



**Unit 255 Annual General Meeting
April 11, 2026 – 1:30 PM
Bridge Centre of Niagara
Minutes**

1. Confirmation of Quorum

Board Members in Attendance: Muriel, Claude, Wiebe, Brian, and Sheila
Regrets: Kathy and Ginger

Quorum was achieved with 48 members in attendance.

2. Welcome from the President

Muriel welcomed everyone and thanked members for attending. She explained that she would summarize the Unit's accomplishments later in the meeting.

3. Review of Minutes from the AGM Held April 5, 2025

a. Motion to Approve

Sheila moved to approve the minutes from the April 5, 2025 AGM; Seconded by Wiebe.

Motion Carried.

b. Matters Arising

Jerry noted that Richard Fuller had been approved at the previous AGM to review the 2025 financial statements; however, the compilation was completed by Ron Martin. It was explained that Kathy had asked Ron to complete the compilation due to Richard's availability.

4. Update from the Tournament Coordinator - *Report attached.*

Claude reported that the February Open Tournament was very successful, with table attendance increasing by 72 tables compared to 2024. Income generated from the additional tables contributed directly to the Unit's bottom line.

With the exception of the Regional Tournaments in 2033 and 2035, all tournaments have been sanctioned through 2035. This long-term planning enabled the Unit to negotiate and secure a long-term contract with the Holiday Inn on Ontario Street. Early scheduling helps avoid date conflicts with nearby tournaments.

Claude also noted that more than \$5,000 has been returned to members through the Member Benefits Program since its inception in 2024. This benefit is unique among Units.

Regional Tournaments held in November during odd-numbered years typically generate significant profit. These funds are important to offset the financial impact of even-numbered years, when only Sectional Tournaments are held and may generate minimal profit.

5. Update on the Unit's 8th Year

a. Financial Year-End Report

Due to reporting requirements for the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA), the Unit's fiscal year-end has been aligned with CRA reporting. The fiscal year now runs from February 1 to January 31.

As a result, the current fiscal year began February 1, 2026, and ends January 31, 2027. Appropriate changes have been made to the financial statements to reflect this adjustment.

Muriel moved to approve the 2025/26 Financial Statements; Seconded by Chandi.

Motion Carried.

b. Budget for 2026/27

Muriel noted that budgeting for a loss of \$9,000 was not acceptable; however, when two years of financial reporting are combined, the overall result is approximately break-even.

It was recommended that future budgets present a two-year financial plan to provide better context.

Wiebe moved to approve the 2026/27 budget; Seconded by Dena.

Motion Carried.

6. Message from the President - *Report attached.*

7. Ace of Clubs and Mini McKenney Winners

Brian announced the winners of the Ace of Clubs and Mini McKenney awards. Awards were presented following the meeting.

8. Confirmation of Proceedings

Motion by Selina Volpatti, seconded by Dena Jones:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT all by-laws, resolutions, contracts, acts, and proceedings of the Board of Directors of Unit 255 enacted, passed, made, done, or taken since the last meeting of Members be and are hereby approved, ratified, and confirmed.

Motion Carried.

9. New Business

No new business was raised.

10. Adjournment

Dena moved to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned.



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Agenda**

1. Confirm Quorum
2. Welcome from the President Muriel
3. Review Minutes from AGM, April 5 2025 Sheila
 - a. Motion to approve
 - b. Matters arising
4. Update from your Tournament Coordinator Claude
5. Update on our 8th year Kathy
 - a. Financial Year End Report
 - b. Budget for 2027
6. Message from the President Muriel
7. Ace of Clubs and Mini McKenney Winners Brian
8. Confirmation of Proceedings
Motion by _____, seconded by _____
BE IT RESOLVED THAT all the by-laws, resolutions, contracts, acts, and proceedings of the Board of Directors of Unit 255 enacted, passed, made, done or taken since the last meeting of Members be and the same are hereby approved, ratified, and confirmed.
9. New Business
10. Adjournment - Game to follow approximately at 2:30

Unit 255 Tournament Chair

AGM Report

March 11th, 2026

The attendance and associated financial results of U255 Tournaments for the past few years are shown below. Unit 255 has made \$100,337 from the tournaments since 2018.

