



Minutes of BFACT Council Meeting 11 September 2026, F2F and Teams

Attendees: - Wendy Boxall (President), Cathy Nichols (Vice President), Tamara Cutcliffe (Secretary), Niek Van Vucht (Tournament Secretary), John Donovan (Masterpoint Secretary), Edie Flanagan-Grumley (Monaro), Angela McGill (Bungendore), Mary Tough (CBC), Toni Adams (Gunghalin), Keith Huggan (Capital), Elizabeth Yoo (CIB Congress Coordinator)

Apologies: Judy Hillam (Cootamundra) Roger Brake (Treasurer), David Clarkson (South Canberra), Lyn Carter (ANC Congress)

Confirmation of minutes of previous Council meeting of June and July 26, Moved EFG, seconded TA
CARRIED

Matters dealt with out of Session

That BFACT accepts the application to join from Batemans Bay Bridge Club and warmly welcomes them to our Federation.

Standing Reports

1. ANC Report. Lyn Carter's report on the ANC was circulated on 2 September. While Lyn was not present she had advised that the BFACT specific comments would be removed before forwarding to the ABF. Any comments appreciated by cob 12 September.

2. **President's Report**

Wendy Boxall - President BFACT

The Batemans Bay Bridge Club (BBBC) move was up in the air, with NSWBA's request ABF not accept BBBC's resignation from NSWBA.

Members noted that many more members will be disaffected if ABF deny the move. It was also noted that Cootamundra is much further away from Canberra than BBBC.

ABF correspondence requested a Women In Bridge contact. Angela McGill accepted the role for BFACT.

3. **Treasurer's Report (and CIB)**

Elizabeth tabled a draft running sheet on CIB. There are approximately 200 people per day expected. Sponsors are shoring up prizes and offerings. Wendy suggested we include sponsors on the website. There are presently 5 volunteers from CBC. Keith was requested to canvas volunteers from Capital.

4. **Tournament Secretary's Report**

Niek advised we would wait until CIB was finished before settling the calendar for 2027. He is about to take a holiday and will be back on Friday 2 October.



5. Club Reports

Gungahlin – Toni advised she is the continuing President following the AGM. Still investigating possible 2nd day.

CBC – Mary advised carparking on Wednesday mornings is difficult. The AGM is on 13 October

Capital – John invited other clubs to Thursday RB evening bridge run by Capital and South Canberra. He will resend the link to Cooma, Bungendore and Gungahlin.

Bungendore – Angela advised all steady at Bungendore. Welcome help and training from Monaro and Cathy in due course.

Monaro - Edie advised they have requested 2 new computers in a grants application process. Old computer and dealing machine will be passed on to Bungendore after new machines are operational. They have 25 tables for the Cooma Congress. Carter Bridge lessons being held 26/27 September.

South Canberra – Cathy advised on Wednesday morning they will undertake compscore initiation for new directors F2F.

6. General Business

InterClub Teams Congress. Edie and Niek advised a date had been settled – Saturday 10 July 2027. This coincided with the Hobart ANC, however was considered to be pitched at a lower level with 3 categories – Seniors, Novice/Restricted and Intermediate Teams. 3 teams from each club invited to attend. It will be held at the Cooma Car Club. Entry approximately \$150 per team. CIB entry prizes for the winners. BFACT agreed in principle to subsidize lunch – soup and sandwiches. BFACT will provide masterpoints. John Donovan secured as Tournament Director.

It was suggested that Sapphire Coast, Mollymook, Moruya and of course BBBC be invited. It was noted that Tumbarumba and Tumut no longer operational.

Wendy advised BFACT AGM in mid to late October after CIB.

The meeting closed at 5.14pm.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting is 5pm Friday 9 October on Teams following the afternoon bridge at the Canberra Bridge Club,