

CBF BOARD OF DIRECTORS - CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES

Tuesday, March 20, 2007

PRESENT: Jean Castonguay, Zone II Director
Nader Hanna, Zone III Director
Francis Gaudino, Zone IV Director and Vice President
Alex Fowlie, Zone V Director
Peter Morse, Zone VI Director
Janice Anderson, Executive Assistant

1. Call to Order & Agenda Approval

A Quorum was declared and the meeting was called to order at 8:10pm EDT.

The agenda was approved as presented by email.

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

2. Bridge Canada

Janice Anderson reminded all that the deadline for the next issue of Bridge Canada has arrived and any submissions must come in asap.

This issue will contain:

- Ad for Junior manager since no applications have come in. Directors should be actively searching in their Zones for potential candidates.
- Ad for Charity Chairperson since it hasn't appeared in Bridge Canada yet. Currently one application has been received. **Nader will write Marilyn White a letter thanking her for also being Zone III CWTC coordinator for past 10 years.**
- Calling all Junior interested in representing Canada in 2008 to register. So far some have come in but we need to get the word out so all register. Directors should remind any Junior players in their area to register.
- Notice on how to register for Transnational Teams in Shanghai.

3. Junior Matters

There have not been any CBF junior mini-tourneys on BBO yet. Francis still does not have any financial agreement with Shelagh Paulsson - he was instructed to get something in writing on what our agreement is with her. Concern about getting the information out to juniors - should have been in December Bridge Canada. Must go to Jude now if it is to make April Bridge Canada. We need information on extra time and dates of these planned games so players know exactly when to log in.

4. International Fund Regional

Montreal did a fantastic job again this year. Funds raised: \$21,920.79

The Board expressed its deep thanks and appreciation for all the work Jean Castonguay did on making this tournament a success.

Discussion took place on how we could create a second source of much needed revenue through Regional Tournaments.

Suggestions:

Can we have a second IF Regional?

- ACBL will not grant this and Districts would not likely support this

Could we have an IF Surtax on all entry fees at all Canadian Regional?

- ACBL or CBF could not mandate this. It would need to be a voluntary agreement with each District holding Regionals in Canada.

It was agreed that the District Directors will talk to their ACBL District Boards prior to our meeting in May and report back on the Districts reception to this idea. This will be placed on agenda of May meetings.

5. Bridge Week

All is on tract and it should be a wonderful event. Winnipeg has been working really hard to raise extra funds and provide fabulous hospitality. Francis was able to get the other Units in his Zone contribute to hosting one night's hospitality.

Screens - *are nearly finished*

Boards - *have purchased 34 sets and cards from Vince Oddy. Hope to ship this week.*

Concern was raised that the hotel in Winnipeg may already be out of rooms. Janice will talk to the hotel tomorrow and notify the board about her findings. If the rooms are gone, we will need to advertise alternate staying sites.

6. Analysis for Rookie-Master Game

Janice asked directors to think of people in their area that might volunteer to do an analysis. We do not want to always bother the same volunteers. Directors should talk to anyone they think of and be prepared at the May meeting with any names that have agreed to do an analysis.

7. Meetings

Full Board meeting will run Wednesday, May 23 - Friday, May 25, 2007 at the Clarion Hotel in Winnipeg. Janice checked on arrival dates for hotel room bookings.

Agenda items should be in by May 1, 2007.

8. Other Business

a) Update on Penticton Bridge Week - 2009

Peter Morse has discovered that the hotel we used in 2003 is no longer there. There would only be two hotels that could handle our needs. Peter should have detailed information for the May meetings.

b) Investment Committee Report

It was agreed that we will wait until the May meetings to formally adopt the CBF Statement of Investment Policies and Goals.

Peter asked that if anyone has any questions or comments, to contact him and they can be handled prior to the meeting in May.

c) International Fund Games at Sectionals

Alex Fowlie reported on how well received this was in Edmonton. He hopes to get all major Sectionals in his Zone holding these events.

Peter Morse reported that he has successfully gotten Unit 430 to agree to hold these at all Sectionals.

This is an easy source of revenue and is well received by players who love the inflated master points. All Zone Directors should try and encourage Sectionals in their Zones to hold these games.

9. Adjournment

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

Motion 07-03CC1: The meeting be adjourned.

MOVED by Peter Morse.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm EDT.