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**Annual General Membership Meeting**  
**Quality Inn & Parkway Convention Centre - St. Catharines, ON**  
**Saturday, June 26, 2004 beginning at 9:00 a.m.**

**Minutes**

**Attendees:**

Doug Fraser - CBF Vice-President and meeting Chairman

Janice Anderson - CBF Executive Secretary

George Retek - Unit 151 - Zone II

Richard Lesage - Unit 151 - Zone II

Joan Priebe - Unit 166 - Zone III

Neil Kimelman - Unit 181 - Zone IV

Judith Gartaganis - Unit 390 - Zone V

Mike Cummings - Unit 166 - Zone III

Bob Todd - Unit 181 - Zone IV

Lane Byl - Unit 166 - Zone III

Fred Andreychuk - Unit 166 - Zone III

Jerry Smee - Unit 166 - Zone III

Dick Anderson - Unit 573 - Zone V

Jim Priebe - Unit 166 - Zone III

Marius Moldovan - Unit 151 - Zone II

Paul Thurston - Unit 166 - Zone III

Bill Treble - Unit 181 - Zone IV

David Lindop - Unit 166 - Zone III

Andre Chartrand - Unit 151 - Zone II

Louise Zicat - Unit 192 - Zone II

Butch Cowell - Unit 166 - Zone III

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

CBF Vice - President, Doug Fraser, confirmed that a quorum was in attendance and call the meeting to order.

**2. MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM**

**The minutes of the June 7, 2003 AGM held in Penticton, BC be adopted as distributed.**

**Moved by Joan Priebe.**

**Seconded by Richard Lesage.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**3. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS**

**Ian Wallace, of Mintz and Wallace, CA's of Regina, be appointed CBF Auditor for the next fiscal year.**

**Moved by George Retek.**

**Seconded by Richard Lesage.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**4. CONFIRMATION OF ZONE DIRECTORS**

Janice Anderson reported the following election results for 2003.

**Mike Hartop** was elected by majority vote as Zone I Director for the Term of January 1, 2004 - December 31, 2006

**Francis Gaudino** was elected by majority vote as Zone IV Director for the Term of January 1, 2004 - December 31, 2006.

**Jean Castonguay** was elected by acclamation to complete the term of Zone II Director for the Term of October 9, 2003 - December 31, 2004.

**The elections of Mike Hartop, Francis Gaudino and Jean Castonguay are confirmed by the membership.**

**Moved by Dick Anderson.**

**Seconded by Judith Gartaganis.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Upcoming Elections:**

Elections will be conducted, this fall, in the following Zones:

Zone II - term January 1, 2005 - December 31, 2007

Zone V - term January 1, 2005 - December 31, 2007

**5. AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2003**

Janice Anderson, CBF Treasurer, presented the 2003 Audited Financial Statements to the membership.

- the CBF is having a problem reconciling the membership numbers with the amount of membership money received from the ACBL. Janice Anderson will be contacting the ACBL and asking them for an explanation.
- Janice Anderson will be contacting the Auditors to find out if the clause in the Auditor's report: "In common with many not-for-profit organizations, the Federation derives a portion of its revenue from memberships, donations and competition fees, which by their nature are not susceptible to complete audit verification." could be removed if we get the ACBL to write a letter each year confirming the membership revenue.
- concern was raised over the high cost of Director fees for the CBF STAC. Janice Anderson explained that these fees are set by the ACBL and there isn't anything we can do about them. It was suggested that we make it known to the ACBL that we feel these fees are just too high.

**Jim Priebe, on behalf of the membership, expressed his thanks to Janice Anderson for all the work she does on behalf of the organization.**

**The 2003 audited financial statement be adopted as presented.**

**Moved by Richard Lesage.**

**Seconded by Joan Priebe.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**6. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CBF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.**

The CBF Board of Directors held their annual meeting here in St. Catharines, June 16 through June 18, 2004. Highlights of the meeting were presented to the membership. Full minutes of these meetings will be posted on the CBF website.

- a) Discussion took place on the funding policies for Junior Players. Many members

expressed concern over the fact that some Juniors are giving up school to concentrate solely on playing bridge.

**The membership recommends that the CBF Board of Directors adopt a “stay in school” policy for Junior Funding. In particular this policy should deal with completion of High School.**

**Moved by Judy Gartaganis.**

**Seconded by Joan Priebe.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- b) Discussion took place on the increasing number of Junior Events that require funding.
- the membership expressed their support for the CBF position of only funding one a team for one International Junior event.
  - the membership also expressed their opinion that they would prefer to see the funding go to a team with a lower age restriction. The general consensus was for a team with a maximum age of 22.

**The Chair asked for a show of hands on the question of whether the CBF should be funding one or two Junior teams.**

**- the majority preferred one team.**

- c) The membership expressed their approval of the CBF Board adding the CIPC and CSTC to Bridge Week.

## **7. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CBF CHARITABLE FUND TRUSTEES MEETING**

The meeting was presented with the highlights of the CBF Charitable Fund Trustees Meeting which was held here in St. Catharines on Wednesday, June 16, 2004. Full minutes of these meetings will be posted on the CBF website.

## **8. OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) Concern was raised over the department of a few players in the 2004 Bridge Week.

**The CBF Board of Directors take action to ensure that “Zero Tolerance” rules are enforced at Bridge Week.**

**Moved by Bob Todd.**

**Seconded by Judy Gartaganis.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**The CBF Board of Directors convene a National Conduct and Ethics committee to investigate actions at this 2004 Bridge Week and to develop rules and regulations for future years.**

**Moved by Bob Todd.**

**Seconded by Judith Gartaganis.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

b) Discussion took place on how we can get more young people from all across the country involved with CBF bridge programs.

c) It was suggested that the CBF needs to work more closely with Bridge Teachers in Canada.

**It was suggested that the CBF Board of Directors contact Canadian Bridge Teachers and ask them about ways in which the CBF could help them out.**

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned.**

**Moved by Jim Priebe.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**