

CBF BOARD OF DIRECTORS - CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES

Tuesday, March 9, 2010

PRESENT: **Kathie Macnab, Zone I Director**
Jean Castonguay, Zone II Director
Nader Hanna, Zone III Director & CBF President
Neil Kimelman, Zone IV Director
Alex Fowlie, Zone V Director
Peter Morse, Zone VI Director & CBF Vice President
Janice Anderson, Executive Assistant

1. Call to Order & Agenda Approval

The President, Nader Hanna, declared a Quorum and the meeting was called to order at 2:00pm EST. Nader extended a welcome to all board members with a special welcome to Kathie Macnab and Neil Kimelman as this is their first CBF meeting.

The agenda was approved as presented by email with the addition of three items under other business.

2. 2009 Board of Director Minutes

Alex Fowlie pointed out a couple of typos that need correcting.

MOTION 10-03CC1: The minutes of the 2009 Board of Directors meeting are approved as circulated with the noted three corrections.

MOVED by Peter Morse.

SECONDED by Alex Fowlie.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Items arising from the minutes:

- a) **Mission Statement:** The minutes reflect that the mission statement should appear on the website and every issue of Bridge Canada. It was noted that the issue of Bridge Canada that is currently at the printers doesn't have the mission statement in it.

Janice was asked to remind Jude Goodwin that the mission statement needs to be on home page of the website and in each Bridge Canada.

- b) **Membership Items:** Janice reported that ACBL would not change the membership renewal form. The website "My ACBL" renewal has been fixed so that people must answer Yes or No to the question about CBF membership before they can proceed to check out. An information sheet for new members was sent to ACBL and we paid for printing enough for one year - ACBL is to place these in all new member packages for new members in Canada.

Discussion took place on ways we can make people more aware of the CBF and what the CBF does.

Discussed different ways to make magazine of more interest on a local level.

Discussed how Zone Directors can do more to encourage CBF membership in their area:

- one suggestion was contacting (by email) members who are up for renewal reminding them to include CBF.

Discussed idea of CBF collecting all dues including ACBL and then forwarding money to ACBL.

- c) **CBF Banner**

Jean Castonguay reported that no he had not gotten a banner made but he could. *The Board confirmed that they do want Jean to proceed with getting this banner made.*

- d) **Yeh Brothers Cup**

Nader asked if there was anymore news on this. Peter Morse reported that he had not heard anything more. *Peter will try and get an update when he returns to Vancouver.*

e) Board Name Tags

Janice reported she had not gotten these made yet as she was waiting for the new year when new board members had taken over. *Janice will order these right away and get them out quickly.*

3. Pre-Approved NPC list

Nader outlined the background on having the pre-approved NPC list. The Board reviewed the submission of the two individuals who had applied to be placed on the list.

MOTION 10-03CC2: Susan Korbel and John Rayner are approved as additions to the NPC list.

Moved by Peter Morse.

Seconded by Neil Kimelman.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Discussion took place on what we do if a team is having a problem finding anyone from the Pre-approved NPC list who is willing to be their NPC.

MOTION 10-03CC3: If a team has contacted at least 50% of the people on the NPC list and found no one to be their NPC, they may ask the CBF Board to approve an individual who is not on the NPC list. The team will be required to submit a list of the people on the list that they contacted.

MOVED by Peter Morse.

SECONDED by Jean Castonguay.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Hall of Fame

Discussion took place on what we can give the people named to the CBF Hall of Fame.

- The Board felt we had to give them something - perhaps a nice plaque. Nader Hanna will check out what we could get and what the cost would be.

Discussion also took place on what we could do for the presentation. What format? What budget?

- It was felt that we couldn't afford a dinner or reception. However, for this year we could do a presentation at the Canadian Bridge Championships - set aside a one hour time frame prior to the evening matches. The Tuesday evening was suggested as the best time. Once we know the teams so a complete schedule can be done - time will be put in it for the Hall of Fame presentation.

Discussion on a suitable honorarium for the Hall of Fame Archivist will be discussed at the meetings in May.

5. Website Status

Discussion took place on the status of the new website. All agreed we need to get this up and running but that it shouldn't be launched with missing or incomplete information. When Peter Morse returns to Vancouver he will get in contact with Jude Goodwin and report back on when we can get the new site launched.

6. Bridge Canada

Nader Hanna reported that John Carruthers might be willing to take over as editor but he would require our printing schedule to NOT conflict with the Kibitzer schedule.

Some other possible names were mentioned - Bruce McIntyre of Vancouver and Allan Simon of Calgary. It was agreed that we should try and get as many candidates as possible. Peter Morse will talk to Bruce McIntyre and Janice Anderson will talk to Allan Simon.

A final decision on editor, format and number of issues will be made at the May meetings.

7. Richmond Trophy

It has been noted that all of sudden, beginning January 2010, the ACBL is including points won on-line in the totals for the Richmond Trophy. Prior to 2010, on-line points were never included.

The Board agreed that we do not want on-line points included in the totals for the Richmond Trophy. Janice Anderson will contact the ACBL to make sure on-line points are not included.

8. World Youth Congress - August 2011

Nader Hanna gave the board an overview of the background to this item. Nader outlined that we have two main issues to decide:

- 1. Can we afford to host this?**
- 2. If we feel we could afford it - then where? What venue?**

It was agreed that we really cannot afford to do this if the cost is significant to the CBF.

Kathie Macnab outlined what she had discovered when getting information on hosting it in Halifax. It would appear that our cost would be over \$33,000 for space even if given a 50% discount.

Nader Hanna will talk to the chairperson of the 2011 Summer NABC that is scheduled for Toronto to see if there was anyway this might be incorporated with the NABC.

All board members are to do some thinking as to where and how we could host this.

The board will make a decision by the end of April so that the WBF can be notified.

9. Other Business

a) BM Software for Juniors

Eric Kokish, National Coach, had begun some discussion with Fred Gitelman about getting Bridge Mate software for the juniors taking part in training. Fred has offered to sell them to us at his cost and then let the juniors have free access to the files through BBO.

- Janice reported that the CBF can not issue income tax receipts and the Charity Foundation would not be able to issue receipts for this type of donation.
- Janice reported that there would be two places in our current budget that could be used to purchase these: - Education amount or Special Projects in Junior Fund.

Nader Hanna will talk to Fred Gitelman and try and make arrangements to get what we need. Nader Hanna will also talk to Master Point Press about possibly getting some bridge books for Juniors who are interested in doing more reading.

b) Slow Play at National Championships

Given the time - this was tabled until our May meetings.

10. Adjournment

Given the lateness of the hour, Nader Hanna thanked all for participating in the call and the meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm EST. The next Board meeting will be in Markham in May.