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Annual General Membership Meeting
Delta Toronto East, Toronto, ON
Wednesday, May 29, 2013 beginning at 8:15 a.m.

Minutes

Attendees:

Leo Weniger - Unit 194 - Zone I

Serge Chevalier - Unit 151 - Zone II

Jean Latraverse - Unit 151 - Zone II

Claude Valiquette - Unit 151 - Zone II

Bert Curry - Unit 192 - Zone II

Jurek Czyzowicz - Unit 192 - Zone II

John Valiant - Unit 192 - Zone II

Nader Hanna - Unit 166 - Zone III - CBF President

Martin Kirr - Unit 166 - Zone III

Ray Jotcham - Unit 166 - Zone III

Gary Westfall - Unit 166 - Zone III

Ina Demme - Unit 246 - Zone III

Kole Meng - Unit 246 - Zone III

John Carruthers - Unit 249 - Zone III

Katie Thorpe - Unit 249 - Zone III

Doug Fisher - Unit 181 - Zone IV

Neil Kimelman - Unit 181 - Zone IV CBF Director

Don Domansky - Unit 228 - Zone IV

Roland Laframboise - Unit 228 - Zone IV

Dave McLellan - Unit 228 - Zone IV

Janice Anderson - Unit 573 - Zone V

CBF Executive Secretary

Richard Anderson - Unit 573 - Zone V

Brad Bart - Unit 430 - Zone VI

Andrew Krywaniuk - Unit 430 - Zone VI

Gray McMullin - Unit 430 - Zone VI

Peter Morse - Unit 430 - Zone VI CBF Director

1. CALL TO ORDER

Nader Hanna, CBF President and Zone III Director, confirmed that a quorum was in attendance and called the meeting to order at 8:15am. Nader welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming.

Nader Hanna also expressed thanks to Brad Bart of Vancouver, BC for all his work in setting up the new result reporting for the CBF website. The CBF has received several comments on how good the new reporting is.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM

MOTION AGM13-01: The minutes of the May 5, 2012 AGM held in Montreal, QC be adopted as distributed.

Moved by Richard Anderson.

Seconded by Doug Fisher.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

No business arising from the minutes was brought up.

3. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

MOTION AGM13-02: Mintz and Wallace, CA's of Regina, be appointed CBF Auditor for the next fiscal year.

Moved by Doug Fisher.

Seconded by Peter Morse.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. CONFIRMATION OF ZONE DIRECTORS

Janice Anderson reported the following election results for 2012.

Kathie Macnab was re-elected by acclamation as Zone I Director for the Term of January 1, 2013 - December 31, 2015

Neil Kimelman was re-elected by acclamation as Zone IV Director for the Term of January 1, 2013 - December 31, 2015

MOTION AGM13-03: The re-election of Kathie Macnab and Neil Kimelman are confirmed by the membership.

Moved by Doug Fisher.

Seconded by Richard Anderson.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

This fall elections will be conducted in Zones II and V.

Zone II - term January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2016

Zone V - term January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2016

Jerry Mamer - Zone V has declared his intent to stand for re-election.

5. PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2012

Janice Anderson, CBF Treasurer, presented the 2012 Preliminary Financial Statements to the membership.

MOTION AGM13-04: The 2012 Preliminary Financial Statements be approved as presented pending the receipt of the 2012 Audited Statements.

MOVED by Peter Morse.

SECONDED by Neil Kimelman.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

One question arose as to why our total assets are down so much in 2012 from 2011. Janice Anderson explained this was mainly due to the decrease in equity in the CBF Junior Development Fund. Nader Hanna explained that the Junior Fund really operates on a two year cycle. Money goes in during the year when no World Youth Championship is held and then in the year of the World Youth Championships we pay out way more than what comes in. Nader Hanna also explained that beginning with 2013, the ACBL is collecting all Junior Fund money raised in Canada. The CBF will submit a Junior Fund budget each year to the ACBL and they will give us money to fund our program. We have the guarantee that all costs associated with sending two Canadian teams to the World Youth Championships will be covered. This is actually a financial advantage to the CBF since our General Fund had to supplement the Junior Fund for at least \$5000 a year in the past.

