

CBF BOARD OF DIRECTORS - CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES

Thursday, July 18, 2013

PRESENT: Kathie Macnab, Zone I Director
Nader Hanna, Zone III Director & CBF President
Neil Kimelman, Zone IV Director
Jerry Mamer, Zone V Director
Peter Morse, Zone VI Director & CBF Vice President
Janice Anderson, Executive Assistant
Ina Demme, Incoming Executive Assistant

1. Call to Order & Agenda Approval

The President, Nader Hanna, declared a Quorum and the meeting was called to order at 10:35am EDT.

2. CWTC

The Board reviewed the notes on the "Women's" meeting held in Toronto during the 2013 Canadian Bridge Championships. One concern is that the lose of an event from the Canadian Bridge Championships will have an impact on the championships.

It was agreed that the CBF will need to commit to a three year change in order to get through one WBF cycle and be able to fairly judge the value of any changes made.

MOTION 13-07CC1: Starting with the 2014 CWTC National Final, interested teams must register their interest in participating in the event, and pay a \$300 deposit, by February 15 of the year of the event. Should fewer than 6 teams register for the event, the deposit will be refunded and the championship will be converted to the Canadian Women Imp Pairs Championship (CWIPC). Pairs interested in participating in the CWIPC must then register their interest by April 15 of the same year and pay a deposit of \$150. Should fewer than 16 pairs register for the event it shall be cancelled and all deposits shall be refunded.

MOVED by Nader Hanna.

SECONDED by Peter Morse.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION 13-07CC2: Starting in 2014, the CWTC National Final, or the CWIPC as the case maybe, shall be held in conjunction with an ACBL regional held in Canada during the month of July or August.

MOVED by Kathie Macnab.

SECONDED by Nader Hanna.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION 13-07CC3: Starting in 2014, the outcome of the CWTC National Final, or the CWIPC as the case maybe, will determine the women team representing Canada for the following year's world championships. Subject to meeting the eligibility requirements, the Canadian women team will be determined as follows:

- **Should the CWTC National Final be held, the winners will represent Canada**
- **Should a CWIPC be held, the winning pair plus two of the next four pairs in the final standings (as described in the event's conditions of contest) will form the team representing Canada**
- **Should neither a CWTC National Final nor a CWIPC be held, the CBF Board of Directors will form a committee to select the team representing Canada**

MOVED by Nader Hanna.

SECONDED by Peter Morse.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The board then looked at what Regionals are sanctioned for July and August of 2014.

- Halifax, NS June 30 - July 5, 2014
- London, ON July 8 - 13, 2014
- Edmonton, AB August 11 - 17, 2014
- Sudbury, ON August 12 - 17, 2014
- Montreal, QC August 17 - 23, 2014

*The board decided that Edmonton, AB would be their number one choice and Montreal, QC the second choice. Jerry Mamer will talk to District 18 President, Andy Anderson, to see if he can get District approval to hold the event at the Edmonton Regional. Jerry will also be able to talk to DIC, Steve Bates, and people from Northern Alberta Unit 391 when he attends the District 18 Regional in August. **Jerry will report back to the board by August 20, 2013.***

Nader Hanna will do an article on the CWTC changes for the August 2013 Bridge Canada.

Ina Demme will include information on the changes in her fall mailout to clubs.

3. CSTC

The board reviewed the historical numbers of teams entering the CSTC - given that the 2014 Championship is in Calgary and is an Open World Championship year, it was felt that we would not get overwhelmed with entries. Pre-registration will not be implemented at this time.

4. CBF Zero Tolerance Policy

The board reviewed the draft CBF Zero Tolerance Policy prepared by Kathie Macnab. It was felt that it still needed to be changed to reflect decisions made at the May CBF Board meetings - in particular taking the assigning of penalties out of the hands of the directing staff. Neil Kimelman agreed to prepare another draft and send it to the other committee members to review and then send out to the board.

5. ACBL Junior Fund Budget Motion

The board review the proposed ACBL Junior Fund Budget that is being presented to the ACBL Board of Directors in Atlanta this July.

Concerns are: - coaching is being left out even though the original ACBL motion setting up the joint Junior Fund specifically mentions coaching as being covered.

- *when we agreed to the formation of this joint fund we were told all actual expenses associated with the World Youth Championships would be covered - this motion implies they are not*
- *our costs should not be based on USBF budgets*
- *our budget was submitted based on what seemed possible given that we have no confirmation from WBF on dates, location or details on housing arrangements.*

Nader Hanna will write to ACBL CEO, Robert Hartman, and ACBL President, Donald Mamula, expressing our concerns with the current motion and management comments about the motion.

6. Transition to the Federal "Not for Profit" Act

Janice Anderson reported that all documents and our New Bylaw have been submitted and we are now just awaiting word from the Federal Corporations Branch that our transition to the new act is complete.

7. Bridge Canada

*Janice reported on how Jude Goodwin was very pleased to hear about the new editor set up.
The deadline for the August Bridge Canada is fast approaching - we need everything in by July 25.*

8. Uniforms

*Ina Demme reported on the problems with the uniforms received. The main concern is that the red shirts have "Canadian Bridge Federation" written in red thread and this makes it nearly invisible.
Ina has reported the problem to Brian Ferguson and is just awaiting a response.
Kathie said she would also contact Brian.*

9. Other Business

a) Recycling Bridge Hands

- Gray McMullin had reported at the 2013 CBC that he recognized two or three hands. He was positive about one in particular. DIC, Henry Cukoff, brushed off his concern.*
- Peter Morse says that a bridge article is coming out in their "Matchpointer" that mentions this.*
- Janice reported that she intended in mentioning this in comments to the ACBL on the tournament but cannot find out how to send in a report since the ACBL changed to TourneyTrax. Janice will still pursue doing this.*

b) 2013 Charity Grants

- Janice reminded the directors to get their 2013 Charity Grant requests in. Each director/trustee has \$2,000 to give out.*

c) The Longest Day

- Janice reported that some money is coming in. She has notified The Alzheimer Society of Canada that funds will be coming to them. ACBL has agreed to send sanction fees from Canadian clubs to us to add to donation to The Alzheimer Society.*

10. Adjournment

Being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 12:48pm EDT.

MOTION 13-07CC4: The meeting be adjourned.

MOVED by Nader Hanna.

CARRIED.