



**ACBL UNIT 255 NIAGARA AREA**  
**Minutes of the First Annual General Meeting**  
 Held on Saturday, March 3, 2018, 4:30 pm at  
 The Bridge Centre of Niagara

**Present:** Approximately 80 members of the Unit 255, including 10 Board Members & Chairs: Muriel Tremblay, Paul Cronin, Elinor Grill, Wiebe Hoogland, Chandi Jayawardena, Chris Loat, John Mackay, Lucy McEwen, Kathy Morrison and Claude Tremblay

#	Item	Action
1	<p><b>Welcome from the President</b></p> <p>Muriel made the welcome and called the meeting to order.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Official name of the Unit is: Niagara Area Unit #255</li> <li>• The process to form the new unit was initiated in spring 2017 and approval from ACBL received in Fall. The unit became official on December 1, 2017</li> </ul>	
2	<p><b>Introduction of Original Committee to Petition ACBL for our own Unit</b></p> <p>a. Claude Tremblay (<b>Tournament Chair</b>) – Led the negotiations with Unit 166 and obtained approximately 11% of Unit 166 assets for Unit 255. Also negotiated for Unit 255 to organize Niagara Falls 2019 Regional on mutually beneficial terms with Unit 166. Will include a new spring sectional in NOTL and organize regular unit championship games in Niagara region.</p> <p>b. Paul Cronin (<b>Disciplinary Chair</b>) – As tournaments are well run, no major issues.</p> <p>c. Lorna Johnson – It has been a long journey for us to get our own unit. Very happy with the progress made by Unit 255 in a short time.</p> <p>d. Muriel Tremblay (<b>President</b>) – Unit 255 has a strong Board. Muriel introduced members of the Board and Chairs and requested them to briefly explain their roles.</p>	
3	<p><b>Introduction of Board of Directors and Committee Chairs</b></p> <p>a. Wiebe Hoogland, <b>Vice President &amp; D2 Representative</b> – Represents Unit 255 at District 2 Board, with Muriel, who has done lot of hard work.</p> <p>b. Chris Loat, <b>Treasurer &amp; Recorder</b> – Expecting our 11% of assets from Unit 166 (approximately \$18,000) soon. In spite of a loss of \$2,500 (owing to bad weather) from Winter Sectional, Unit 255 is having a positive cash flow. Also works closely with Paul regarding any complaints relevant to future changes.</p> <p>c. Chandi Jayawardena, <b>Secretary, Education and Publicity</b> – Prepares minutes and keeps records, develops and promotes educational activities, coordinates PR and publicity.</p> <p>d. Kathy Morrison, <b>Membership, Webmaster and Electronic Contact</b> – Keeps a track of member movement (currently over 400), keeps in touch with ACBL and maintains the website with help from Muriel and Janet Glazebrook.</p>	