Unit 255 Tournaments Summary																				
Year	Regional			Sectional																
06-Mar-2026	November			February				May				August				November				
	Tables	%	\$	Tables	%	\$	Member	Tables	%	\$	Member	Tables	%	\$	Member	Tables	%	\$	Member	
2004																				
2005																				
2017	1,166	6	12,314	355	4	2,345						113	(10)			268		5,024		
2018				252	(29)	(2,391)						97	(14)	1,231						
2019	1,129	(3)	20,052	334	33	2,913		198		3,634		125	29	3,936						
2020				261	(22)	1,891														
2021			COVID			COVID								COVID					COVID	
2022	729	(35)	8,305			COVID		83	(58)	728		57	(54)	1,275						
2023	725	(1)	19,071	219	(16)	742		77	(7)	88		65	14	2,021						
2024				221	0	2,190	494	65	(16)	117	232	79	21	1,766	272	152		2,762	729	
2025	750	3	17,174	2,057	191	(14)	425	684				71	(10)	1,501	167					
2026					263	37	3283	603												
2027																				
2028																				
Total			64,602	2,057		9,053	1,781			7,167	232			11,730	439			7,786	729	
Grand Total			100,337																	
Member's Benefit			5,238																	

Closed

Tournament Status

- All tournaments until 2035 have been sanctioned by ACBL
- Except Regional in 2033 and 2035
- Facilities at Holiday Inn have been contracted until 2035

NIAGARA AREA BRIDGE LEAGUE

UNIT 255, INC

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2026

February 15th, 2026.

Compilation Engagement report.

To the Board of Directors of Niagara Area Bridge League, Unit 255, Inc.

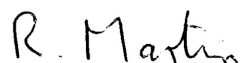
On the basis of information provided by management, I have compiled the Financial Position as at January 31st 2026 and the Revenue and Disbursements statement for the year then ended. I have also provided Note 1, which describes the basis of accounting applied in the preparation of the compiled financial information.

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial information, including the accuracy and completeness of the underlying information used to compile it and the selection of the basis of accounting.

I performed this engagement in accordance with Canadian Standard on Related Services (CSRS) 4200, Compilation Engagements, which requires me to comply with relevant ethical requirements. My responsibility is to assist management in the preparation of the financial information.

I did not perform an audit engagement or a review engagement, nor was I required to perform procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, I do not express an audit opinion or a review conclusion, or provide any form of assurance on the financial information.

Readers are cautioned that the financial information may not be appropriate for their purposes.



Ron Martin. C.P.A.

Niagara Area Bridge League, Unit 255, Inc.

Note 1. Basis of accounting.

The accompanying compiled financial information has been prepared on the cost basis of accounting, which reflects revenues and disbursements when cash transactions occurred.

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**FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT JANUARY 31, 2026**

ASSETS

CURRENT

CASH IN BANK	CANADIAN-CHEQUING	\$6,039.39	
	BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	\$20,820.75	
	REDEEMABLE GIC's	\$27,871.59	\$54,731.73
			<u>\$54,731.73</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

NET ASSETS

RESERVE FUNDS	BALANCE OF FUNDS FROM OPERATING UNIT 255		<u>\$54,731.73</u>
			<u>\$54,731.73</u>

**UNIT 255 2026 ACTUAL AND BUDGET
YEAR END JANUARY 31, 2026**

REVENUE	Actual 2025	Actual 2026	Budget 2026
CBF		300.00	
ACBL MEMBERSHIP	3,286.68	1,555.35	1700
AGM	839.10	1,462.61	1800
MISC INCOME		-	
STAC MAY	253.05	174.88	250
STAC OCTOBER		-	250
TOURNAMENT FEBRUARY	2,190.31	425.15	2000
TOURNAMENT AUGUST	1,766.55	1,494.81	1500
TOURNAMENT NOVEMBER	2,763.38	17,174.86	13000
INTEREST INCOME	1,802.96	1,162.21	1000
June tournament	822.36		
TOTAL INCOME	13,724.39	23,749.87	21500
OPERATING EXPENSES			
AUDIT	300.00	50.00	300
MEETING VENUE	190.17	200.00	200
BOARD DINNER		420.05	
BANK CHARGES	229.94	38.55	100
EDUCATION	4,055.79	237.75	1000
EXPENDIBLE SUPPLIES	1,970.41	1,131.87	1000
CLUB SUPPORT BCON	2,536.39	3,124.00	3000
CLUB SUPPORT NOTL	100.00	850.00	500
INSURANCE	270.00	270.00	300
MEMBERS RECOGNITION	259.95	253.53	500
KIBITZER	754.24	610.84	600
PIANOLA	956.02	1,075.14	1000
SPECIAL GAMES AGM	1,207.30	1,823.23	2200
SPECIAL ROOKIE MASTER		-	
STORAGE		5,652.79	2700
WEBSITE	471.61	-	500
TOURNAMENT EQUIPMENT	131.69	152.87	100
nabc	500.00		
TOTAL EXPENSES	13,933.51	15,890.62	14000
NET FOR THE YEAR		7,859.25	7500

