



BFACT

4.30pm Friday 29 May 2026 – via Teams

Minutes

Attendees: Wendy Boxall (President) (part), Cathy Nichols (Vice President), Roger Brake (Treasurer), Tamara Cutcliffe (Secretary), Niek Van Vucht (Tournament Secretary), John Donovan (Masterpoint Secretary) Edie Grumley (Monaro), Mary Tough (CBC), Keith Huggan (Capital) David Clarkson (South Canberra), Toni Adams (Gungahlin)

Apologies: Angela McGill (Bungendore), Judy Hillam (Cootamundra)

Confirmation of minutes of previous Council meeting of April 2026. Moved JD, seconded TC
CARRIED

Business arising from previous minutes: Canberra Teams – withdrawn from Country competition at the ANC. WB and MT to meet any disaffected parties.

Standing Reports

1. President's Report and ABF Report

Cathy Nichols advised Wendy Boxall had an appointment and would be late. Cathy reported on the following items.

Directors' Training has been set for 20 and 21 June at Canberra Bridge Club in Deakin. Starting times to be advised.

Equipment purchase. Sean Mullamphy's bridge equipment was discussed. Toni Adams requested 2 sets of 20 boards for a social group she was a member of. It was moved CN, seconded KH that BFACT purchase Sean Mullamphy's equipment. CARRIED.

New By Laws for ABF were circulated. An extraordinary meeting of ABF Council is scheduled for 10 June 2026 to vote on the By Laws. Any comments to WB please.

Emails from ABF for circulation to clubs were circulated by email. They included a marketing webinar, MyABF update, teaching materials and onboarding of new clubs.

Council discussed Youth Team permission forms for Under 18's.

The ABF April Council meeting in Adelaide confirmed Stephen Fischer as the new President, replacing outgoing President Alison Stralow. Other members include Richard Ward, Dagmar Neumann, Jenny Thompson and Alison Stralow as President Emeritus.

2. Treasurer's Report

Roger Brake - Financial reports circulated to Council, small misclassification between accrual years. There will be a surplus in 2025-26. A few more affiliation fees to roll in. Major



activities later in the year – ANC in July and CIB in October.

3. Tournament Secretary's Report

Niek Van Vucht – ANC teams are ready to go. 26 people have confirmed attendance at Victory Dinner including player representatives and chaperones.

The Calendar Committee will meet earlier this year.

4. Club Reports

Canberra Mary Tough

As Youth Coordinator visits to schools require first aid training, Mary advised they would like to coordinate training for all directors. Clubs meeting at licensed clubs had less need. It was considered that online training be investigated with BFACT contributing some of the cost.

South Canberra David Clarkson nil

Monaro Edie Grumley – Founding member recently passed away. Another member in hospital and 2 other members relocating.

ANC prizes to be discussed further with Cathy, Alex and Edie.

3 people from Cooma would attend the upcoming Director Training.

Edie was pleased to advise John Currie that CBC would not be participating in Country Championships and this was reported by John Currie to all in attendance at Wagga Wagga Congress last weekend.

Capital Keith Huggan/John Donovan – John Donovan/David Ferris Capital Club Champions. Online championships to be played in July/August.

Gungahlin Toni Adams – Gungahlin has had a trickle of new members now 71 members including a healthy number of away members who also play at CBC and other clubs. Dealing offsite once a month has improved operations. Volunteers are paid with bridge credits.

5. **ANC Report** Cathy Nichols ANC preparations continue. 7000 boards dealt. Lyn Carter advised by email that the Break even point was \$115,000. Entries to date total \$108,577 with Bridge NSW \$6160 yet to come.

6. **General Business** – In terms of attendances at the BFACT Director's training, attendees from outside BFACT will be asked to cover the cost of John McIlwraith's Call the Director at \$10.90 per copy.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting is 4.15 pm Friday 26 June at CBC premises in Deakin (tbc)



Meeting closed 5.35 pm.