



## Minutes of the Board of Director's Meeting

Monday, June 4, 2018, 4:30 pm

Bridge Centre of Niagara

**Present:** Muriel Tremblay, Elinor Grill, Wiebe Hoogland, Chris Loat, Lucy McEwen,  
Kathy Morrison, Chandi Jayawardena

**In Attendance:** Paul Cronin, Claude Tremblay

**Excused:** John Mackay

#	Item	Action
1	<b>Welcome and Call to Order</b> Muriel made the welcome and called the meeting to order.	
2	<b>Review and Approval of Agenda</b> Moved by Chris and seconded by Kathy that the agenda be approved. All in favour. Approved.	
3	<b>Review and Approval of Minutes from the Board Meeting on February 26</b> Moved by Chris and seconded by Wiebe that the both minutes be approved with two minor changes. All in favour. Approved. Chandi will e-mail corrected version.	Chandi
4	<b>Review and Approval of Minutes from AGM on March 3</b> Deferred to next Board meeting. Chandi will circulate the minutes of the AGM before next Board meeting.	Chandi
5	<b>President's Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We received our Charter from ACBL.</li> <li>○ We ran a very successful Helen Shields Rookie Master game on April 17th. There were 34 full tables out to participate in this event. We got recognition from CBF for having the most tables in the country. The cost to the Unit was \$732.</li> <li>○ There are more opportunities for our Unit to make some money. Muriel proposed that when we run the Helen Shields Rookie/Master, the Erin Berry Rookie/Master and the Worldwide Tournament in June that the Niagara Area Unit 255 pay for all of the expenses and receive the table fees for each event.</li> </ul>	
6	<b>Treasurer's Report</b> Moved by Chris and seconded by Kathy the report be approved. All in favour. Approved. Chris reported that Unit's inflows were 18,856.48 and outflows were 7,767.14. He was requested to provide the Board with more details.	Chris

7	<p><b>Reports from Committee Chairs</b></p> <p><b>a) Update from D2</b> – Wiebe mentioned that there is nothing new to report.</p> <p><b>b) Membership Chair</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Current membership is 405. Relevant e-mails from ACBL were shared.</li> <li>ii) Membership drive is ongoing with posters and announcements at clubs to recruit more members for ACBL.</li> </ul> <p><b>c) ACBL Electronic Contact</b> – Nothing new to report.</p> <p><b>d) Website</b> - Posting requests come to Kathy. PNG documents are preferred over PDF documents.</p> <p><b>e) Tournament Chair</b></p> <p><b>Unit 255 Tournament Schedule</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• February (Open) in St Catharines</li> <li>• June (0-750) in NOTL</li> <li>• August (0-300) at BCON</li> <li>• November (Open) in NOTL.</li> </ul> <p><b>Unit Special Game</b></p> <p>The NOTL DBC has applied for 12 Unit Championship special games and has received sanctions for all 12 games.</p> <p><b>Budget for Sectionals</b></p> <p>Honorarium for the Chair will be based on the length of the Sectional. (i.e. \$200/per day and \$100 for ½ day).</p> <p><b>I/N 0-299 August 18-19, 2018 @ BCON</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair: Lucy McEwen</li> <li>• Flyer has been approved by ACBL and mounted on ACBL website</li> <li>• Budget developed and approved</li> <li>• Results from previous years is shown with the budget</li> <li>• DIC is Jerry Smee and agreed to \$150/session and ADIC @\$100/session as required</li> </ul> <p><b>Fall Open Sectional November 9-11, 2018 @ NOTL CC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair: Lorna Johnson</li> <li>• Flyer has been approved by ACBL and mounted on ACBL website</li> <li>• Budget developed</li> <li>• DICs are Nancy Strachan with Joel Shapiro</li> </ul> <p><b>Winter Open Sectional February 8-10, 2019 @ Holiday Inn &amp; Suites</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair: Wiebe Hoogland</li> <li>• Flyer has been drafted</li> <li>• The flyer and budget has not been reviewed by the Tournament Chair</li> <li>• DICs are Joel Shapiro with Nancy Strachan and Martin Hunter</li> </ul> <p><b>Spring 0-750 Sectional May 31-June 2, 2019 @ NOTL CC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair: Muriel Tremblay</li> <li>• Flyer has been drafted</li> <li>• The flyer and budget has not been reviewed by the Tournament Chair</li> <li>• DIC is Claude Tremblay</li> </ul>	Kathy
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**f) Education Chair**