6. NEW CBF BYLAW No. 1

- The CBF Bylaws had to be re-written to comply with the new Federal Not-for-Profit Act
- Nader Hanna expressed the CBF's thanks to Peter Morse, of Vancouver, who did all the work on drafting our new CBF Bylaw Number 1. This redoing of our Bylaws was required so we can transition to the new Federal "Not for Profit" Act.
- the draft Bylaws have been posted on the CBF website with notice of motion for past 30 days.
- the CBF Board of Directors ratified the new CBF Bylaw Number 1 at their meetings May 22 - 24, 2013
- main changes made were: a) no longer any ex-officio directors - they are now termed an "Advisory Committee"
- b) provision has now been made to allow the CBF President to make motions and vote on motions.

MOTION AGM13-05: The **CBF Bylaw Number 1** is ratified as published on the website and presented to this AGM.

MOVED by **Gray McMullin.**

SECONDED by **Katie Thorpe.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CBF BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETING

The CBF Board of Directors held their annual meeting here in Toronto, May 22- 24, 2013. Highlights of the meeting were presented to the membership. Full minutes of these meetings will be posted on the CBF website.

Nader Hanna, CBF President & Zone III CBF Director, pointed out that everyone could read through the printed highlights but he wanted to touch base on a few of them.

a) Membership

The decline in the number of Canadians paying CBF dues has slowed down.

There will be no increase in membership fee at this time.

The CBF has introduced some new projects with the aim of helping increase interest in the CBF.

- mini-Richmond Races - first awards were presented for 2012 calendar year. They were very well received and all seemed to like the pins they received for winning in their Zone.

- CNTC-Flight C (under 1000) was introduced to help increase interest with newer players.

We had 12 team in the first year which was held in Montreal. Unfortunately we only have 3 teams here in Toronto.

The CBF Board of Directors spent considerable time discussing other ways in which to make CBF membership more meaningful. One item that will be looked into further is making a "Members Only" section on our website.

b) Transition Plan

Nader Hanna introduced Ina Demme to the meeting. Ina will be taking over as CBF Executive Assistant in 2014. Nader explained how Ina came on board in January of 2013 and has been spending the first six months getting a feel for what goes on daily. Beginning in July, Ina will start taking on more jobs with the aim that Ina will be working full time come January 1, 2014. Janice Anderson will stay on until the end of May 2014. Janice will be responsible for 2013 financial statements and audit. Janice will also be working on a couple of special projects for the Board as Ina takes over more duties.

The CBF Office will move to Ina's home beginning in January of 2014.

c) Bridge Canada

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

The Board feels that the magazine should be a benefit of CBF membership and will look into ways of making this possible while staying with a digital magazine.

A new editorial team has been set up:

- Neil Kimelman will become the content editor*
- Jude Goodwin will be the publishing editor*
- Francine & Denis Cimon are the French editors*

d) CBF Website

The CBF Board is looking into setting up a "Members' Only" section. Some items the new section would contain are: Bridge Canada, a method of paying fees by credit card, educational materials for members

Renewed Jude Goodwin's contract for another year.

CBF Board subcommittee: Jerry Mamer, Nader Hanna, Kathie Macnab

e) Canadian Senior Team Championship (CSTC)

The CBF Board is aware that we could end up facing increasing numbers of teams entering this event, so the Board is taking a good look at how to handle larger numbers of entries.

f) CBF Regional

The CBF extended a thank you to Delores Hedley and Frank Ayer of Calgary and Calgary Unit 390 for hosting the CBF Regional in 2013. The tournament netted \$14,746 for the CBF International Fund.

Future CBF Regionals are:

September 16 - 21, 2014 - Toronto, ON - will be held at the Delta Toronto East

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

2016 - Jerry Mamer, Zone V CBF Director, is examining having this somewhere in Zone V.

2017 - Montreal, QC & 2018 - Toronto, ON

g) CWTC

Nader Hanna reported on the meeting held on Tuesday, May 28, 2013 evening with all parties interested in the future of the CWTC.

