

## Minutes of a General Meeting of the Board of Directors

District 2, ACBL

March 31, 2018

MINUTES of a General Meeting of the Board of Directors of District 2 of the American Contract Bridge League held at the Shopsy's Restaurant, Sheraton Centre, 123 Queen Street West, Toronto, Ontario on March 31, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

Directors present:

Ontario 166	David Halasi, David McCrady, Andy Risman, proxies for Carol Bongard, Sharon Berghaus
Manitoba 181	Shirley Galler, proxy for Douglas Fisher
Sault International 212	Arlene Smith, proxy for Ian McKay
Northwestern Ontario 228	Francis Gaudino, Shirley Bent
Northeastern 238	Marc Langevin
Trent Valley 246	Linda Lord, Evelyn Caroline, Marilyn Maher
Southwestern Ontario 249	Tom Ramsay, Jed Drew, Jennifer Verdam-Woodward (for Hazel Hewit)
Niagara 255	Wiebe Hoogland, Muriel Tremblay
Bermuda 198	no member present

Being a quorum of Directors of the Corporation.

Also present:

Paul Janicki, ACBL District 2 Director  
Gary Westfall, District 2 Auditor  
Graham Warren, Tournament Coordinator  
Flo Belford, District 2 Executive Assistant

The President, Francis Gaudino took the Chair, and Flo Belford acted as Secretary of the meeting.

The Chair stated that in accordance with the by-laws of the Corporation, notice of the meeting had been e-mailed to all members of the Committee and a quorum of the members of the Committee being present (in person or by proxy), he declared the meeting properly called and constituted for the transaction of business.

Francis Gaudino welcomed everyone to the meeting, and introductions were made.

### 1. Minutes of 2017 Meeting

**Moved** by Shirley Galler, seconded by Wiebe Hoogland,  
***That the minutes of the General Meeting of the Board of Directors held on April 15, 2017 be approved.*** **Carried**

## 2. Business Arising from the Minutes

### a) Grassroots

- Games are held at clubs in May
- The money raised goes back to the units to help promote I/N bridge – speakers, reception, free games to volunteers, create atmosphere to encourage new players to attend and continuing playing
- Funds are not to be used to discount games – reason for this is that players play for discounted game but then do not stay and play, Tom Ramsay advised that the unit can provide discount for games
- Motion was passed last year allowing each unit to apply once for funds depending on their table count to use for I/N bridge, motion stated the funds must be applied for within two years
- Concern was raised at earlier meeting the extra charge is \$1.00 U.S. funds. That means we must charge \$1.25 Can. If we only charged the \$1.00 this would cost the ACBL \$500 in exchange, Paul Janicki will put a motion forward to the ACBL Board of Directors asking that Canadian clubs be allowed to charge \$1.00 Can. For the Grassroots games
- Discussion that we should push these games, Francis Gaudino will create a flyer and send out to the clubs

**Action:** Paul Janicki will present a motion to the ACBL Board of Governors asking that Canadian clubs be allowed to charge \$1.00 Can. for the Grassroots games.

**Action:** Francis Gaudino will create a flyer to promote the Grassroots games and send it out to the clubs

### b) Exchange Rate

- Concern was raised last year regarding the exchange rate the ACBL charges
- For years it has been a floating month to month rate
- The ACBL has now decided that the exchange rate will be set for the year on April 1 each year
- Question as to why the directors are paid in U.S. funds when they are working in Canadian, director fees go to the ACBL and they pay the directors
- Paul Janicki advised that the ACBL is looking into setting up a Canadian subsidiary

## 3. President's Report

Francis Gaudino thanked all the volunteers. He said these are thankless jobs and appreciated the work people put into helping bridge. It is easier to get things done when you have a group like he had to work with.

The Webmaster position was filled. Question as to why the minutes for 2017 are not posted. We usually do not post minutes until they are approved. Decision was made that minutes will be posted on the website stating that they are not as yet approved, draft only.