BCON's Bridge Education Pathway Program (BEPP) is progressing as planned:

- The first offering - 27-hour ACBL course (#202) on "**Defense**" was presented by **Brian Macartney** and attended by 27 intermediate Bridge players.
- 18 newcomers are currently following the 27-hour ACBL course (#102) on "**Bidding**" which is presented by **Viola Heywood**.
- 12 intermediate players are currently following the 24-hour ACBL course (#203) on "**Commonly Used Conventions**" which is presented by **Chandi Jayawardena**.
- **Lorna Johnson & Kathy Morrison** commenced their "**Easybridge**" 2018 program at BCON, which had between 12 to 6 newcomers attending the four free sessions.
- **Chandi Jayawardena** will commence the 24-hour ACBL course (#301) on "**More Commonly Used Conventions**" in July.
- **Muriel Tremblay** will commence the 24-hour ACBL course (#201) on "**Play of the Hand**" in August.
- **Claude Tremblay** will commence his 18-hour course (#302) on "**Two Over One**" in October.

Other Educational activities in Niagara Region are progressing well:

- **Allan Utz** is continuing his Beginner program in Welland with around 16 to 12 players a week but, has limited sessions in Fonthill Library to once a month during summer. Allan continues to feed new members to BCON.
- **Alex Chartier** signed up 17 beginners for his "Bidding" course in Crystal Beach held in April and May. 12 beginners completed the course and Alex is hoping that they will attend his supervised play games in Crystal Beach from this week.
- **Marlene Walther** continues her 8-session Beginner Bridge course in NOTL for 9 students.
- Chandi volunteered to help **Ed Hills** in the school Bridge tournament (in Smithville on April 20<sup>th</sup>) to conclude the 2018 Bridge Program at 5 elementary schools of Niagara District Public School Board. It was attended by 116 students.

**g) Publicity/Promotion Chair**

1. At the school Bridge tournament (in Smithville on April 20<sup>th</sup>), Chandi promoted Bridge education with parents and teachers. All volunteers (members of Smithville Bridge Club, members of BCON, parents and teachers) wore tee shirts with Unit 255 logo.
2. Chandi presented the template for the "**Niagara Bridge e-News Quarterly**" of Unit 255. Following suggestions were approved by the Board:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issues per Year: 4</li> <li>• On-line publication dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Summer Issue – early July</li> <li>○ Fall Issue – early October</li> <li>○ Winter issue – early January</li> <li>○ Spring issue – early April</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Hard copies: Chandi will arrange, as required by the Unit 255 Board</li> <li>• Number of Pages: Between 8 &amp; 12</li> <li>• Editorial Freedom (for Chandi &amp; Heather): Essential</li> <li>• Target Date for Volume 1: July 7, 2018</li> </ul> <p>3. Communicated with the Editor of <i>Kibitzer</i>, to get pages dedicated to Unit 255 of the Summer 2018 issue, corrected / fine-tuned.</p> <p>h) I/N Co-ordinator</p> <p>i) I/N Tournament</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheryl Loisel and her committee are meeting shortly to finalize menus.</li> <li>• Lucy has printed 300 tournament flyer and has sent a cover letter and 10 coloured flyers to clubs in Ontario and Buffalo areas.</li> <li>• Linda Chant is responsible for partnerships.</li> <li>• Sylvia Kemp is in charge of pre-registration.</li> <li>• Weibe Hoogland and Lucy McEwen are consulting on prizes and will order them shortly.</li> </ul>	
8	<p><b>Reports as Appropriate</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Recorder</b> – Nothing new to report</li> <li>• <b>Disciplinary Chair</b> - No issues at the moment.</li> </ul>	
9	<p><b>Other Business</b></p> <p>Brian Macartney had inquired about not receiving a Mini McKenney medallion. Muriel will communicate with Brian.</p>	Muriel
	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Will be held at BCON on Monday, <b>September 12, 2018</b> at 4:30 pm.</p>	Muriel
	<p><b>Adjournment</b> - At 6:45 pm.</p>	