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Annual General Membership Meeting
Regina Travelodge Hotel & Conference Centre - Regina, SK
Saturday, May 28, 2011 beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Minutes

Attendees:

Kathie Macnab - Unit 194 - Zone I CBF Director
Anne Mahoney - Unit 230 - Zone I

Jurek Czyzowicz – Unit 192 - Zone II
Joey Silver – Unit 151 - Zone II

Paul Janicki – Unit 246 - Zone III
Jim Priebe – Unit 166 - Zone III
Roy Hughes – Unit 166 - Zone III
Jonathan Steinberg – Unit 166 - Zone III
Michael Schoenborn – Unit 166 - Zone III
Ron Bishop – Unit 166 - Zone III

Doug Fisher – Unit 181 - Zone IV
Marianne Johnson – Unit 181 - Zone IV
Marlene Pontifex – Unit 181 - Zone IV
Glen Fidler – Unit 181 - Zone IV
Ray Hornby – Unit 181 - Zone IV

Janice Anderson - CBF Executive Secretary - Zone V
Gail Charles – Unit 573 - Zone V
Rosemary Makelki – Unit 573- Zone V
Betty Lou Heeg – Unit 573 - Zone V
Barry Pritchard – Unit 391 - Zone V
Alex Fowlie – Unit 391 - Zone V
Don McCarthy – Unit 248 - Zone V

Jerry Mamer - Unit 575 - CBF Zone V Director
Rick Gaucher – Unit 573 - Zone V
Don Gladman – Unit 390 - Zone V
Allan Simon – Unit 390 - Zone V
Ken Penton – Unit 390 - Zone V
Cydney Hayes – Unit 575 - Zone V

Gray Mc Mullin – Unit 430 - Zone VI
Sandy McIlwain – Unit 571 - Zone VI

Dan Jacob – Unit 430 - Zone VI

1. CALL TO ORDER

Jerry Mamer, CBF Zone V Director, confirmed that a quorum was in attendance and called the meeting to order at 8:37am. Jerry welcomed all to the meeting.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM

MOTION AGM11-01: The minutes of the June 5, 2010 AGM held in Markham, ON be adopted as distributed.

Moved by Doug Fisher.

Seconded by Paul Janicki.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Business arising from the minutes:

a) Motion AGM10-05 - reduction of IF Surtax on CSTC entry

Jerry Mamer reported that the CBF Board had discussed this and had put in place some changes to the International Fund subsidy policy so that implementation of this would not affect the subsidy of the Open and Women's teams. The board will finalize a decision on this very soon and if changes are made they will go into effect with the 2012 CSTC.

___ b) No other business arising from the minutes was brought up.

3. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

MOTION AGM11-02: Ian Wallace, of Mintz and Wallace, CA's of Regina, be appointed CBF Auditor for the next fiscal year.

Moved by Doug Fisher.

Seconded by Gray Mc Mullin.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. CONFIRMATION OF ZONE DIRECTORS

Janice Anderson reported the following election results for 2010.

Jean Castonguay was re-elected by acclamation as Zone II Director for the Term of January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2013

Jerry Mamer was elected by acclamation as Zone V Director for the Term of January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2013

MOTION AGM11-03: The re-election of Jean Castonguay and election of Jerry Mamer are confirmed by the membership.

Moved by Richard Anderson.

Seconded by Alex Fowlie.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Zone III - term January 1, 2012 - December 31, 2014

Zone VI - term January 1, 2012 - December 31, 2014

Both Nader Hanna, Zone III, and Peter Morse, Zone VI, have indicated they will be seeking re-election.

5. PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2010

Janice Anderson, CBF Treasurer, presented the 2010 Preliminary Financial Statements to the membership.

MOTION AGM11-04: The 2010 Preliminary Financial Statements be approved as presented pending the receipt of the 2010 Audited Statements.

MOVED by Doug Fisher.

SECONDED by Kathie Macnab.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CBF BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETING

The CBF Board of Directors held their annual meeting here in Regina, May 18 - 20, 2011.

Highlights of the meeting were presented to the membership. Full minutes of these meetings will be posted on the CBF website.

Jerry Mamer, Zone V CBF Director, went over the highlights of the CBF Board meetings.

a) Membership

Unfortunately CBF memberships are still on the decline. We need everyone to help promote us to the club players in their respective areas. The Board spent a great deal of time discussing things that could be done to help improve membership numbers.