#### 4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was included in the meeting package.

- Gary Westfall, auditor advised that the District is in a good financial position, has almost \$42,000 in assets
- District made about \$1,000. Last year
- Question was asked if we could move our money to better investments that would pay more
- David Halasi will send info to Shirley Galler so she can look into this

**Action:** David Halasi will send info re investment opportunities to Shirley Galler.

**Moved** by Shirley Galler, seconded by Linda Lord,  
***That the Financial Reports for 2017 be accepted.***

**Carried**

a) The 2018 Budget was included in the meeting package. Note: There was a typo error on the document. 2017 Subsidies should be 2,500.00. The 2019 Budget document was included in the meeting package.

b) The proposed 2019 budget figures were presented.

**Moved** by Shirley Galler, seconded by David Halasi,  
***That the 2019 budget as presented be approved.***

**Carried**

**Action:** Flo Belford will send out the 2019 budget.

#### 5. Honorariums

**Moved** by David Halasi, seconded by Wiebe Hoogland,  
***That the following honoraria be awarded for 2017:***

<b><i>Treasurer</i></b>	<b><i>700.</i></b>
<b><i>Executive Assistant</i></b>	<b><i>1,600.</i></b>
<b><i>NAOP Coodinator</i></b>	<b><i>500.</i></b>
<b><i>GNT Coordinator</i></b>	<b><i>500.</i></b>
<b><i>Tournament Coodinator</i></b>	<b><i>250.</i></b>
<b><i>Webmaster</i></b>	<b><i>250.</i></b>

**Carried**

#### 6. North American Open Pairs, Flight A, B, and C

The report was included in the meeting package.

A discussion regarding the winners of Flight A and subsidy raised the following points:

- There is usually one site in Winnipeg and one in Toronto
- Concern that the winners always came from one site, fields might not be equal
- Winners receive \$700 subsidy from ACBL, second place receives \$300

- We select first place from both sites, and top up subsidy so each team receives \$700.
- Discussion re third place team – should it be based on overall score or number of tables at each site
- Suggestion that if there is a 2 to 1 ratio of the number of tables at one site as opposed to the other, then third place should come from the site with more tables
- The extra dollar that players pay to qualify at the club goes to the ACBL into the fund to provide players' subsidies
- In Flights B and C there are usually at least three sites, and the fields are more evenly balanced

**Moved** by Tom Ramsay, seconded by Wiebe Hoogland,  
***That in Flight A of the NAP if there are only two sites playing and the number of tables at one site is at least twice the number of tables at the other site then the third place pair will come from the site that has more tables.***

**Carried**

**Moved** by David Halasi, seconded by Tom Ramsay,  
***That in Flights A and B of the NAP the top three teams will be selected by score.***

**Carried**

## **7. Grand National Teams**

The report was included in the meeting package.

Martin Hunter has agreed to coordinate the NAP and GNT next year.

## **8. 2017 Tournament Reports**

Some copies of the Trent Valley, Orillia 246 report were distributed. Linda Lord advised she would e-mail the report to all the directors.

**Moved** by David Halasi, seconded by Tom Ramsay,  
***That the 2017 Regional Tournament Reports from Toronto 166, Trent Valley 246, and Niagara Falls 166 be accepted.***

**Carried**

**Action:** Linda Lord will send a copy of the Trent Valley, Orillia 246 Regional Tournament report to all the District 2 board directors.

## **9. 2018 Regional Tournaments**

The following regionals are scheduled for 2018: Toronto 166, Kitchener 249, Sudbury 238, and Manitoba 181. Sault Ste. Marie 212 postponed their 2017 regional as it was too close to the Toronto Nationals.

