

**CBF BOARD OF DIRECTORS - CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES**  
**Monday, October 7, 2013**

**PRESENT:**    **Kathie Macnab, Zone I Director**  
                   **Jean Castonguay, Zone II 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.

President, Nader Hanna, congratulated and thanked Jean Castonguay and Jerry Mamer for continuing on the CBF Board of Directors for another three year term.

**2. Junior Funding**

Nader reviewed the current situation with the Board.

- we got \$10,000 US from ACBL for coaching/training/team selection in 2013
- in 2014 we will get \$18,000US for each of the teams (Youth and youngsters) that go to the 2014 World Youth Championships. We will be required to submit actual receipts in order to get the full amount.
- when we agreed to the Junior Fund changes we had been led to believe that actual expenses to the 2014 World Youth Championships would be paid. This is not the case and apparently never was the intent of the ACBL. There will be no money in 2014 for coaching - ACBL says we got money in 2013 for this.
- over a two year cycle, we are getting more money with this agreement than we would have gotten from Junior Fund games in Canada; however, we have given up control of being able to only send one team and use all our funds to support that one team. ACBL funds are based on per team so if we only send one team, we would only get \$18,000US not the full \$36,000.

Currently the <25 team does not have 6 interested bodies. They are not practising and basically nothing is going on with them. They did not take part in the 2013 World Open Youth Championships. So nothing is happening at all with an <25 team.

Bryan Maksymetz has a group of 8 - 10 under 21 players who are working together on improving their bridge.

Nader outlined what two he saw as the main two suggestions on how to proceed:

1. See if we can get funding from ACBL with flexibility
2. Consider not sending an under 25 team

The board all agreed that they were fine with this plan.

At the 2013 CBF Board meetings the following motion was passed:

**MOTION 13-30: Any Junior Fund equity that remained on Dec. 31, 2012 be returned back to the General Fund.**

**MOVED by Neil Kimelman.**

**SECONDED by Peter Morse.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Given that our Junior teams will not be receiving actual expenses to attend the World Youth Championships, it is no longer feasible to transfer the Junior Fund equity.

**MOTION 13-10CC1: Motion 13-30 be rescinded and the Junior Fund equity be left in the CBF Junior Fund.**

**MOVED by Neil Kimelman.**

**SECONDED by Peter Morse.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### 3. CBF Regionals

#### 2016 - Saskatoon

- Jerry Mamer outlined his plans for 2016 in Saskatoon.
  - he is looking at mid February. (Feb. 8 - 14, 2016). This is when the District 18 felt it would work. There may be the opportunity for a week in April - Jerry will pursue this with the District.
  - his plan would be to use the Saskatoon Bridge Club and neighbouring Legion to hold the tournament. Hotel rates are just too high.
  - Saskatoon Unit has agreed to cancel their Sectional which is normally held at this time
  - Edmonton also has a Sectional at this time and he is going to speak to the Northern Alberta Unit about cancelling this
  - Jerry presented his plan to the Saskatoon BC at their October meeting but has not had word back yet as to the outcome. He is optimistic that they will agree to cancel their games and rent us the club. He thinks he could get it for \$2000.
- The board was fine with Jerry's plan and agreed that Jerry should proceed with this plan.

#### 2017 - Montreal

- Ed O'Reilly has approached the CBF about hosting the 2017 Regional in Kingston. He would guarantee \$20,000 to \$25,000. Jean is fine with giving him this Regional instead of it being in Montreal. District 1 is also okay with this.
- Ed is looking at dates in May. District 1 is fine with a May time frame.
- CBF concern is that May dates are likely to be in conflict with our Canadian Championships
- discussion took place on whether or not have May dates is a problem
- it was agreed that the CBF would agree for Ed O'Reilly to have a CBF Regional in Kingston in May of 2017 pending - agreement by ACBL District 1 and a signed contract between Ed O'Reilly and the CBF similar to contract for 2015 Regional where Ed agrees to guarantee the CBF \$25,000 with \$15,000 payable upon signing the agreement.
- **Jean Castonguay will handle discussions with Ed. Janice is to email Jean a copy of the contract for the 2015 CBF Regional.**

### 4. CWTC

- Jerry Mamer reported on his progress with talks with District 18 about hosting the 2014 CWTC event during the 2014 Edmonton Regional.
- dates will be August 11 - 16, 2014 (Monday - Saturday).
  - format: 3 day Round Robin, 1 day semi-final and 2 day final.
  - Jerry reported that District 18 is fine with this. The Regional is being held at a University and not a hotel. Jerry will be travelling to Edmonton the weekend of Oct. 18 - 20 and will go and view the facility.
  - board examined a tentative budget. Nader suggested that it would be best if we could offer the District a dollar amount per table and the District be responsible for rent, directors, caddies, etc. The CBF would still pay cost of getting screens to and from Edmonton and also the cost of having pre-duplicated boards. All vu-graph expenses would also be the CBF responsibility. **The board felt that offering to pay \$150 a day per CWTC table would be a fair price to pay and would also enable the CBF to keep the entry fee at about the same level as currently charged when held at the CBC.** Jerry Mamer will try to get this agreement with the District when he travels to Edmonton.

- Jerry will report to the board after his visit to Edmonton and then the entry fee can be decided.