The board identified three areas of concern:

- 1) getting new ACBL members to also sign up for CBF membership
- 2) getting existing ACBL members to include CBF dues with their ACBL membership renewals
- 3) getting long time ACBL members who regularly play in our Championships to pay CBF dues yearly and not just when it is mandatory to play in the Canadian Bridge Championships or WBF World Championships.

Some of the steps that are going to be implemented this year are:

- ★ Will ask ACBL to put a new box in ACBL score member database that will indicate if the person is a paid up member of their NCBO. *This will make it possible for club directors and managers to identify who is and isn't a paid up CBF member.*
- ★ CBF membership fee for those who do not pay it to the ACBL with their ACBL fee will be \$12 a year plus a \$10 administration fee, effective January 1, 2012.
- ★ Set up a set of Mini-Richmond trophy races for all ACBL categories for paid up members of the CBF.
- ★ The CBF will pay a finder fee to the recruiter who gets Canadian ACBL members who are non-CBF members to pay their CBF dues up to the date of their ACBL membership renewal. CBF memberships paid under this program do not incur the administration fee. The recruiter retains 20% of the membership money collected as their finder fee. The recruiter must collect the CBF membership fee and remits it to the CBF office. The same finder fee will apply to new memberships.
- ★ Set up a committee, Kathie Macnab and Neil Kimelman, to work on a package that can go out to clubs.
- ★ **Beginning with the 2013 CBC, with the exception of “new players”, in order to be eligible to represent Canada, an individual must be a continuously paid-up CBF member since January 1st of the prior year. This means that only those who are members as of January 1, 2012 may be eligible for the 2013 events.** Determination of “new player” status is at the discretion of the CBF Board of Directors.

b) Bridge Canada

We will continue to publish three digital issues each year in English and in French.

c) CBF Website

Will continue to update and improve on the CBF website. We are also looking into having a much higher French content. .

d) Trophies/Equipment

The new Mark Molson Trophy for the CNTC-A will be presented this year for the first time.

e) CBF Regional

The CBF extended a thank you to Jean Castonguay and Montreal Bridge League (Unit 151) for their hosting of the CBF Regional in 2011. The tournament netted \$15,671 for the CBF International Fund.

Future CBF Regionals are:

January 24 - 29, 2012 - Toronto, ON

January 21 - 27, 2013 - Calgary, AB

2014 will probably be in the Toronto area

July 28 - August 3, 2015 - Kingston, ON - Sir John A. MacDonald CBF International Fund Regional

f) CBF Junior Program

Our program to select teams for 2012 will begin this fall. Names of any youth players should be submitted to the Junior Manager, Nader Hanna.

g) Canadian Bridge Championships

- Passed a motion that the CBF Executive Assistant is responsible for all disbursements. The DIC will not pay bills.
- Passed a regulation that during Round Robin play we will limit the schedule to a maximum of 60 boards a day. The playoff structure is left as is. The Women were asked to give us their opinion on whether or not the length of the CWTC final should be changed but no one suggested that it should.
- Spent a great deal of time on working how we can have more up to date result reporting. Thank you to Claire Jones for helping with the set up of a way for the DIC to upload results after each match at this championship.
- More needs to be done to advertise future dates.
 - 2012 Montreal - April 28 - May 5, 2012**
 - 2013 Toronto - May 25 - June 1, 2013**
 - 2014 somewhere in Zone V**
- **Reminder that in 2012 the CNTC-Flight C (under 1000) will begin. It will run on the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of the CBC.**

h) Canadian Open Pairs

- the prizes have been reduced - beginning in 2012 they will be: 1st Place - \$1500 for the pair; 2nd place - \$750 for the pair.

___i) NPC list

It was explained that the NPC list will be updated each year and thus people may put in their names for 2012. **Deadline is end of December.**

The pre-approved NPC list will only include paid up members of the CBF. If a person is dropped from the list because they are not a paid up CBF member, they will need to re-apply after they become a paid up CBF member. *Beginning in 2013, NPCs will have the same membership requirements as players.*

We will update the pre-approved NPC list annually in regards to Captaining information.

