with the master point fee larger than previous years. The Masterpoint Secretary discussed how it is all worked out.

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

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

Acceptance of DreamIT Hosting proposal and payment.

Decision (in consultation with CBC) to hold the AGM at CBC on Friday 26th September, 4:30pm.

##### **5. ANC Report & AGM(CN)**

Lyn Carter is doing a lot on the ANC and it has been promoted at a number of congresses. There appears to be quite some interest in the Country Pairs & Teams championships, with some clubs already trying to work out their teams.

Thank you to Tournament Secretary for putting the AGM papers on the website, and clubs have been



notified (with links). It is after the afternoon bridge session, with refreshments. The council discussed the timing for the AGM and recommends to the next incoming council that serious consideration is given to move the AGM to the Friday following CiB (this eases constraints in the timing of the Gala pairs, getting the audited financial statements in time etc). To send out link for virtual connections.

## **6. Next Meeting**

Next meeting is the AGM, on the 26th September, would love to see as many as possible there, roll in nominations! Tentative date for the next general council meeting following that is Friday 10th October, face to face and virtual.

Meeting closed 5:25pm.