



ACBL UNIT 255 NIAGARA AREA
Minutes of the Second Annual General Meeting
Held on Saturday, April 6, 2019, 4:30 pm at
The Bridge Centre of Niagara

Present: Approximately 85 members of the Unit 255, including 10 Board Members & Chairs:
Muriel Tremblay, Paul Cronin, Elinor Grill, Wiebe Hoogland, Chandi Jayawardena, Chris Loat,
John Mackay, Lucy McEwen, Kathy Morrison and Claude Tremblay

#	Item
1	<p>Welcome from the President</p> <p>Muriel made the welcome and called the meeting to order. Muriel thanked 94 players who took part in the AGM special game with 23 ½ tables. She stated that it is quite an accomplishment to go from not existing as an organization to having successfully completed our first year of operation, which was the result of many dedicated and committed members who delivered what was needed. Muriel reminded members the objectives we set for our Unit when it was created:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide our members within the Niagara Area opportunities to develop and improve their bridge skills• Provide our members with more opportunities to compete in Sectional Tournaments and Unit Championship competitions• Communicate directly with our members to make them aware of events and achievements within our community• Recognize the achievements of our members• Get our members involved with our special projects. <p>Muriel thanked all members of Unit 255 Board and Chairs, and briefly outlined the key functions they were responsible for in our first year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Claude Tremblay, our Tournament Coordinator, has worked with each of the Tournament Chairs to establish consistency and balance in our financial statements and budgets, and to schedule all of our tournaments. Claude has introduced two new tournaments for our Unit. Claude successfully negotiated with Unit 166 for the transfer of funds to our Unit based on our membership percentage. Claude also initiated our application for a Government Grant for Seniors. We were successful in being awarded this grant of \$24,400, which we are using for the purchase of tournament equipment to make us independent of the need to rent equipment from Unit 166 and our local clubs.• Chris Loat, our Treasurer and Recorder for our Unit. It has taken some time to establish financial reports that combine the income and expense statements from the various tournaments that we run along with other income sources that the Unit has. We maintained a solid financial position in our first year by not spending more money than we had.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kathy Morrison, our ACBL electronic contact and more importantly our Membership Chair and Web Master. Kathy took on these jobs not knowing how much work was involved because she had never developed or maintained a website previously. • Lucy McEwen, our Intermediate/Novice (I/N) Coordinator. As such she has been responsible for successfully running the Helen Shields Rookie Master and the I/N Tournament in August. Lucy is always available to help us when we need catering for these special games. • Chandi Jayawardena, our Secretary and Education Chair is dedicated and committed to ensuring that the Unit meets our objective for our members to improve their Bridge skills. He communicates with all of the Bridge teachers both within the clubs and individual teachers within our region to learn about their service offerings and to provide support to teachers who are developing new Bridge players. Chandi does an excellent job of producing our minutes of meetings within a timely manner. • Wiebe Hoogland, our Vice President and District 2 Representative brings Unit experience to our group. Wiebe has been around other Units and District organizations for a long time and he knows from past experience what has been successful and what has not. As District 2 Representative, Wiebe took on the responsibility of writing a new simpler and comprehensive By-law for District 2. This will be reviewed in April at the District 2 Board meeting. • John Mackay, our financial auditor has helped us with the structure for our financial statements. As a result, we successfully integrated all of the financial statements from the various tournaments and special games and we balanced our books. • Paul Cronin, our Disciplinary Chair. • Elinor Grill, our Member at Large. <p>Muriel also thanked all of our members who have contributed to the success of each of our special games and tournaments by coming out and supporting us. Without you we would not exist. There are many other people who should be thanked.</p>
2	<p>Review of Minutes from the First AGM held on March 3, 2018</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to approve – Moved by John Mackay and seconded by Denyse Brochu. All in favor. Matters arising – None.
3	<p>Updates on our First Year</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Tournaments – Claude Tremblay reported that we now have four tournaments each year. We receive Hollswealth sponsorship of \$2,000 per year. Biyearly Regional will be moved from Niagara Falls Crown Plaza to St. Catharines Holiday Inn in 2021. Financial Year End Report – Chris Loat referred to his previously circulated report, which indicated a surplus of \$17,557.76. Moved by Chris Loat and seconded by Janice Petley. All in favor. Budget for 2019 – Chris Loat referred to his previously circulated budget, which projected a profit of \$13,030. Moved by Chris Loat and seconded by Chandi Jayawardena. Budget was approved. Education – Chandi Jayawardena reported that in 2018, the Unit 255 played an important supportive role in developing and promoting Bridge education in the Niagara Region. The Unit invested \$1,413 and communicated regularly with leaders of Bridge educational programs. The Unit has approved a budget of \$2,500 for Bridge educational activities and sponsorship in 2019.