**UNIT 255 BUDGET
YEAR END JANUARY 31, 2027**

REVENUE	Actual 2026	Budget 2026	Budget 2027
CBF	300.00		
ACBL MEMBERSHIP	1,555.35	1700	1500
AGM	1,462.61	1800	
MISC INCOME	-		
STAC MAY	174.88	250	200
STAC OCTOBER	-	250	
TOURNAMENT FEBRUARY	425.15	2000	-2000
TOURNAMENT AUGUST	1,494.81	1500	1000
TOURNAMENT NOVEMBER	17,174.86	13000	1200
INTEREST INCOME	1,162.21	1000	1200
TOTAL INCOME	23,749.87	21500	3100
 OPERATING EXPENSES			
ACCOUNTING	50.00	300	50
MEETING VENUE	200.00	200	100
BOARD DINNER	420.05		500
BANK CHARGES	38.55	100	50
EDUCATION	237.75	1000	1000
EXPENDIBLE SUPPLIES	1,131.87	1000	1500
CLUB SUPPORT BCON	3,124.00	3000	2800
CLUB SUPPORT NOTL	850.00	500	600
INSURANCE	270.00	300	300
MEMBERS RECOGNITION	253.53	500	200
KIBITZER	610.84	600	750
PIANOLA	1,075.14	1000	1000
SPECIAL GAMES AGM	1,823.23	2200	400
SPECIAL ROOKIE MASTER	-		
STORAGE	5,652.79	2700	2800
WEBSITE	-	500	500
TOURNAMENT EQUIPMENT	152.87	100	100
TOTAL EXPENSES	15,890.62	14000	12650
 NET FOR THE YEAR	 7,859.25	 7500	 -9550

President's Message for Unit 255 AGM April 2026



Welcome everyone, and thank you for attending our Annual General Meeting.

Our Unit remains committed to providing excellent opportunities for our members to compete in bridge tournaments while supporting our clubs through education and player development. Our Tournament Coordinator provided updates on our 2025 tournament results. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to all the volunteers who contributed their time and effort to make our tournaments possible. Your support is invaluable. I would like to thank Kathy Morrison for organizing our lunch today.

2025/26 Highlights

This past year, our focus was on supporting our members and clubs through education, advertising, and special events designed to welcome new players.

- **Social & Competitive Events:** We provided complimentary lunches for BCON's AC/BC team games to encourage interaction across skill levels. These events help newer players learn from experienced members. BCON held 4 of these team events in 2025 with an average participation of 18 teams. We are pleased to continue this support in 2026.
- **Member Benefit Program:** Unit 255 members attending our tournaments received discount vouchers to reduce tournament table fees in the amount of \$2908. This initiative was well received by our members and recognized by visitors from other Units. We have agreed to continue with this program for our members.
- **Member Recognition Program:** We continue to recognize the success that our members have achieved in their progression through the ACBL ranks; giving two free plays to members who achieve a rank advancement, based on ACBL's monthly reports. This past year we recognized and gave free plays to 31 members.

Plans for 2026/27

- Support BCON through the opportunity to run a Local Tournament in March. This initiative raised \$1450 for BCON

- Host three tournaments, allowing members to earn silver masterpoints locally
- Continue offering Member benefits at our tournaments
- Continue with our Member Recognition Program
- Sponsor clubs scheduling Rookie-Master games
- Provide ongoing opportunities for skill enhancement based on support requested by the clubs

Acknowledgments

A heartfelt thank you to our Unit 255 Board members for their dedication and support over the past year:

- **Brian Jones** – Vice President, and ACBL Electronic Contact (BCON Representative)
- **Claude Tremblay** – Tournament Coordinator (NOTL Representative)
- **Kathy Morrison** – Treasurer (2024-2026)
- **Ginger Grant** – Education and I/N Coordinator (2022-2024)
- **Sheila Langstaff** – Secretary (2025 - 2027)
- **Wiebe Hoogland** - Membership Chair (2025-2027)
- **Dena Jones** – Webmaster, who does an outstanding job despite not being on the Board

Introducing Our New Board of Directors

- **Brian Jones** – Vice President and District 2 Representative
- **Claude Tremblay** – Tournament Coordinator (NOTL Representative)
- **Kathy Morrison** – Treasurer (2026-2028)
- **Ginger Grant** – Education and I/N Coordinator (BCON Representative)
- **Sheila Langstaff** – Secretary (2025-2027)
- **Wiebe Hoogland** – Membership Chair, Electronic Contact and District 2 Representative (2025-2027)
- **Myself** – President (2025-2027)

Once again, thank you all for attending today's Annual General Meeting. Your continued support and participation are what make our Unit thrive.

Muriel Tremblay
President