



Minutes of the Board of Director's Meeting

Wednesday, November 18, 2019, 4:30 pm

Bridge Centre of Niagara

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

In Attendance: Claude Tremblay

Regrets: Elinor Grill, Paul Cronin, John Mackay

#	Item	Action
1	<p>Welcome and Call to Order Muriel welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm. For this meeting, Elinor has given her proxy to Claude.</p>	Claude
2	<p>Review and Approval of Minutes from the meeting on August 28 3, 2019 Moved by Chris and seconded by Kathy that the minutes be approved. All in favour. Approved.</p> <p>Matter Arising</p> <p>a) Chandi will make slight changes in the minutes (i.e. Canadian \$1 per table, instead of US \$1, meeting date as 18th November), and e-mail it to Kathy for posting on the website.</p>	Chandi Kathy

5	<p>Tournament Chair Report</p> <p>a) Tournament Supplies & Equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Claude reported that we have received all outstanding equipment purchased from Vince Oddy, and shared the updated full list of Unit's equipment, which is sufficient to run any tournament with up to 120 tables at a time. - Claude will speak with Keith Burkell to see if he is interested in accepting the role of Equipment Manager. - It was decided to purchase clocks as suggested by TDs at the Regional Tournament. <p>b) Special Meeting on Tournaments It was agreed to schedule this in February (17th).</p> <p>c) Tournament Chairs for 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Winter Open Sectional - Wiebe - Spring 0-750 Sectional - Muriel - Summer I/N Sectional - Chandi - Fall Open Sectional - Kathy <p>d) Update on 2019 Fall Regional</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All agreed that with a table count 1,128 ½ and a potential profit of \$17,585.38, our Unit's first Regional was a great success. - Kathy reported that the final evening party was very successful, based on player's feedback. <p>e) Update on 2020 Winter Sectional</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wiebe insisted that it will be organized as done in the past. If changes have to be done, a new Tournament Chair to be selected for 2021. <p>f) Update on 2020 Spring 0-750 Sectional</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Muriel reported that a team is formed to ensure a successful tournament. 	<p>Claude</p> <p>Claude</p> <p>Claude</p> <p>Wiebe</p> <p>Claude</p> <p>Muriel</p>
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6	<p>Other Chair Reports</p> <p>Education Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chandi reported that as indicated in his previous report, Niagara Area’s Bridge educational activities are vibrant. - Chandi is planning to organize a “<i>Tournament Preparation</i>” workshop for 0-99ers, prior to 2020 Spring 0-750 Sectional. - Chandi reported that the Erin Berry Rookie Master Game held on October 29, 2019 at was a big success. The event attracted a record-breaking number of 144 players (36 tables), including 4 teenage members of BCON. Chandi was assisted by a team of 17 volunteers from the Bridge community of Niagara Area. The game was directed by Claude Tremblay and assisted by Heather Beckman. Post event reception was coordinated by Lucy Mc Ewen with assistance from Linda Chant. Player recruitment and pairing coordination was handled by Dena Jones, Peggy-Sue Verkerk and Brian Macartney, with input from Allan Utz and Marlene Walther. 56 players won masterpoints. CBF informed Chandi that Niagara Region Rookie-Master event was most likely the biggest in Canada, as happened in October 2018. Our budget for the event was a net profit of \$68.20, but owing to an overspent of \$117.95 for food and \$100.00 for game directing (fully justified as we needed two directors to manage 36 tables), the Unit recorded a net loss of \$216.75. - It was decided not to do host CBF Rookie-Master events in 2020, but to look at the possibility of organizing a Unit event such as Pro-Am competition for extra points. <p>I/N Co-ordinator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We thank Lucy for her work and success with the I/N Co-ordination over the past two years. Her term on the Unit 255 Board is complete at the end of December. <p>Update from D2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - David Halasi has resigned as District 2 President. Tom Ramsay will act as President until the General Meeting of the Board of Directors on April 10, 2020. <p>Membership Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kathy reported that the Unit membership is around 370. <p>ACBL Electronic Contact & Unit 255 Website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kathy said that she has nothing new to report. <p>Publicity/Promotion Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wiebe said that he has nothing to report. 	<p>Chandi</p> <p>Chandi</p>
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7	<p>Budget for 2020</p> <p>It was agreed on the following:</p> <p>a) Income = \$13,600</p> <p>b) Total Expenses = \$11,875</p> <p>c) Tournament Equipment = \$2,000</p> <p>d) Tournament Supplies = \$2,000</p> <p>e) Education = \$2,500</p> <p>Profit = \$1,725 to be finalized.</p> <p>Budget to be finalized at our January meeting</p>	Chris & Muriel
8	<p>Other Business</p> <p>a) Pianola Contract – TBD, cost to be clarified by Kathy</p> <p>b) Elimination of Recorder and Disciplinary Chair by ACBL. These positions will be filled at the District level.</p> <p>c) Distribution of Unit Championship Games – Proposal submitted by Jane Jennings to BCON Board, was discussed. It was decided to offer 10 to BCON & 9 to NOTL DBC. Balance 5 will be kept for Unit 255 (Team leagues, AGM game & Pro-Am game.</p> <p>d) Holding NAP Games in Niagara Region November 2020 – If Claude or a senior director can manage the technical aspects, Chandi offered to handle promotions.</p>	<p>Kathy</p> <p>Claude</p> <p>Claude & Chandi</p>
8	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm, after the Board decided to hold the next meeting at BCON on Monday, January 20, 2019 at 4:30 pm.</p>	Muriel