4	<p>Unit 255 Masterpoint (MP) Race Winners for 2018</p> <p>Kathy Morrison announced the winners, and ACBL certificates were awarded to following members for 2018:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="262 297 1405 1009"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="262 297 458 445">Category (MP range)</th><th data-bbox="458 297 752 445">Mini McKenny Race (MPs at clubs + tournaments) Winners</th><th data-bbox="752 297 1111 445">Ace of Clubs Race (MPs at clubs) Winners</th><th data-bbox="1111 297 1405 445">Online Race Winners</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="262 445 458 487">0 to 5</td><td data-bbox="458 445 752 487">John Henderson</td><td data-bbox="752 445 1111 487">John Henderson</td><td data-bbox="1111 445 1405 487">-</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="262 487 458 530">5 to 20</td><td data-bbox="458 487 752 530">Joan Larocque</td><td data-bbox="752 487 1111 530">Joan Larocque</td><td data-bbox="1111 487 1405 530">June Lumber</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="262 530 458 572">20 to 50</td><td data-bbox="458 530 752 572">Leslie Nash</td><td data-bbox="752 530 1111 572">Leslie Nash</td><td data-bbox="1111 530 1405 572">Cam Nelson</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="262 572 458 614">50 to 100</td><td data-bbox="458 572 752 614">Tom Perris</td><td data-bbox="752 572 1111 614">Tom Perris</td><td data-bbox="1111 572 1405 614">-</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="262 614 458 656">100 to 200</td><td data-bbox="458 614 752 656">Doug Newman</td><td data-bbox="752 614 1111 656">Doug Newman</td><td data-bbox="1111 614 1405 656">-</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="262 656 458 720">200 to 300</td><td data-bbox="458 656 752 720">Donald & Darlene Menhennet</td><td data-bbox="752 656 1111 720">Donald & Darlene Menhennet</td><td data-bbox="1111 656 1405 720">Dennis Modolo</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="262 720 458 762">300 to 500</td><td data-bbox="458 720 752 762">Chandi Jayawardena</td><td data-bbox="752 720 1111 762">Peter Runcan</td><td data-bbox="1111 720 1405 762">Rob Kischuk</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="262 762 458 804">500 to 1000</td><td data-bbox="458 762 752 804">Robert Forster</td><td data-bbox="752 762 1111 804">Robert Forster</td><td data-bbox="1111 762 1405 804">Dorothy Duchnicki</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="262 804 458 846">1000 to 1500</td><td data-bbox="458 804 752 846">Sharon Stevens</td><td data-bbox="752 804 1111 846">Maureen Clark</td><td data-bbox="1111 804 1405 846">-</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="262 846 458 889">1500 to 2500</td><td data-bbox="458 846 752 889">John Mackay</td><td data-bbox="752 846 1111 889">John Mackay</td><td data-bbox="1111 846 1405 889">Stan Szymczak</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="262 889 458 931">2500 to 3500</td><td data-bbox="458 889 752 931">Andrew Russell</td><td data-bbox="752 889 1111 931">Lorna Johnson</td><td data-bbox="1111 889 1405 931">Carol Leroux</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="262 931 458 973">3500 to 5000</td><td data-bbox="458 931 752 973">Brian Macartney</td><td data-bbox="752 931 1111 973">Brian Macartney</td><td data-bbox="1111 931 1405 973">-</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="262 973 458 1015">5000 to 7500</td><td data-bbox="458 973 752 1015">Jeremy Smee</td><td data-bbox="752 973 1111 1015">Jeremy Smee</td><td data-bbox="1111 973 1405 1015">-</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Category (MP range)	Mini McKenny Race (MPs at clubs + tournaments) Winners	Ace of Clubs Race (MPs at clubs) Winners	Online Race Winners	0 to 5	John Henderson	John Henderson	-	5 to 20	Joan Larocque	Joan Larocque	June Lumber	20 to 50	Leslie Nash	Leslie Nash	Cam Nelson	50 to 100	Tom Perris	Tom Perris	-	100 to 200	Doug Newman	Doug Newman	-	200 to 300	Donald & Darlene Menhennet	Donald & Darlene Menhennet	Dennis Modolo	300 to 500	Chandi Jayawardena	Peter Runcan	Rob Kischuk	500 to 1000	Robert Forster	Robert Forster	Dorothy Duchnicki	1000 to 1500	Sharon Stevens	Maureen Clark	-	1500 to 2500	John Mackay	John Mackay	Stan Szymczak	2500 to 3500	Andrew Russell	Lorna Johnson	Carol Leroux	3500 to 5000	Brian Macartney	Brian Macartney	-	5000 to 7500	Jeremy Smee	Jeremy Smee	-
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5	<p>Upcoming Event – Helen Shields Rookie-Master</p> <p>Lucy McEwen reported that will be held on April 10, 2019. She would like to see as much support this year as we received last year.</p>																																																								
6	<p>Confirmation of Proceedings</p> <p>Motion by Dianne Smith, seconded by Anne Marie Stockwell:</p> <p>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 same are hereby approved, ratified, and confirmed. All in favor. Carried.</p>																																																								
7	<p>New Business – Membership Suggestions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kathy Morrison thanked Muriel and Claude Tremblay for their hard work since Unit 255 was formed, and presented them with a token of appreciation. Lorna Johnson was thanked by Muriel for organizing the post-AGM dinner. 																																																								
8	<p>Adjournment</p> <p>Chris Loat moved that the AGM be adjourned and Kathy Morrison seconded. All in favour and meeting adjourned at 5:31 pm, followed by dinner and social for Unit 255 members.</p>																																																								