

**November 1st, 2021**  
**Unit 255 Board of Directors' Meeting**  
**Virtual Meeting**

**In Attendance:** Heather Beckman, Wiebe Hoogland, Dena Jones, Kathy Morrison, Claude Tremblay.

**1) Welcome and Call to Order (Wiebe)**

- Wiebe called the meeting to order at 18:30
- Wiebe notified the Board that Steve Calcott has resigned, as he originally only agreed to be a Board member for a one year term.

**2) Review and Approval of Agenda, Attachment #1, (Wiebe)**

- Moved by Wiebe, seconded by Dena. Approved

**3) Review and Approval of Minutes from May 11, 2021 (Dena)**

- Moved by Kathy, seconded by Heather. Approved

a) Actions arising- none

**4) Treasurer's current Financial Statement, Attachment #2, (Kathy)**

- There was a question as to why the cost for the Kibitzer newsletter has increased. Subsequent to meeting, Kathy enquired by email. Refer to Attachment #3 for email correspondence.
- Motion to approve the current Financial Statement, moved by Kathy, seconded by Wiebe. Approved

**5) Budget for 2022 considering Covid 19, (Kathy)**

- It was decided to wait until our next meeting in January for any budget discussions.

**6) Tournament Coordinator Report, (Claude)**

- All regional tournaments in 2022 are planned to be in person.
- Our upcoming tournaments that have now been re-scheduled are: February (Chair-Wiebe), June (Chair- Muriel Tremblay) and November (Chair- Kathy). Additionally, the annual Intermediate/Novice tournament is planned for summer 2022. Chandi Jayawardena has chaired this in the past. Claude to confirm if Chandi is still willing to take this on. Action: Claude
- It was noted that it is too late to advertise the February tournament in the next Kibitzer newsletter, which will be published in February. Wiebe will arrange for a bulk e-mailing to members of nearby Units. Action: Wiebe
- Kathy will contact the Holiday Inn, Ontario St. St. Catharines, to see if there are any special Covid 19 requirements for the February tournament. Action: Kathy
- There was discussion about managing costs in light of expected lower table counts. (As per experiences at various US tournaments.) Claude offered to run a scenario analysis, and it was proposed that based on these figures, we may consider postponing the tournament again.
- It was agreed that the hospitality suite be cancelled to reduce costs and minimize social contact.

## **7) Website Update, (Dena)**

- Wiebe suggested changing the Unit 255 logo to make it similar to the new ACBL logo. Dena questioned the legality of this, as the ACBL logo cannot be modified. Claude and Dena to discuss. Subsequently, Dena & Claude decided that efforts are better spent on other Unit matters, and will not pursue this at the present time.

## **8) Membership update, (Wiebe)**

- There continues to be a declining membership in the Unit.
- Once we re-open we should contact lapsed members.
- Several members change their address twice per year, as they move south during the winter months. This changes their unit membership, and Unit 255 loses the ACBL revenue from their membership in our unit.

a) Guest membership, no discussion

b) How to retain membership - It was agreed that we need to offer beginner classes.

## **9) Education update, (Heather)**

- Heather will co-ordinate with Selina Volpatti, education chair at the Bridge Centre of Niagara.
- The Board will consider subsidizing beginner lessons.
- It was noted that we need to advertise in the local papers. ACBL will subsidize advertisements if certain conditions are met.
- Action: Heather

a) Mentoring on BBO - Several Board members are involved in this program offered by the Bridge Centre of Niagara. It appears to be popular and successful.

## **10) Other Business, (Wiebe)**

a) Board of Governor meetings - The Board of Governors will officially change their name to Advisory Council. This is to reflect a more advisory position to the ACBL Board of Directors, as well as greater involvement in day to day decisions. There are still vacancies, should anyone be interested in joining.

b) Storage tournament supplies - Supplies remain at a private facility. After the first tournament, supplies will be taken to a rented storage unit. Claude will update at our January meeting. Action: Claude

c) Financial Support for Unit 255 members competing in North American Championship events (NAP, GNT)- To be considered in new budget.

## **11) Next Meeting - Early January**

Meeting adjourned 19:45

## Unit 255 Board of Directors' Meeting

Attachment #1

November 1, 2021, 6:30 pm  
Virtual Meeting

### Agenda

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|--|---------------|
| 1) Welcome and Call to Order   | Wiebe         |
| 2) Review and Approval of Agenda   | Wiebe         |
| 3) Review and Approval of Minutes from May 11, 2021  | Dena          |
| a) Actions arising   |               |
| 4) Treasurer's current Financial Statement   | Kathy         |
| 5) Budget for 2022 considering Covid 19  | Kathy         |
| 6) Tournament Coordinator Report   | Claude        |
| 7) Website Update  | Dena          |
| 8) Membership update   | Wiebe         |
| a) Guest membership  |               |
| b) How to retain membership  |               |
| 9) Education update  | Steve/Heather |
| a) Mentoring on BBO  |               |
| 10) Other Business   | Wiebe         |
| a) Board of Governor meetings  |               |
| c) Storage tournament supplies   |               |
| e) Financial Support for Unit 255 members competing in North American Championship events (NAP, GNT) |               |
| f)   |               |
| 11) Next Meeting -   |               |

