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Annual General Membership Meeting
New Residence Hall - McGill University - Montreal, PQ
Saturday, June 4, 2005 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes

Attendees:

Doug Fraser - CBF President

Janice Anderson - CBF Executive Secretary

George Retek - Unit 151 - Zone II

Jim Priebe - Unit 166 - Zone III

Bill Treble - Unit 181 - Zone IV

Doug Fisher - Unit 181 - Zone IV

Roman Klein - Unit 166 - Zone III

Louise Zicat - Unit 192 - Zone II

Dick Anderson - Unit 573 - Zone V

Neil Kimelman - Unit 181 - Zone IV

Bob Todd - Unit 181 - Zone IV

Bob Bambrick - Unit 192 - Zone II

David Lindop - Unit 166 - Zone III

1. CALL TO ORDER

CBF President, Doug Fraser, confirmed that a quorum was in attendance and call the meeting to order at 9:10am.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM

The minutes of the June 26, 2004 AGM held in St. Catharines, ON be adopted as distributed.

Moved by Doug Fisher.

Seconded by Jim Priebe.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. REPORT ON ITEMS RAISED AT LAST AGM

a) "Stay in School" Junior Policy

The CBF Board discussed this in their Sept. 28, 2004 Conference Call. A motion to adopt such a policy failed. The Board felt that such a policy would be a discriminatory policy and it would add bureaucratic pressure.

The Board agreed to do what it could to encourage staying in school but just didn't feel that they could make it a mandatory policy.

b) Zero Tolerance at Bridge Week

The CBF Board confirmed this and at the start of this Bridge Week it was announced at all Captain's meetings that Zero Tolerance was in effect. Jan Anderson had also instructed the DIC of Bridge Week that the CBF wanted Zero Tolerance in effect during all of Bridge Week.

Some members reported on an incident at this Bridge Week that did not seem to be handled with Zero Tolerance in mind.

This led to some discussion on other concerns about some of the directing staff at this Bridge Week.

Janice Anderson will have a talk with Henry Cukoff and outline to him the concerns raised by the CBF membership and participants at Bridge Week.

c) National Conduct & Ethics Committee

The CBF has set up a Conduct & Ethics Committee for Bridge Weeks. The committee will consist of the CBF Board Chairperson of this committee, or the designee if this person is not present, and two other CBF Directors if possible. If two other CBF Directors are not available then the spots will be filled with other Bridge Week participants.

d) STaC Director Fees

The CBF has done all it can to keep STaC costs down. Unfortunately the fees for Directors of STaC's is set by the ACBL and the CBF has no control over this. All that we can do is to voice our concerns to members of the ACBL Board and management.

4. CONFIRMATION OF ZONE DIRECTORS

Janice Anderson reported the following election results for 2004.

Jean Castonguay was elected by acclamation as Zone II Director for the Term of January 1, 2005 - December 31, 2007

The other election was in Zone V and there were no nominations received. After putting the word out in the Zone and directly asking someone to take over, **Joe Kerger** was appointed to the position on Feb. 17, 2005. His term will be Feb. 17, 2005 - Dec. 31, 2007.

This fall elections will be conducted in Zones III and VI.

Zone III - term January 1, 2006 - December 31, 2008

Zone VI - term January 1, 2006 - December 31, 2008

The elections of Jean Castonguay and the appointment of Joe Kerger are confirmed by the membership.

Moved by George Retek.

Seconded by Bill Treble.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2004

Janice Anderson, CBF Treasurer, presented the 2004 Audited Financial Statements to the membership.

The 2003 audited financial statement be adopted as presented.

Moved by Doug Fisher.

Seconded by Bob Todd.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

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

Moved by Dick Anderson.

Seconded by Jim Priebe.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. AMENDMENT TO BYLAW #10

The proposed change to Bylaw #10 was presented.

BY-LAW #10 - DUTIES OF THE TREASURER:

The Treasurer shall collect and receive all monies due or owing the Federation and shall pay all proper accounts thereof. S/he may endorse for deposit all cheques payable to the Federation and shall deposit all ordinary funds of the Federation in an account with a chartered Bank or trust company provided by the Board of Directors in the name of the CBF and all cheques, under \$5000, on the same shall be drawn and signed by the Treasurer or by any two individuals holding one of the following offices: Treasurer, President or Vice President and all cheques, \$5000 or more, on the same shall be drawn and must be signed by any two individuals holding one of the following offices: Treasurer, President, or Vice President.

By-Law #10 of the CBF Bylaws be amended as presented above.

Moved by Jim Priebe.

Seconded by Bob Branbury.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CBF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.

The CBF Board of Directors held their annual meeting here in Montreal, May 25 - 27, 2005. 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 location of Bridge Week 2007. Winnipeg would like to host a Bridge Week but realise that if Thunder Bay hosts the 2007 Bridge Week it would be awhile before Zone IV would host another. Winnipeg Unit does not want to step on Thunder Bay's toes if they want Bridge Week and it will work there.

In the event that arrangements do not work out in Thunder Bay, Bridge Week 2007 be held in Winnipeg.

Moved by Roman Klein.

Seconded by Bob Todd.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- b) Discussion took place in regards to the problems with dropping CBF membership. Janice Anderson explained the steps that are be taken to try and improve on this. Discussion also took place in regards to subsidizing teams to the 2006 World Championships and whether or not we can afford this if membership revenue does not improve.

The CBF Board of directors reconsider providing subsidy to the 2006 winners of the CNTC-A, CWTC and CSTC to the 2006 World Championships. A cash prize of \$5000 per team should be awarded instead if membership renewals remain below 70%.

Moved by George Retek.

Seconded by Dick Anderson.

MOTION NOT CARRIED.

The general consensus at the meeting was that we must all do more to encourage Units to hold International Fund Games at all their Sectional Tournaments.

The CBF Board should contact all Units re: the International Fund Games at Sectional Tournaments.

Moved by Bob Todd.

Seconded by Roman Klein.

CARRIED.

Some discussion also took place on the merit of getting a CBF pin and selling it with membership in the CBF. Janice Anderson explained that this was done in the 1980's but didn't really have any impact.

9. 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 Thursday, May 26, 2005. Full minutes of these meetings will be posted on the CBF website.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

- a) The membership wished to express its thanks to Jean Castonguay, Tournament Chair, and Barbara Hastings and Barbara Corcoran, Hospitality Hostesses, for an exceptional Bridge Week.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned.

Moved by George Retek.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Doug Fraser - CBF President

Janice Anderson - CBF Executive Assistant

Dated: August 1, 2005