



**Minutes of the Board of Director's Meeting**  
**Monday, February 26, 2018, 5:00 pm**  
**Bridge Centre of Niagara**

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

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

**Excused:** Kathy Morrison, John Mackay,

#	Item	Action
1	<p><b>Welcome and Call to Order</b>  Muriel made the welcome and mentioned that the key focus of today's meeting is getting ready for the first AGM which will be held on March 3, 2018.</p>	
2	<p><b>Review and Approval of Agenda</b>  Moved by Wiebe and seconded by Lucy that the agenda be approved. All in favour. Approved.</p>	
3	<p><b>Review and Approval of Minutes from the Board Meeting from January 22 and Special Meeting on February 14</b>  Moved by Chris and seconded by Elinor that both minutes be approved. All in favour. Approved.</p>	
4	<p><b>President's Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Seed money of \$1000, was approved by NOTL DBC as an interest free loan for up to 2 years. A formal loan agreement will need to be drafted and signed by 2 of the Unit 255 Board of Directors.</li> <li>○ Updated the By-law with recommended changes and sent it to the Board of Directors.</li> <li>○ Following the Special meeting called by Claude, to review Unit 166 proposal and prepare a counter proposal, updated the By-law and posted it on our website.</li> <li>○ Reviewed the email from Flo Belford and decided that there was no need to contact her since what she wrote made sense.</li> </ul>	
5	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Seed money of \$1000, was approved by BCON Board as an interest free loan, with a request to Unit 255 to pay back to BCON as soon as possible.</li> <li>○ The draft budget done, tallying of all financial commitments so that we don't commit to spend more money than we have, shows a negative cash flow of <b>2350.81</b>.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">Chris</p> <p style="text-align: center;">All</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ All Chairs were requested to e-mail Chris details before the AGM, Budget to be prepared and distributed prior to the AGM.</li> <li>○ It was decided to allocate \$5 per student with a maximum \$300 to Ed Hills, towards the School Bridge Tournament he is organizing in Smithville on April 20.</li> <li>○ It was decided to allocate \$5 per book for 125 ACBL books (total of \$625) for the BCON Bridge Education Pathway Program (BEPP) 2018.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">Chris Chandi &amp; Chris</p>
<p>6</p>	<p><b>Reports from Committee Chairs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Membership Chair</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We have 402 paid ACBL members in Niagara Area.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Tournament Chair</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ After liaising with the District 2 co-ordinator, Graham Warren, and Unit 249 Tournament Chair, Bill Pope, it has been agreed that Unit 255 will hold their Spring Sectional in the first week of June. Unit 249 will hold their Sectional in the last weekend of May.</li> <li>○ Have applied for Regional/Sectional for each Fall starting in 2018.</li> <li>○ In general, U255 will hold a Sectional in February (Open), June (Open), August (I/N) and November (Open) every 2 years and a Regional in November (every alternate 2 years).</li> <li>○ Have already received the Sanctions for all our Sectionals and the Regionals will be discussed at the upcoming District 2 meeting.</li> <li>○ The schedule for all planned Sectional, STACs and Regional for 2018-2022 is finalized and will present the final list at the AGM.</li> <li>○ Owing to bad weather, attendance at the 64<sup>th</sup> Niagara District Sectional Tournament was affected. Wiebe estimated that the net loss will be around \$2,500 (compared to the budget of a net profit of \$1,706.45.)</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Education Chair</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Facilitated 2018 <i>“Bridge Tournament Preparation”</i> workshop for 36 participants, with input from 5 expert panelists and 6 volunteers. Was full with 36 attendees and successful with an overall 91% rating in the summary of participants’ evaluation. Report circulated.</li> <li>○ Promoted the first offering of Bridge Education Pathway Program - 27-hour course on <i>“Defense”</i> which will be presented by Brian Macartney. Sold out within a week.</li> <li>○ Coordinated the 2018 book order for Bridge Education Pathway Program with a 50% discount with ACBL and Baron Barclay Bridge Supply, with input from Wiebe Hoogland.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Publicity Chair</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sought inputs from Ed Hills, Allan Utz, Marlene Walther and Alex Chartier to include 100-word summaries of Niagara Area Bridge Education Initiatives for 2018 (in St. Catharines, NOTL, Welland, Fonthill, Smithville, Grimsby and Fort Erie), on Unit 255 website. Updated general summary is attached.</li> <li>○ Communicated with Andy Stark and included information on Unit 255 AGM on Kibitzer Spring 2018 issue.</li> <li>○ Held informal discussions with Heather Beckman about a potential Unit 255 quarterly e-newsletter commencing in Spring 2018 with the AGM</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">Claude Wiebe</p>

	<p>coverage. A Publicity / Editorial Committee with the following colleagues was suggested and it was approved by the Board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chandi Jayawardena – Chair</li> <li>• Heather Beckman – Editor</li> <li>• Barbara Staples – BCON Rep</li> <li>• Elinor Grill – CBC Rep</li> <li>• Gerrie Barnim – NOTL DBC Rep (TBC)</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Elinor requested that her e-mail address be updated in the Kibitzer.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>I/N Co-ordinator</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Arrangements are being made for our annual I/N tournament in August in St. Catharines, Lucy is the Tournament Chair with Claude’s and Wiebe’s assistance.</li> <li>○ Will coordinate the first Rookie Master games this year - the Helen Shields game which will be held in Niagara-on-the-Lake on April 17. <b>\$300</b> was approved for refreshments. Sign-up sheets will be placed at all 3 clubs.</li> <li>○ Second Rookie Master event in 2018 - the Erin Berry game and will be held in the Fall.</li> <li>○ Will work closely with the Education Chair, to promote events and encourage our new members to become ACBL members.</li> <li>○ Will form a I/N Committee of 4 or 5 persons from all of our clubs.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Negotiator</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Following the counter proposal approved by the Unit 255 Board of Directors on February 14, David Halasi responded with further explanation of how and why Unit 166 prepared their initial offer. Claude had several more conversations with David. Has agreed to present the results of negotiation to respective Boards for approval.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Chandi</p> <p>Lucy</p> <p>Lucy Chris</p> <p>Claude</p>
7	<p><b>Reports as Appropriate</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>District 2 Representatives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Muriel and Wiebe will attend the District 2 meeting in Toronto on March 31. Muriel will attend on both days.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Recorder</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Nothing to report.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Disciplinary Chair</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No issues at the moment.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Muriel &amp; Wiebe</p>
8	<p><b>Annual General Meeting Plan</b></p> <p>Will be held on March 3, 2018 at 4:30 pm at BCON. Agenda was finalized. Presentations were practiced. Budget of <b>\$300</b> approved for dinner. Notice has been posted on the websites of the unit and 3 clubs.</p>	<p>All Chris</p>
9	<p><b>Other Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ace of Clubs and Mini McKenny awards for 2018</b> – Distribution of these at the AGM will be considered.</li> </ul>	<p>Kathy &amp; Muriel</p>
	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Will be held at BCON on Monday, <b>April 16</b>, 2018 at 4:30 pm.</p>	<p>Muriel</p>
	<p><b>Adjournment</b> - At 7:15 pm.</p>	