

Minutes of Unit 255 Board Meeting November 20, 2023



Present: Muriel Tremblay, Claude Tremblay, Steve Williams, Cathy Williams, Kathy Morrison, Heather Beckman, Tim Butt, Rod Sumner & Brian Jones.

Welcome from the President:

Muriel Tremblay welcomed everyone - particularly our new member Tim Butt and thanked Heather for participating as our Secretary for the last 3 years as she will be stepping down.

Followed by a move from Rod Sumner to approve the minutes from the last meeting of September 18. Seconded by Kathy Morrison. All approved.

New Executive was discussed and established as follows:

President: Muriel Tremblay
Vice-President: Brian Jones
Treasurer: Kathy Morrison
Tournament Coordinator: Claude Tremblay
Secretary: Tim Butt
Education Chair & Intermediate-Novice Coordinator: Steve Williams
ACBL Electronic Contact: Brian Jones
Membership: Brian Jones
Webmaster: Rod Sumner
Representative to District 2: Muriel Tremblay and Brian Jones
Hospitality Committee Chair: To be determined and explored by Tim Butt

Treasurer Report:

The **Year to-date Financials for 2023**, showing a profit of \$18,564.17, were presented and moved by Kathy, seconded by Rod and all approved.

Budget for 2024 was presented by Kathy and seconded by Tim based on inclusion of changes identified. Approved

Update from Tournament Chair: Claude

Claude reviewed the success of the recent Regional Tournament and pointed out that since the formation of Unit 255 in 2018, we have received \$70,307 from our tournaments. This money has provided the Unit with the ability to procure equipment and provide support to our clubs and members. Changes made at our February meeting to tournament costs and increase in table fees had an impact on the financial success of the Regional.

Kathy reviewed the financial success of the tournament pointing out that even though the table count was down just slightly the increase in the cost from \$17 to \$20 contributed to the overall financial success of \$19,071.

Moved by Muriel, seconded by Kathy that Unit 255 designate \$1 per table from our Regional Tournament to recognize the support from our clubs for closing their games during this 5 day period, splitting the money 75/25 between BCON and NOTL clubs. Carried

Clarification was given, that this is for Regional Tournaments only because our Sectional Tournaments operate only on a three day weekend.

February Sectional Unit: Cathy Williams

A preliminary discussion was held about this upcoming tournament chaired by Cathy Williams. Most of the discussion was centered on finding a suitable hospitality coordinator as well as the costs allocated for food and drink. Cathy and Claude will address the budget for hospitality.

Update on Unit Membership: Brian

Membership is down from 299 in September to 285 for October. Brian will contact members who have not renewed to encourage them to pay prior to January when the fees go up.

Update on Education: Steve

Selina Volpatti continues to conduct her courses for beginners at the BCON location and is contemplating more types of courses for 2024. She was reminded that the unit is there for her to help financially if appropriate funds are needed.

Webmaster Report: Rod

Rod reported that he is feeling more comfortable about his role and reminded everyone of the file name format he requires for managing and uploading our reports.

New Business:

Request from BCON to store their archived files in our storage was approved. Muriel to inform Jane Jennings. Brian and Steve will organize the move.

Pertaining to the request from BCON that the Unit provide monies for drinks for a social game, this request was denied at the current time as inappropriate. Muriel to inform Pat Reading.

Meeting Adjourned and next meeting date to be determined.

All reports submitted by the Chairs can be found on the Unit website.