

CBF BOARD OF DIRECTORS - CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES
Wednesday, November 08, 2006

PRESENT: Mike Hartop, CBF President & Zone I Director - joined during meeting
Nader Hanna, Zone III Director
Francis Gaudino, Zone IV Director
Alex Fowlie, Zone V Director
Peter Morse, Zone VI Director
Janice Anderson, Executive Assistant

1. Call to Order & Agenda Approval

The meeting was called to order at 9:10pm EST.

The agenda was approved as presented by email.

Jean Castonguay sent his regrets that he is unable to attend the call.

Vice-President, Francis Gaudino, took the chair due to the absence of the President.

2. Zone V Board Member

The board welcomed Alex Fowlie, new Zone V Director, to the CBF Board.

Motion 06-11CC01: Alex Fowlie of Edmonton is ratified as the new Zone V CBF director for a term ending December 31, 2007.

MOVED by Peter Morse.

SECONDED by Nader Hanna.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Ratification of Fall Elections

No new candidates submitted their names for election so the incumbents were declared elected by acclamation in Zones I and IV.

Motion 06-11CC02: The re-election by acclamation of Mike Hartop, Zone I and Francis Gaudino, Zone IV are ratified.

MOVED by Alex Fowlie.

SECONDED by Peter Morse.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Junior Matters

a) World Youth & World Schools Event

Jan Anderson gave a financial update on the costs associated with sending the two teams to Bangkok.

The net cost to the CBF was \$28,956.25 which came in \$2,043.75 under budget thanks to donations from: J. Steinberg, District 2 GNT, CBF Regional rebates, the Kingston Regional and the Erin Berry Memorial Fund.

John Carruther's NPC report was discussed.

Motion 06-11CC03: John Carruther's NPC report on the World Youth and World Schools World Championships is received with thanks.

MOVED by Peter Morse.

SECONDED by Nader Hanna.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Board felt that the “profile” problem should be put to rest. We can add a point to the NPC duties making it the responsibility of all NPCs to personally write and submit any requested write ups on the team.

Alex Fowlie inquired about the WBF inflating the lodging costs in Bangkok in order to raise more money for the event. It was explained that this is what often happens with WBF events. It was also explained that in Verona, George Retek and Dick Anderson did make it known to the WBF that they were not pleased with this happening.

b) 2007 Canadian Junior Team Trials

John Carruthers recommendations for selecting future teams were discussed.

Motion 06-11CC04: The motion on 2007 Canadian Junior team trials passed at the 2006 CBF Board meetings is rescinded.

MOVED by Peter Morse.

SECONDED by Nader Hanna.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion 06-11CC05: The CBF will solicit the names of juniors who would be interested in representing Canada at the 2008 World Youth and Schools Championships. All names must be submitted to the CBF Executive Assistant by May 1, 2007. Failure to submit one’s name may result in them not being eligible for consideration when the teams are selected. In conjunction with the Junior Manager these registered Juniors will take part in various training/coaching sessions and work. The Junior Manager will then recommend to the board teams for each event.

MOVED by Peter Morse.

SECONDED by Alex Fowlie.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

This information will be placed on the website and will run in the December and April issues of Bridge Canada. It was also suggested that the information be email to any Bridge Teachers we have contact with. It was also suggested that we prepare a notice that could be distributed to Canadian tournament directors and ask them to give it to any young person they see playing in Canadian tournaments. Jan Anderson will look into this further.

President, Mike Hartop joined the meeting so now took over the chair.

c) World University Team Championship

Jan Anderson gave a preliminary financial account of sending the team to China. Donations were received from: The World Bridge Federation, Canadian Interuniversity Sport, Units 192, 230, 430 and 431 plus the Zone VI Olympiad fund. Donations have also been pledged from Unit 166, Unit 246 and Unit 151. It looks like the event will end up costing the CBF approximately \$1,500.00 which is \$4,500 under budget.

Discussion took place on the excellent job that Bryan Maksymetz did as NPC.

Motion 06-11CC06: The CBF Board of Directors expresses its thanks to Bryan Maksymetz for all his hard work and support of the 2006 Canadian University Team.

MOVED by Francis Gaudino.

SECONDED by Peter Morse.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Discussion took place on what WBF rules there are in regards to sending teams to the three Junior World events in order to retain eligibility for the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and Senior Cup.

Motion 06-11CC07: Jan Anderson is to write the WBF and try and get concrete clarification on whether or not we must send teams to all 3 Junior World events in order to retain our BB, VC and SC eligibility.

MOVED by Nader Hanna.