- Nader outlined how all people interested in continuing the CWTC own responsibility to grow the event

- ACBL is also facing decline in Women's events.

- some issues that lead to the decline are: problem of women finding partners and team-mates, behaviour problems that turn new comers away, in ACBL events - professional teams

- discussed ways to promote the event: - a partnership desk will be set up on the CBF website

- format will change: <6 team - you cannot run a credible team trials

a) 6 or more teams - will stay with a team trials

b) fewer than 6 teams - IMP Pairs trails

c) not enough pairs for IMP Pairs event - selection committee

- will ask for team registration earlier than usual. If fewer than 6 teams register, a new registration deadline will be set up for pairs to register for an IMP Pairs championship. If not enough pairs register to hold a meaningful pairs event, the team will be decided by a selection committee.

- selection is the least desirable method of picking a team.

- timing: many felt that a better turnout would be achieved if the event were held in July or August when teachers could play. Beginning with 2014 CWTC, the CWTC will not be held at the Canadian Bridge Championships; instead, it will be held at a Regional during July or August. The winner of the 2014 CWTC will qualify to represent Canada in the 2015 Bi-Country Playoff. There will be no official Women's Team Canada in 2014. The funding planned for the 2014 CWTC winner will be divided equally to the teams over the next three years.

h) Canadian Bridge Championships

- the CBF Board reviewed the poisoning rules as they apply to CBF membership. The CBF Board confirmed that in future any team entering the CNTC-A, CWTC or CSTC, with a player that is poisoned due to lapse in CBF membership, will be poisoned.

- Discussed start times for COPC and Swiss - a show of hands confirmed that people would prefer 10am start for these events.

- Discussed the hour break after first match - no strong objections were raised.

- Nader outlined that since 2014 is the Open World Championships that any team may enter and where teams may be transnational, the CBF will fund the CNTC-A Champions to represent Canada at the 2014 Commonwealth Games Bridge Event instead of the Open World Championships.

**- 2014 Calgary - May 3 - 10, 2014 - Radisson Hotel Calgary Airport
2015 Montreal & 2016 would be back in Toronto
2017 Winnipeg**

i) Juniors

- Nader Hanna explained the new funding through ACBL.

8. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CBF CHARITABLE FUND TRUSTEES MEETING

The Trustees of the Charity Foundation met here in Toronto on Thursday, May 23, 2013. Charity financial statements were given in the AGM meeting package.

2013 Focal group is "Organizations that benefit Seniors".

2013 Each Zone Trustee will have \$2000 to give away in their respective Zone. If anyone has a Charity they would like to be considered, they should contact their Zone Director.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

a) Leo Weniger raised a question about the "Longest Day" event being run by the ACBL.

- Nader Hanna explained that the CBF has been in contact with ACBL CEO Robert Hartman requesting that all funds raised by Canadian clubs be remitted to the CBF Charitable Foundation to be donated to the Alzheimer Society of Canada. We are making this request to maintain the guarantee that all Charity dollars raised in Canada will go to Canadian Charities.

b) A question was raised about the timing of the AGM

- Nader Hanna explained that having it at the Canadian Championships allows for representation from all Zones of Canada. We moved it from the last Saturday to the Wednesday in order to make it more accessible to all players since some players leave when their event is over for them.

c) Gray McMullin raised a concern that he is sure he has encountered a couple of the hands (especially one) currently being used here at the championships. We are using ACBL hand

record sets and to our knowledge they do not have any problem with this. In the past there might have been problems when people could generate their own hand records for sanctioned events. It was suggested that this problem should be reported to the ACBL.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned. (9:37am)

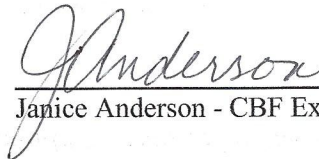
Moved by Doug Fisher.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



Nader Hanna - President & CBF Zone III Director
Meeting Chairperson

Dated: June 15, 2013



Janice Anderson - CBF Executive Assistant