

**Minutes of a General Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
District 2, ACBL  
April 2, 2022 – Agenda C (Draft)

MINUTES of a General Meeting of the Board of Directors of District 2 of the American Contract Bridge League held online using the Zoom application on Saturday, April 2, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

Directors present:

Ontario 166	Andy Risman, David McCrady
Manitoba 181	Shirley Galler
Sault International 212	Carol Thomas (proxy for Ian McKay)
Northwestern Ontario 228	Shirley Bent
Northeastern 238	Millie Wood Colton
Trent Valley 246	Medhat Fawzy
Southwestern Ontario 249	Tom Ramsay, Jed Drew, Jennifer Verdam-Woodward, Ted Boyd
Niagara 255	Wiebe Hoogland, Muriel Tremblay
Bermuda 198	Peter Donnellan

Being a quorum of Directors of the Corporation.

Also present:

Gary Westfall, District 2 Auditor  
Graham Warren, Tournament Coordinator  
Flo Belford, District 2 Director, Executive Assistant  
Jonathan Steinberg, ACBL Region 1 Director  
Michael Yang, Youth Bridge Coordinator  
Nancy Jacobson

The President, Tom Ramsay 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.

Tom Ramsay welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **1. Minutes of 2021 Meeting**

**Moved** by Wiebe Hoogland, seconded by Jennifer Verdam-Woodward,  
***That the minutes of the General Meeting of the Board of Directors held on April 3, 2021 be approved.*** Carried

### **2. Business Arising from the Minutes**

- a) District online novice game
- Participation numbers were ok
  - Made about \$500 from program
  - Info regarding game is sent to all eligible players
  - Invite should say it is from District
  - Decision made to continue the game

**Action:**

- Darlene Scott will provide a report to the District for the novice online game
- Darlene Scott will change the invite to say it is from District 2
- Invite will be sent through Pianola
- Darlene will send invite info to Jennifer Verdam-Woodward who will send out to all unit reps and presidents

**3. President's Report - Tom Ramsay**

- District had no tournaments in 2021
- Easter Regional 2022 is cancelled
- Change to f2f bridge is going slowly

**4. Treasurer's Report - Shirley Galler**

a) The financial statements as at December 31, 2021 were presented. Shirley Galler reported the following:

- We had \$591 income from Grassroots, ACBL, and NAP
- Income will be adjusted when we receive the \$500 from the Novice online game
- Expenses were the honorariums
- We do not have meeting expenses because we meet on zoom now
- Flight A NAP team played in Reno, Shirley issued four subsidy cheques of \$400

**Moved** by Shirley Galler, seconded by Ted Boyd  
***That the Financial Reports for 2021 be accepted.***

**Carried**

**ACTION: Shirley Galler and Gary Westfall will discuss investing some money.**

- b) Extending Novice Reimbursement
- Decision to extend this program until regional in 2023

**Moved** by Muriel Tremblay, seconded by Millie Wood Colton,  
***That the Novice Reimbursement program be extended until regional in 2023.***

**Carried**

**5. Budget**

The proposed budget for 2023 was presented and discussed. We will meet on Zoom so we will not have the Directors' Meeting expense.

Moved by Shirley Galler, seconded by Shirley Bent,  
***That the proposed 2023 budget as presented be approved.***

**CARRIED**

## **6. Honorariums**

Moved by Medhat Fawzy, seconded by Millie Wood Colton  
***That the following honorariums for 2021 be approved,***

- ***Treasurer*** ***500***
- ***Secretary*** ***1200***
- ***GNT Coordinator*** ***500***
- ***NAP Coodinator*** ***500***
- ***Webmaster*** ***250***
- ***Tournament Coordinator*** ***250***

**CARRIED**

## **7. NAP**

- Report was sent out prior to meeting
- Martin Hunter is retiring from Coordinator position
- Tom Ramsay encouraged everyone to participate in the qualifying games, not sure if they will be online or f2f

## **8. GNT**

- Report was sent out prior to meeting
- Martin Hunter is retiring from Coordinator position
- Martin has set up schedule to run qualifying games on line in June

**Action: Andy Risman will look for a new NAP and GNT Coordinator.**

## **9. Tournament Reports - no reports**

## **10. Tournament Scheduling**

Moved by Andy Risman, seconded by Muriel Tremblay,  
***That the 2028 Regional Tournaments be assigned to Units 166, 166, 246, 238 and Bermuda.***

**CARRIED**

- Peter Donnellan advised that Bermuda has only one venue they can use for a Regional and it is being redeveloped so they will not be holding the tournament in 2023
- Linda Lord advised that their usual venue for the Regional is not available so they are looking for a site
- The Non Life Master Regional is awarded to 166 and 246 in alternate years

## **11. Reports**

- a) ACBL Regional Director's Report – Jonathan Steinberg
- ACBL has revised their cell phone policy to relax the rules
  - Committees are working on plans to encourage return to f2f, lots of ideas, not sure when the plans will be implemented, want to offer both ways to play, clubs are good at getting new members
  - There were complaints about consortiums online games effecting the smaller clubs
  - There were complaints about cheating on BBO
  - There is a major change on ethical front about how ACBL will be handling ethical cases

- Committee is working on new technology to detect cheaters so that cases are dealt with faster, they are changing how cases are handled, will not go to arbitration
- Robb Gordon is no longer the ACBL Recorder as of April 1, 2022
- There have been a lot of IT problems, they are spending a lot of money on it and hope to see improvements shortly
- The financial report last year is misleading as they received 1.5 M grant from the government
- Budget is for a loss this year

## 12. New Business

### a) Royal Stac Games

- District can run a Royal Stac Game week before the end of April
- These games are f2f only
- 25% gold, 25% silver, 25% red, 25% black
- Extra fee of \$4.00 U.S. per table
- Decision to hold this event the last week of April
- Need a Coordinator and info sent out to Units

**Action: Andy Risman will look into getting Coordinator of the event**

**Action: Jennifer Verdam-Woodward will send out info to the units when she receives it**

## 13. Election of Officers 2022-23

**Moved** by Shirley Galler, seconded by Wiebe Hoogland,  
***That Andy Risman be nominated for President.***

There being no further nominations, Andy Risman was declared President.

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

There being no further nominations, Wiebe Hoogland was declared Vice-President.

**Moved** by Medhat Fawzy, seconded by Wiebe Hoogland,  
***That Shirley Galler be nominated for Treasurer.***

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

## 14. Appointment of Executive/Planning Committee

One rep from each Unit was appointed to the Executive/Planning Committee. The reps for 2022-23 are: Ted Boyd 249, Shirley Galler 181, Shirley Bent 228, Linda Lord 246, Wiebe Hoogland 255, Ian McKay 212, Millie Wood Colton 238, Andy Risman 166, and Peter Donnellan 198.

Flo Belford is retiring from the position of Executive Assistant. Jennifer Verdam-Woodward is taking over the position.

## 15. Other Business

- Andy Risman thanked Tom Ramsay for all of his hard work as President and Director over the many years he served on the Board.

- Wiebe Hoogland asked if anyone is interested in being a rep on the Advisory Council, their meetings are held virtually and f2f

**16. Date for 2023 District meetings**

- The Agenda Planning meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on April 1, 2023
- The Annual Meeting of the Members (Agenda A/B) and General Meeting of the Board of Directors (Agenda C) will be held on April 1, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

**17. Adjournment**

**Moved by** Wiebe Hoogland, seconded by Shirley Bent,  
***That this meeting be adjourned.***

**CARRIED**

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Chairperson

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Secretary of the Meeting