- NPCs will have a 60 day deadline for submitting NPC reports. Failure to submit by the deadline will mean they lose the \$1000 withheld when paying out subsidy money.
- The CBF President will have a performance discussion with all NPCs at some point after the event.
- we will still ask players to submit comments to the CBF upon returning from their World event.
- Nader Hanna reported on the 2010 WBF congress and our presentation to José Damiani.
- reviewed the CBF subsidy policy. The total subsidy pool budgeted for our three teams will include the entry fee for the world event but not the projected surtaxes collected. This subsidy pool will be divided equally among the three teams. Each team will then get the actual amount raised through surtaxes from their event in addition to the CBF budgeted subsidy money.
- It was noted that the issue of the World Bridge Federation publication which was just put out will be the last print edition. They will also be moving to only an on-line version.
- Discussion took place around the Zonal organization - how it is structured and how this can be changed to give NBO's a real voice.
- **Mexico is not fielding any teams this year so there will be no Bi-country playoffs required.**

j) Canadian Bridge Hall of Fame

- the second Canadian Bridge Hall of Fame induction ceremony will be held in Toronto on CBF day at the summer NABC - Monday, July 25, 2011.
- Neil Kimelman will replace Alex Fowlie on the Hall of Fame committee.
- the committee will be working on formalizing criteria for election into the Hall of Fame.

k) Other Business

The CBF will enter into a partnership with Osteoporosis Canada for a proposed fundraising event. The test market will be in the Toronto area. The advantage is that it will help get the CBF name out to more people.

Discussion on ACBL masterpoint awards at CBC events took place.

l) Elections

Nader Hanna was elected as CBF President for 2011 - 2012 year.

Peter Morse was elected as CBF Vice-President for the 2011 - 2012 year.

Janice Anderson was elected as CBF Treasurer and Executive Secretary for the 2011 - 2012 year.

7. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CBF CHARITABLE FUND TRUSTEES MEETING

The meeting was presented with the minutes of the CBF Charitable Fund Trustees Meeting which was held by conference call on April 28, 2011.

In 2010 the CBF Charitable Foundation gave \$31,000 to Canadian Charities.

Each Trustee has \$2000 in 2011 to give to charities in their Zone. The 2011 Focal Group is "Organizations that help Seniors". People should contact their Zone Director if they have a charity they wish considered.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

a) Discussion took place on several points in the CBF meeting highlights. The following suggestions were made for the board to consider:

- ▶ Have a special game at clubs that requires CBF membership - similar to ACBL membership game
- ▶ Designate a day or week as CBF week - special game could be held during this time
- ▶ Discussion on using electronic media to promote CBF
- ▶ Should look into getting Federal recognition which could lead to Federal funding
- ▶ Discussed concerns that are directly related to the Canadian Bridge Championships:
 - Directors need to enforce regulations re: discussion of hands at the table - players are talking so loudly that they can be heard at other tables. There should be penalties for repeat offenders.
 - Website reporting of results still needs improving
 - Should look at having another game on the Wednesday of the CBC.
- ▶ Discussion took place on "security measures" as they pertain to electronic devices.

MOTION AGM11-05: The CBF adopt a policy, similar to the ACBL policy, in regards to electronic devices at the Canadian Bridge Championships.

MOVED by Jonathan Steinberg.

SECONDED by Bob Todd.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- ▶ Discussion took place on "How to get our best Senior team"

MOTION AGM11-06: The CBF Board of Directors revisit the concept of having "drop-in" teams through the Semi-Finals of the CSTC. Changes should be made so that they will be in place for the 2012 CSTC.

MOVED by Joseph Silver.

SECONDED by James Priebe.

CARRIED. (12 for - 6 opposed)

- ▶ Discussion also took place on why this CBC is conflicting with Quebec Regional.
Janice Anderson explained that this CBC was sanctioned with the ACBL at least a year and a half before Quebec Regional was sanctioned. ACBL did notify Quebec organizers about the conflict asking them if they would like to change dates but they said “no - they did not care if they were conflicting with CBC.”
It was felt that no Canadian Regional should run at the same time as the CBC.
- ▶ Mention was made about people being able to get on-line hotel rates that are cheaper than the bridge rate. This is an ongoing concern with so many websites offering cheap hotel rates. The ACBL is continually faced with this problem.

No other business was raised.

9. ADJOURNMENT

**There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned.
Moved by Marlene Pontifex.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Jerry Mamer - CBF Zone V Director - Meeting Chairman

Janice Anderson - CBF Executive Assistant

Dated: June 23, 2011