## 10. Tournament Scheduling

### a) Allocation of Regionals

- Sault Ste. Marie postponed their 2017 Regional Tournament as it was too close to the Toronto NABC. That tournament is now available. Can be scheduled up to 2020.
- Sault Ste. Marie does not want to host it, they are willing to split a regional with another unit
- Unit 255 now has the 2019 regional that was assigned to Unit 166
- Options as to who should be assigned the postponed tournament were discussed
- Option: District hold the tournament
- Option: Unit 166 be given the tournament since they gave Unit 255 their 2019 regional
- Andy Risman advised that if the District held the tournament they would have to register and remit HST
- If Unit 166 is given this tournament this would compensate them for the one they gave to Unit 255

**Moved** by Tom Ramsay, seconded by Jed Drew,

***That the postponed regional tournament originally awarded to Sault Ste. Marie be awarded to Unit 166.*** **Carried 7 - 3**

Unit 166, Unit 212, one rep from Unit 228 abstained.

The future scheduling of Regionals was discussed. The addition of Unit 255 means the scheduling needs to be changed.

- David Halasi and Francis Gaudino submitted proposals for the future schedule
- District 2 has 4 Regionals a year, Unit 166 has one every year at Easter
- There are 4 southern units and 4 northern units
- Francis Gaudino advised that Unit 228 is willing to piggy back on southern regionals which would free up some regionals from the north
- We can split regionals which means there are two locations going on at same time and is sanctioned as one regional, can only have one split per year
- If our District gets 1500 more players or has a regional that has more than 3000 tables two years in a row then we would be eligible for another regional
- Paul Janicki advised that there is a Non Life Master regional where you can also run a sectional with it, one per year

Option 1

2020	249	246	255
2021	166	181	238
2022	249	246	255
2023	166	181	238

Option 2			
2020	238	181	249
2021	249	246	255
2022	166	246	238
2023	249	181	255
2024	166	246	238
2025	249	246	255
2026	166	181	238

Sault Ste. Marie and Winnipeg would have first option on splits.

**Moved** by David Halasi, seconded by Andy Risman,  
***That the District adopt Option 2 for scheduling Regional tournaments starting in 2020.***  
**Carried**

**Moved** by David Halasi, seconded by Tom Ramsay,  
***That any new unit that joins our District must wait five years before being awarded a regional.***

**Moved** by Jed Drew,  
***That any new unit that joins our District must wait four years before being awarded a regional.***

David Halasi and Tom Ramsay accepted this motion as a friendly amendment.

***Motion as amended was Carried*** 4 opposed

The CBF holds regionals and we do not get table fees from them. Francis Gaudino suggested that we charge them a \$3.00 table fee. The CBF had changed the date of a regional which conflicted with our tournament. CBF Regionals effect our sectionals.

**Moved** by David Halasi  
***That the District \$3.00 levy per table per applied to all regional tournaments in our District including CBF's tournaments.***

There was no seconder for the motion.

## **11. ACBL Director's Report – Paul Janicki**

Paul Janicki advised that his written report will be sent out in about a week. He reported the following items:

- Had 3 days of meetings in Philadelphia
- Senior age is being raised by ACBL from 60 to 65, the World Bridge has raised it
- WBA would like to have the world championships in Canada, but the funding they requested was too high – they are reconsidering the amount required
- Regarding the cheating scandal – the players are going from one to court to another – we cannot really bring this issue to justice

- Board of Directors passed a motion for a new convention chart, effective in Hawaii – there is a campaign to acquaint people with changes
- Regionals at sea – the ACBL may sponsor up to 8 per year
- REACH tournament at clubs were held to provide opportunity for players to win gold points at clubs – we should get some of the money raised from this
- District does not have a Board of Governors' rep. We are looking for players who attend the Nationals to be our reps, need 3
- Please submit nominations to Paul for the Goodwill Committee
- Paul has \$1,000 U.S. funds to donate to a local charity, it must be a charity with an official government number, please submit suggestions to Paul
- CBF also has money to give to charity
- District youth players only pay \$5.00 to play at regionals – District policy
- Units offer the same fee but it would be their own policy
- Paul is looking for a successor – he will be retiring in 3 years

### **13. NABC 2017 Report**

The financial report was included in the meeting package. Flo Belford will send out the written report.