#### **5. CBF President to address ACBL Board of Directors**

- Nader reminded the Board that ACBL President, Donald Mamula had invited him to address the ACBL Board in Atlanta. This was not feasible as Nader did not attend the summer NAC in Atlanta
- ACBL President, Bill Cook, has now invited Nader to speak to the ACBL Board in Phoenix in the fall of 2013. Nader has agreed to do this as long as he can have at least one hour at the start of the last day of meetings.
- Nader outlined his main areas of focus:
  - Junior funding - can we get funding with flexibility
  - International representation - we do not currently have any representation on WBF
  - Membership - the hardship the change in membership forms has placed on the CBF
  - need to have a mechanism with more interaction between CBF and ACBL
- The Board confirmed they are totally in agreement with this approach
- Nader also outlined an alternative funding idea: he suggested that if ACBL would put an additional 50% on Canadian sanction fees for club games and tournaments and turn this money over to CBF. The CBF would eliminate individual membership fees and all Canadian residents would become paid up members of the CBF.
- Before we can proceed with something like this, the CBF must be able to demonstrate additional benefits of membership. The enhanced website would be a key to this. We must be able to show a return for the money.

**The Board were in agreement with Nader pitching this idea.**

**MOTION 13-10CC2: The CBF will cover any extra expenses incurred by Nader Hanna to go to Phoenix ahead of the NABC to address the ACBL Board of Directors.**

**MOVED by Peter Morse.**

**SECONDED by Neil Kimelman.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **6. COPC and New World Pairs Event**

- beginning in 2016 the WBF will be adding a National Pairs event to the World Bridge Games (formerly World Olympiad). Nations that send at least one pair to the World Bridge Games pair event will be eligible to play in the next two World Bridge Team Championships (Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, D'Orsi Trophy) provided they qualify in their respective WBF zones.
- the board will need to start thinking on making this the prize for the COPC event. Could also possibly make the Open European Championships a prize in two years it is on. Fourth year is the open world championships.
- this may mean a rethink on the CBC schedule so that all players may participate in the COPC.
- this will go on the agenda for the April 2014 CBF Board of Director meetings.

#### **7. Election Results**

**MOTION 13-10CC3: The CBF Board of Directors ratify the following election results:**

**Zone II - Jean Castonguay re-elected by acclamation**

**Zone V - Jerry Mamer re-elected by acclamation**

**MOVED by Nader Hanna.**

**SECONDED by Peter Morse.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## 8. Bermuda Bowl/Venice Cup/D'Orsi Trophy

Ina reported on her experience in Bali: - playing site was great  
 - organization was good  
 - Open team made it to KO stage and finished 5/8.  
 - Women and Senior teams did not do as well

Uniforms: - many problems again this year:  
 - originally red shirts came with red stitching so you couldn't read what they said  
 - some wrong sizes again and wrong colours  
 - some need to be shipped back but awaiting shipping labels  
 - still no final invoice  
 - colours did not need to match  
 - given change on women's team - Ina was able to give JC shirts with the red stitching so he would have something to wear

2014 - will only need a couple of shirts for Open team going to Commonwealth Games and for team(s) going to World Youth Championships. This would give an opportunity to try another company.

Some players owe for extra shirts they ordered. It was decided to make sure we get the invoice for all of the uniform order and then figure out who owes what extra cost. The amount owed for extra shirts will be deducted from the \$1000 withheld from each team. The team NPC will work out how to handle individual charges.

**Ina will contact Brian Ferguson and ask that the invoice come quickly so we can get this all finalized.**

To date we have received John Carruthers' NPC report.

**MOTION 13-10CC4: The CBF Board of Directors accepts with thanks John Carruthers 2013 NPC report for the Venice Cup team.**

**MOVED by Jerry Mamer.**

**SECONDED by Nader Hanna.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

At this point Peter Morse and Jean Castonguay had to excuse themselves from the meeting as they had run out time before prior commitments.

## 9. Other Business

### a) Mini-Richmond Pins

- Kathie Macnab reported that she thinks it would be of financial benefit to order more than one year's pins at a time. Kathie will get exact quotes and forward them to the board. A vote can be done electronically.

- Nader expressed concern that the Mini-Richmond races are not up front on the home page of the website and many do not know how to find the results. Kathie also suggested we have a picture of the actual pin as the icon with the note on the website. **Janice will get this done this week.** Jude Goodwin has set up more help files so that Janice and/or Ina could actually do more posting directly to the website so things get done in a more timely matter.

Neil Kimelman had to excuse himself as he had other commitments.

**b) Canadian Olympic Committee Meetings**

- scheduled for Toronto November 21 - 24, 2013.
- Nader is willing to attend if it doesn't cost the CBF a lot of money. Janice will try and get more details and forward them to Nader.

**c) Future CBCs**

- Kathie had a question about what CBC might potentially come to Zone I and could it tie in with the Halifax Regional.
  - 2014 is Calgary
  - 2015 is Montreal
  - 2016 is Toronto
  - 2017 is Winnipeg
  - 2018 would be when it could go to Zone I. However it needs to be in May - end of June is just too late given when the WBF world events usually take place.

**d) Conditions of Contest**

Ina will check with Gérard to see if he has finished CNTC conditions and new Policy and procedures document. Ina said they had gone back and forth about some of the wording so she will check to see if he had sent them to her and she just missed it.

Ina will get to work on CWTC and CSTC conditions.

**e) Website**

- board would like to see more current photos on top bar of website. Idea they like best would be to have photos that circle continuously. New photos could just be added once or twice a year and in that manner we would always have current photos on the site. Would like continuous photo circulation - not just when you click on something.

**Janice will contact Jude about this.**

**10. Adjournment**

*Being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 1:15pm EDT.*

**MOTION 13-10CC5: The meeting be adjourned.**

**MOVED by Nader Hanna.**

**CARRIED.**