SECONDED by Peter Morse.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

d) Junior Manager

Mike Hartop asked the question: "Do we want/need a Junior Manager?" The response was a unanimous YES.

Board reviewed the Junior Manager job description that was used last time. It was agreed that we use the same job description and time frame. Applications will be received until mid-May and then will be reviewed at the Board meetings in May where a successful applicant will be named.

The advertisement will run in December and April issues of Bridge Canada and will be posted on the CBF website (French and English).

e) Youth games with lesson on BBO

Francis reported that nothing has been done with this yet. He says he will get on it right away and hopefully it can begin in early 2007.

Francis will prepare an announcement about the Canadian Junior BBO site and get it to Jude by next week so it can appear in the December issue of Bridge Canada.

f) Problems with Getting Code of Conduct & Release Forms

This was tabled until the May 2007 Board meetings.

g) ACBL meetings

Jan Anderson will represent the CBF in any discussions held in Hawaii in regards to Junior policy or Junior issues.

5. Bridge Weeks

a) 2007 Winnipeg

All is progressing fine. Winnipeg chair and committee are working very hard and hope to make this the best Bridge Week ever. Francis reported that he has written the other Units in Zone IV suggesting they make a contribution to Winnipeg for Bridge Week hospitality.

Discussed the need for 100 sets of boards. Jan will investigate renting them.

b) 2008 Montreal

Motion 06-11CC08: 2008 Canadian Bridge Week be moved from Quebec City to Montreal. It will be held at the Hilton Montreal Airport May 24 - 31, 2007.

MOVED by Peter Morse.

SECONDED by Francis Gaudino.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

c) 2009 and 2010

Peter Morse has made some preliminary inquiries in Penticton for 2009. He hopes to have a proposal for the Board before our May meetings.

Mike Hartop says Moncton may not work out for 2010. He says he thinks Halifax might be worth looking at as long as we can run at the very end of June.

6. CBF Regional

a) 2007 - Montreal

Jean reports that everything is set to go.

b) 2008 Victoria

Discussed letter from Doug Fraser which asked the Board to consider spending up to \$3000 on chair cushions. The organizing committee wants to be able to advertise that a remedy has been found for the uncomfortable chairs. This would greatly help attendance locally where the chair problems are known.

Motion 06-11CC9: The CBF will contribute up to \$3000 towards the cost of cushions for the chairs being used in Victoria for the 2008 CBF Regional. This will go as a tournament expense.

MOVED by Francis Gaudino.

SECONDED by Peter Morse.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Peter Morse will also look into whether or not Vancouver Unit could also use these cushions for their Sectionals.

c) 2009 & 2010

2009 - Nader will do some investigating in Zone III for a possible site.

2010 - Jan and Alex will get together to discuss possible Zone V locations.

7. Bi-Country Play-Off

It will be our turn to host the event.

Key time frame: our winners known on June 2, 2007.

Summer NABC July 19 - 29, 2007

World Championships (BB, VC, SC) Sept. 29 - Oct. 13, 2007.

Nader Hanna offered to be our contact with Mexico. Jan will get the address of our Mexican Bridge Federation contact to Nader.

It will be hard to finalize this until after our winners are known.

8. Investment Strategy

Peter Morse apologized that he had prepared a draft for the committee to examine before giving it to the board, but just discovered that he hadn't sent it out. Peter will get at this right away and should have something for the board soon.

9. WBF Proposal

Jan Anderson shared a letter from Jose Damiani, WBF President, with the Board. Discussion took place on what the board feels about changing how the WBF Executive Council is elected.

Jan will write back that at this time, without further clarification, we could not support such a move.

10. Next Conference Call

**The CBF Board of Directors will meet by conference call on:
Tuesday, March 20, 2007 beginning at 8:00pm EST.**

11. Other Business

a) Peter Morse inquired as to whether or not the CBF had been contacted at all about having the 2010 World Championships in Vancouver. Jan said that to her knowledge Vancouver had contacted the WBF and the WBF had sent back a response outlining what the needs and expectations of a host would be. The Board did express concern that the CBF was not contacted and does hope that if anything develops we will be contacted and consulted by the WBF.

b) Peter Morse reported that he has been able to convince the Vancouver Unit to hold International Fund games at their Sectionals. Alex Fowlie asked about how this works and what advantage there is to the players. When he learned these games pay masterpoints at Regional rating, he felt his area would be interested and will work on getting more held in Zone V.

12. Adjournment

Being no other business at this time, the President entertained a motion for adjournment.

Motion 06-11CC10: The meeting be adjourned.

MOVED by Peter Morse.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25pm EST.