**Action:** Flo Belford will send out the written report to the Board members.

### **15. School Bridge Report – Flo Belford**

Flo Belford reported that there were 420 students at the Annual School Bridge Tournament on Monday. This number was down from other years due to a number of reasons. Three of our youth players attended, two of them spoke briefly to the students. There were problems with traffic and bussing which caused the students to have less time to play. The students as usual enjoyed themselves and the trophies. A tremendous thanks goes out to all the volunteers and to Unit 166 for covering the costs of this event. Flo recommended that due to the traffic and bussing concerns that each unit should hold their own event in the future.

### **17. Webmaster Report**

Al Houston is our webmaster. He has requested that information be submitted in a PDF format.

Francis Gaudino suggested that we should set a policy on what should be posted on the website and who should be submitting it.

Information to be posted should include the minutes from the District meetings and the tournament schedule. Minutes that have not been approved as yet will be identified as "Draft" copy.

**Moved** by Arlene Smith, seconded by Jed Drew,  
**That information to go on the District website be sent to the Executive Committee for approval, and will then be submitted by the President to the Webmaster.**

**Carried**

**18. Election of Officers**

Francis Gaudino called for nominations for President.

**Moved** by Tom Ramsay, seconded by Arlene Smith,  
***That David Halasi be nominated for President.***

There being no other nominations for President, David Halasi was declared President.

David Halasi assumed the chair and called for nominations for Vice-President.

**Moved** by Shirley Galler, seconded by Wiebe Hoogland,  
***That Tom Ramsay be nominated for Vice-President.***

There being no further nominations, Tam Ramsay was declared Vice-President.

David Halasi called for nominations for Treasurer.

**Moved** by Arlene Smith, seconded by Andy Risman,  
***That Shirley Galler be nominated for Treasurer.***

There being no further nominations, Shirley Galler was declared Treasurer.

David Halasi thanked Francis Gaudino for his many years of service.

**19. Appointment of Executive/Planning Committee 2018-19**

The following members were appointed to the Executive/Planning Committee.

Shirley Galler	181	Tom Ramsay	249	Marc Langevin	238
David Halasi	166	Linda Lord	246	Francis Gaudino	228
Arlene Smith	212	Wiebe Hoogland	255		

**20. Appointments**

The following appointments were made:

Executive Assistant	Flo Belford
Appellate Chair	David Turner
Disciplinary Chair	Lew Richardson
Recorder	Jim Green
Tournament Coordinator	Graham Warren
Legal Counsel	Jordan Cohen
Education Liaison	Hazel Hewitt
School Bridge Coordinator	Flo Belford



## 21. Other Business

a) The Northern Units requested reimbursement for travel, hotel, and meals for two days for the reps to attend the District meetings.

The Agenda Planning Committee discussed this issue and recommends that we hold all the meetings on Good Friday each year. The Agenda Planning meeting would start at 10:30 followed by the Agenda A and B meetings. The General Meeting of the Board of Directors (Agenda C) would start at 1:00 p.m.

One rep per unit receives reimbursement for transportation and per diem.

**Moved** by Arlene Smith, seconded by Francis Gaudino,  
***That the reimbursement policy for reps to attend the District meetings remain the same which includes travel and per diem for one rep.*** **Carried**

## 22. New Business

a) Unit rebate of table fees from District to promote I/N bridge

A motion was passed at the 2017 meeting that each unit could apply once for a rebate of their table fees from the District over the next two years to promote I/N bridge

Muriel Tremblay asked if this timeline could be extended to 2021 which would allow their new Unit 255 to apply.

**Moved** by Muriel Tremblay, seconded by Tom Ramsay,  
***That the period of time to apply for the rebate of table fees from the District be extended to 2019.*** **Carried**

b) District By-laws

Paul Janicki suggested we need to update the District by-laws. Wiebe Hoogland, Muriel Tremblay, Arlene Smith, and Paul Janicki offered to review them.

c) Regional Unit 212

Arlene Smith advised that Unit 212 has a Regional in 2019 which is not being shared.

## 23. Date and Location of 2019 Meeting

Sheraton Centre, Sheraton Hall on playing floor, 1:00 p.m.

24. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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Chairperson

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Secretary of Meeting