**UNIT 255 2021 FINANCIALS**

OPENING BALANCE	27,611.01	28,158.26	28,018.99	28,022.34	28,025.56	28,027.68	27,914.81	27,915.62	27,761.63	27,762.39	27,762.39	27,762.39
TOTAL IN	520.95	3.84	4.25	4.12	3.02	1.65	1.71	1.71	1.66	-	-	-
TOTAL OUT	-	26.30	143.11	0.90	0.90	0.90	114.52	0.90	155.70	0.90	-	-
BANK BALANCE	28,158.26	28,018.99	28,022.34	28,025.56	28,027.68	27,914.81	27,915.62	27,761.63	27,762.39	27,762.39	27,762.39	27,762.39

**REVENUE**

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	
ACBL MEMBERSHIP	516.70												516.70
STAC OCTOBER													-
TOURNAMENT AUGUST				-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOURNAMENT NOVEMBER				-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
INTEREST INCOME	4.25	3.84	4.25	4.12	3.02	1.65	1.71	1.71	1.66	-	-	-	26.21
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>520.95</b>	<b>3.84</b>	<b>4.25</b>	<b>4.12</b>	<b>3.02</b>	<b>1.65</b>	<b>1.71</b>	<b>1.71</b>	<b>1.66</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>542.91</b>

**OPERATING EXPENSES**

ADMINISTRATION	-	28.70	-										28.70	
BANK CHARGES	2.40	2.40	0.90	0.90	0.90	2.40	0.90	2.40	0.90				14.10	
EDUCATION													-	
EXPENDIBLE SUPPLIES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
CLUB SUPPORT													-	
KIBITIZER		140.71				112.12		153.30					406.13	
SPECIAL GAMES AGM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
SPECIAL GAMES ERIN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
STORAGE													-	
WEBSITE													-	
TOURNAMENT EQUIPMENT													-	
													-	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26.30</b>	<b>143.11</b>	<b>0.90</b>	<b>0.90</b>	<b>0.90</b>	<b>114.52</b>	<b>0.90</b>	<b>155.70</b>	<b>0.90</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>391.53</b>	
<b>Total Income or Loss</b>	<b>547.25</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>139.27</b>	<b>3.35</b>	<b>3.22</b>	<b>2.12</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>112.87</b>	<b>0.81</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>153.99</b>	<b>0.76</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>151.38</b>

**From:** bridge centre [bridgecentre2020@gmail.com](mailto:bridgecentre2020@gmail.com)

**Subject:** Fwd: Kibitzer

**Date:** November 2, 2021 at 10:42

**To:** Wiebe Hoogland [wbybren@bell.net](mailto:wbybren@bell.net), Claude Tremblay [claudet@cmtmc.ca](mailto:claudet@cmtmc.ca), Heather BECKMAN [hbeckman606@gmail.com](mailto:hbeckman606@gmail.com), Dena Jones [dena.jones@icloud.com](mailto:dena.jones@icloud.com)

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Attachment #3

Kathy

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** ANDY RISMAN <[arismanca@rogers.com](mailto:arismanca@rogers.com)>  
**Date:** November 2, 2021 at 9:50:45 AM EDT  
**To:** [bridgecentre2020@gmail.com](mailto:bridgecentre2020@gmail.com), Debra Kestenberg <[deekay2424@gmail.com](mailto:deekay2424@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Fw: Kibitzer  
**Reply-To:** ANDY RISMAN <[arismanca@rogers.com](mailto:arismanca@rogers.com)>

When we sent out printed copies we used to get distribution figures. Now that it is online I don't have a solid list of how many people from each unit is receiving the kibitzer. For simplicity sake I have used the same percentage since we went on line. It would be a logistical nightmare to go otherwise. We would receive such arguments like:

Many of our members don't look at the kibitzer  
Unit has less people per household so should reduce payment  
Many people have moved from our unit.

Even total # members in a unit isn't a true figure but how many households have access to it.  
I don't have a better solution but open to suggestions.

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**From:** Debra Kestenberg <[deekay2424@gmail.com](mailto:deekay2424@gmail.com)>  
**To:** Andy Risman <[arismanca@rogers.com](mailto:arismanca@rogers.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 2, 2021, 09:43:37 a.m. EDT  
**Subject:** Fwd: Kibitzer

Hi Andy,

Could you kindly respond to Kathy's query below, regarding allocation of Kibitzer costs to the Units.

Many thanks,  
Debra

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**From:** bridge centre <[bridgecentre2020@gmail.com](mailto:bridgecentre2020@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Tue, Nov 2, 2021 at 7:58 AM  
**Subject:** Kibitzer  
**To:** Debra Kestenberg <[deekay2424@gmail.com](mailto:deekay2424@gmail.com)>

Hi there

We were just wondering on our share of the kibitzer our membership has gone down quite a bit but our invoice from you has not.  
Is it based on amount of members?  
Thanks very much for your attention

Kathy Morrison  
Treasurer unit 255