



## Minutes of the Board of Director's Meeting

Wednesday, August 28, 2019, 4:30 pm

Bridge Centre of Niagara

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

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

**Regrets:** Elinor Grill, Lucy McEwen, John Mackay

#	Item	Action
1	<p><b>Welcome and Call to Order</b> Muriel made the welcome and called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.</p>	
2	<p><b>Review and Approval of Minutes from the meeting on June 3, 2019</b> Moved by Chris and seconded by Kathy that the minutes be approved. All in favour. Approved.</p> <p><b>Matter Arising</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Wiebe suggested a couple minor changes (i.e. 120 tables needed instead of 140, and Wiebe will ensure that Bridgemates are compatible), Chandi will fine-tune minutes accordingly, and e-mail to Kathy for posting on the website.</li> <li>b) Claude offered to include teaching points suggested by Paul, in NOTL DBC's newsletter.</li> <li>c) Support to Unit 255 members competing in GNT events will come from D2 and therefore Unit 255 does not have to pay previously agreed US\$175 per person.</li> </ul>	<p>Chandi Kathy</p> <p>Claude</p> <p>Chris</p>
3	<p><b>President's Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) CBF has agreed to pay Unit 255 Canadian \$ 1.00 per table for the Regional, which CBF will organize in St. Catharines in September 2020.</li> <li>b) Unit 255 should do annual planning and budgeting soon after Unit 255's Niagara Falls Regional in November 2019.</li> <li>c) Muriel will share the final grant report with the Board, after the Niagara Falls Regional.</li> </ul>	<p>Chris</p> <p>Muriel</p> <p>Muriel</p>

4	<p><b>Treasurer's 2019 Financial Report</b></p> <p>a) Chris reported a year-to-date net loss of \$5,288.44 (before Niagara Falls Regional), but projected an annual net profit of \$13,070 by the year end, as budgeted.</p> <p>b) Wiebe and Claude stated that expendable expenses at \$10,641.01 appears to be far too high. Chris to separate grant items from this total, and submit a revised financial report.</p> <p>c) The report was moved by Chris and seconded by Wiebe. Carried.</p>	<p>Chris</p> <p>Chris</p>
5	<p><b>Tournament Chair Report</b></p> <p><b>a) Tournament Supplies &amp; Equipment</b> Claude shared the updated full list of Unit 255's equipment, which is sufficient to run any tournament with up to 120 tables at a time.</p> <p><b>b) Equipment Rental Policy</b> On request, Unit 255 tables will be rented at \$3 for 2 days (same as what Unit 166 charges).</p> <p><b>c) Tournament Chairs for 2020</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Winter Open Sectional - Wiebe</li> <li>- Spring 0-750 Sectional - Muriel</li> <li>- Summer I/N Sectional - Chandi</li> <li>- Fall Open Sectional - Lorna (TBC)</li> </ul> <p><b>d) Update on 2019 Spring 0-750 Sectional</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Muriel reported that it was an excellent tournament with 198 tables, \$3,634 net profit and 270 players.</li> </ul> <p><b>e) Update on 2019 Summer I/N Sectional</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On behalf of Lucy, Chandi read highlights from the report. The tournament was successful with 125 tables and around \$3,500 net profit.</li> </ul> <p><b>f) Plans for 2019 Fall Regional</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lorna and Kathy confirmed that all plans in place for a successful tournament and ready to accommodate a maximum of 140 tables at a time.</li> <li>- A final evening party will be arranged at the Hard Rock Café, with live music. Expected participation is 180 and sponsorship is being sought.</li> <li>- Lorna and Kathy proposed an exclusive I/N program with hosts, meet &amp; greet, prizes, speakers, hospitality, Bridge learning daily tips and fun, all captured in a dedicated flyer. The Board agreed in principal, if sponsorship can be arranged. A proposal to "sell" this concept to D2 will be prepared as the next step.</li> </ul> <p><b>g) Plans for 2020 Winter Sectional</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wiebe projected 340 tables and a net profit of \$3,628.45.</li> </ul>	<p>Claude</p> <p>Claude</p> <p>Lorna &amp; Kathy</p> <p>Lorna &amp; Kathy</p> <p>Wiebe</p>

6	<p><b>Other Chair Reports</b></p> <p><b>a) Update from D2</b> Wiebe reported that D2 is considering to have additional regionals. Meetings will be held once a year, and therefore nothing to report.</p> <p><b>b) Membership Chair</b> Kathy reported that the Unit membership is around 384.</p> <p><b>c) ACBL Electronic Contact &amp; Unit 255 Website</b> Kathy said that she has nothing new to report.</p> <p><b>d) I/N Co-ordinator</b> Muriel informed the Board that she will not lead the Erin Berry Rookie Master event in October 2019. She suggested that we cancel the event if there is no one who is willing to lead this event. Board agreed, but Chandi offered to check if there are any members who like to be in a team to recruit players and lead the event. If Chandi is successful in his efforts, he will report to the Board within a couple of days.</p> <p><b>e) Education Chair</b> Chandi reported that as indicated in his two-page report, Niagara Area's Bridge educational activities are vibrant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The full-day refresher workshop on "<i>ACBL Law Changes</i>", Claude and Muriel Tremblay organized on behalf of the Unit 255, was attended by 16 game directors, and was successful. It was developed and presented by Martin Hunter.</li> <li>- Chandi is planning to organize a "<i>Tournament Preparation</i>" workshop for 0-99ers, prior to 2020 Spring 0-750 Sectional.</li> </ul> <p><b>d) Publicity/Promotion Chair</b> Wiebe said that he has nothing to report.</p> <p><b>e) Recorder</b> Chris said that he has nothing to report.</p> <p><b>f) Disciplinary Chair</b> Paul said that he has nothing to report.</p>	<p>Chandi</p> <p>Chandi</p>
7	<p><b>Other Business</b></p> <p><b>a) Double Dummy</b> The Board is not interested in this ACBL initiative.</p> <p><b>b) Insurance</b> Chris to follow up and report to the Board on insurance of equipment, currently stored in Tremblay residence. Insurance has to be in place within 12 months, or before equipment is moved to a permanent climatized storage with access to all Tournament Chairs.</p>	<p>Chris</p>
8	<p><b>Next Meeting</b> Meeting adjourned at 5.55 pm, after the Board decided to hold the next meeting at BCON on Wednesday, November 18, 2019 at 4:30 pm.</p>	<p>Muriel</p>