



BFACT Council Meeting

5.00pm Monday 2 August 2024 Electronic Conference

MINUTES:

Present: Cathy Nichols, John Niven, Roger Brake, Niek Van Vucht, Mary Tough, John Donovan & Keith Huggan

Apologies: Andrew Dawes, Judy Harris, Toni Adams

President opened Council meeting at 17.00 & welcomed members to meeting.

Confirmation of previous Minutes:

Minutes of Tuesday 4th June - waiting on confirmation of changes. Minutes of Friday 28th June to be sent out with both to be approved via email prior to next meeting.

Business arising from previous minutes:

The ABF has sent through a pre publication version for the ABF magazine, the promised communique outlining the reasoning behind the ongoing fee increases applicable from 2025.

Ongoing matters:

BFACT constitution review & update (RB etc)

Proposal to List Member Clubs Contact Details on BFACT Website ongoing (JN)

Working group to look at acknowledgment/life membership. (CN)

BFACT policy covering Child Safe Strategy/Working with Vulnerable People. (CN)

STANDING REPORTS

President's Report (CN):

Noted that the communique lacked detail & not sure why MyABF needs the scoring system to be incorporated in it. WA noted that the draft communique excluded the 'seed' funding (ABF Technology Fund) that is going to be provided by all States & Territories via re-direction of their Masterpoint Commission (Resolution 4). They also asked if Stripe was the most cost-effective option for the ABF and clubs, with the narrative in the article indicating actual transaction costs are higher than 2%.

The ABF newsletter (which has the final version) was sent out via email on Thursday 1st August & is also available on the MyABF website.

Noted that there were low numbers in this years ABF Club Knockouts, including a reduced number of teams from Canberra.

Noted the very low numbers registered for the Gala pairs. The impact of the GNOT scheduling change (hence change to scheduling the Gala pairs) together with other congresses (or holidays) may have an impact.

The working group for the 2026 ANC currently has Lyn Carter and Wendy Boxall to assist.

Ian Thomson has been in contact with Rob Ward (convenor of 2024 ANC), to get relevant information regarding venue requirements for the ANC. Note that in 2026, this will be the first time that there is the ANC and CiB. To work out the best approach.



Treasurers Report (RB)

Not a lot of change since last meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled: Friday 30th August, 5pm.

Meeting closed 6pm.