	<p>e. Lucy McEwen, <b>I/N Coordinator &amp; Social Planner</b> – As 65% of Unit’s members have fewer than 299 masterpoints, focuses on that majority’s needs. Also looks after social events such as AGM social.</p> <p>f. Elinor Grill, <b>Member at Large</b> – Supports Unit’s activities.</p> <p>g. John Mackay, <b>Auditor</b> – Looked after registration and will handle annual audit.</p>																																																															
4	<p><b>Review of By-Law</b></p> <p>Muriel read Unit’s By-Law and sought approval by membership vote. After a few clarifications, it was unanimously approved by vote of show of hands. Muriel will make changes that were identified and Kathy will publish on our website.</p>	Muriel Kathy																																																														
5	<p><b>Unit 255 Masterpoint Race Winners for 2017</b></p> <p>ACBL certificates were awarded to following winners for the year:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2">Category (Masterpoint range)</th> <th colspan="2">Mini McKenny Race (masterpoints earned at clubs + tournaments)</th> <th rowspan="2">Ace of Clubs Race Winners (masterpoints earned at clubs)</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Total Masterpoints earned in 2017 (except online)</th> <th>Winners</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>0 to 5</td> <td>34</td> <td>Lance Turcotte</td> <td>Lance Turcotte</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5 to 20</td> <td>58</td> <td>Tom Perris</td> <td>Tom Perris</td> </tr> <tr> <td>20 to 50</td> <td>28</td> <td>Lata A. Kaderali</td> <td>Lata A. Kaderali</td> </tr> <tr> <td>50 to 100</td> <td>124</td> <td>D'Arcy Cropp</td> <td>D'Arcy Cropp</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100 to 200</td> <td>134 134</td> <td>Donald Menhennet Darlene Menhennet</td> <td>Donald Menhennet Darlene Menhennet</td> </tr> <tr> <td>200 to 300</td> <td>121</td> <td>Chandi Jayawardena</td> <td>Chandi Jayawardena</td> </tr> <tr> <td>300 to 500</td> <td>120</td> <td>Malcolm Ross</td> <td>Sandra M. Felton</td> </tr> <tr> <td>500 to 1000</td> <td>91</td> <td>Liz A. Bryers</td> <td>Robert D. Forster</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1000 to 1500</td> <td>120</td> <td>Dennis Glazebrook</td> <td>Ed N. Hills</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1500 to 2500</td> <td>214</td> <td>John G. Mackay</td> <td>John G. Mackay</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2500 to 3500</td> <td>493</td> <td>Andrew G. Russell</td> <td>Andrew G. Russell</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3500 to 5000</td> <td>359</td> <td>Brian G. Macartney</td> <td>Brian G. Macartney</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5000 to 7500</td> <td>479</td> <td>Jeremy L. Smee</td> <td>Jeremy L. Smee</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Category (Masterpoint range)	Mini McKenny Race (masterpoints earned at clubs + tournaments)		Ace of Clubs Race Winners (masterpoints earned at clubs)	Total Masterpoints earned in 2017 (except online)	Winners	0 to 5	34	Lance Turcotte	Lance Turcotte	5 to 20	58	Tom Perris	Tom Perris	20 to 50	28	Lata A. Kaderali	Lata A. Kaderali	50 to 100	124	D'Arcy Cropp	D'Arcy Cropp	100 to 200	134 134	Donald Menhennet Darlene Menhennet	Donald Menhennet Darlene Menhennet	200 to 300	121	Chandi Jayawardena	Chandi Jayawardena	300 to 500	120	Malcolm Ross	Sandra M. Felton	500 to 1000	91	Liz A. Bryers	Robert D. Forster	1000 to 1500	120	Dennis Glazebrook	Ed N. Hills	1500 to 2500	214	John G. Mackay	John G. Mackay	2500 to 3500	493	Andrew G. Russell	Andrew G. Russell	3500 to 5000	359	Brian G. Macartney	Brian G. Macartney	5000 to 7500	479	Jeremy L. Smee	Jeremy L. Smee					
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6	<p><b>Motion to Approve All Action Taken by the Unit 255 Board of Directors</b>          Brian Picton moved the motion and Lane Byl seconded. All in favour. Carried.</p>	
7	<p><b>Upcoming Event - Rookie-Master Game</b>          Muriel announced that sign-ups have been promising and a record turn-out (largest in the country) is expected for the event on April 17 in NOTL.</p>	<p>Muriel          Claude          Lucy</p>
8	<p><b>Questions from Members and Answers from the Board</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brian Macartney – Can the Unit 255 ensure that only “real” rookies are allowed play at 0-50 masterpoint category for the Rookie-Master event? – Yes, the Unit will ensure this.</li> <li>• May Richardson – Should a rookie must be an ACBL member to take part in the Rookie-Master event – No</li> <li>• Brian Picton – Can the Rookie-Master event be restricted? – No, CBF organizes this Canada-wide event as an open game.</li> <li>• Valerie Gardener – Are we continuing to rent Bridgemates from Unit 166? Not decided yet.</li> <li>• John Stevens – Moved that the Board of Director appointments are ratified by general membership. Nancy Haskell seconded. All in favor. Carried.</li> </ul>	<p>Muriel</p> <p>Claude</p>
9	<p><b>Adjournment</b>          Chris Loat moved that the AGM be adjourned and Kathy Morrison seconded. All in favour and meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm. The AGM was followed by the first social of the Unit 255 and the first special game of the Unit 255.</p>	