



MINUTES:: CBF Board of Directors Conference Call - December 21, 2002

Present:

James Priebe, CBF President & Zone III Director
Claire Jones, CBF Vice-president & Zone V Director
Doug Heron, Zone II Director
Bill Treble, Zone IV Director
Jennifer Ballantyne, Zone VI Director
Janice Anderson, CBF Executive Secretary
Douglas Fraser, incoming Zone VI Director

1. Call to Order

At 12:07pm EST, President, Jim Priebe declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

2. Zone II Director

Marc Fiset has resigned from the CBF Board due to personal reasons. The Board accepted his resignation with regret. According to the Bylaws, the Board must appoint someone from Zone II to fulfill the remainder of Marc's term.

MOTION 02CC2-01: Doug Heron, of Ottawa, is appointed by the CBF Board to complete the remainder of the Zone II CBF Director term.

MOVED by Jennifer Ballantyne.

SECONDED by Claire Jones.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Election Report

Janice Anderson reported the following results of the CBF elections.

Zone III: only one candidate, James Priebe, submitted his name for election so if officially declared elected by acclamation.

Zone VI: Three candidates submitted their names so an election was conducted.

Election results were:

Ballantyne, Jennifer 4.209 votes

Chan, Eugene 2.585 votes

Fraser, Douglas 11.756 votes

As a result of the voting, Douglas Fraser of Victoria is declared elected to the position of CBF Zone VI Director. Doug's term will commence on January 1, 2003.

James Priebe, on behalf of the CBF, extended a big thank you to Jennifer Ballantyne for all her time working for the CBF.

4. Bylaws

Claire reported on the finalized redraft of the CBF Bylaws. Most changes were housekeeping changes. One new clause covering eligibility to represent Canada has been added.

MOTION 02CC2-02: The CBF Board accepts the final draft of the Bylaws and will present them to the membership for ratification at the AGM scheduled for Penticton in June of 2003.

MOVED by Claire Jones.

SECONDED by Jennifer Ballantyne.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Janice Anderson will prepare an information posting for the CBF webpage on the Bylaw changes and will mail information to each Unit President so that due notice will be given about the ratification vote at the AGM.

Jim Priebe thanked Claire Jones for all the work he did on getting these Bylaws ready.

5. Junior Program

Claire Jones reported on the upcoming Kokish training weekend. The training weekend will be held January 3 - 5, 2003 at Doubles Bridge Club in Toronto. Eric Kokish is finalized to run the weekend which could see up to 16 juniors in attendance. Martin Hunter is handling the organization. Ed Antosz will also be there during the weekend.

Ed asked for the Board's guidance on what will happen with replacing Dan Korbel (who has resigned from the team) and on the selection of the third pair.

The CBF Board feels that David Grainger in conjunction with Gavin Wolpert and Vincent Demuy should be asked to submit two or three names of possible replacements for Dan Korbel. The replacement should NOT be decided prior to the coaching weekend because the CBF Board does not want any partnership disturbed prior to the training weekend. After the weekend a committee will decide on the third pair and the replacement player. This committee will use information from team trials, feedback from other players and results of coaching weekend in making its decision. Funding for the training weekend was discussed.

MOTION 02CC2-03: The coaching weekend will have a budget of \$2500 for expenses and an additional \$500 will be provided for hospitality.
MOVED by Jennifer Ballantyne.
SECONDED by Bill Treble.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Claire Jones also informed the Board of Ed Antosz's plans for a mentoring program for all Juniors in Canada. The Board felt this was an excellent plan and thanked Ed for his continued work in this area.

6. Code of Conduct Revisions

Jennifer Ballantyne reported that she has a draft of revisions done. Jennifer was asked to circulate this draft to the full board. Doug Fraser was asked to take on continuing this project.

7. Bridge Publication

Until we have a formalized plan for our publication, the CBF Board will continue posting as much information as possible on the website. The Board agreed that having our own publication - mailed directly by use will help with enhancing the visibility of the CBF. The Board will continue to look into costs of printing and mailing either a publication or a newsletter in Canada.

8. 2004 Bridge Week

We had scheduled the 2004 Bridge Week for Kingston, Ont. in May of 2004; however, Ed O'Reilly has dropped the offer to host it.

Jim Priebe has had talks with Paul Thurston about having 2004 Bridge Week in St. Catharines. Paul is definitely interested. Jan will try and get hosting binder from Kismet Fung in Edmonton. Bill Treble will send Jan copies of what he has from the hosting binder. Jim Priebe will talk to Paul about what kind of hosting agreement can be worked out. Bill Treble presented his ideas on a new format for 2004 CNTC National Final. Bill will prepare a detailed information sheet on his proposals - this will be distributed to the CBF Board and will be posted on the website in order to get feedback from all players.

It was also suggested that the CBF look into changing the prize for the COPC winners. Once suggestion was finding a prestigious tournament to send the winners to instead of a cash prize. It was also suggested that we take a look at the CWTC National Final. One possibility would be to hold separate Eastern and Western playoffs and then only a two team final. All these ideas will be discussed in length at a later date as more information is prepared.

9. Bermuda Bowl/Venice Cup

Jan Anderson reported that we have just heard that the venue will be Monaco. Thus a playoff will have to be arranged with Mexico. James Priebe will contact Mexico to arrange the playoff.

Discussion then took place on the playoff between the 2002 and 2003 CNTC and CWTC winners.

MOTION 02CC2-04: The playoff between the 02 and 03 CNTC and CWTC winners will be 128 boards in length and will be held 24 hours after the 03 winners are decided.

MOVED by Bill Treble.
SECONDED by Jennifer Ballantyne.
FOR - 1; AGAINST - 3. NOT CARRIED.

MOTION 02CC2-05: The playoff between the 02 and 03 CNTC and CWTC winners will be 128 boards in length and will be held immediately following the determination of the 03 winners. A tie at the end of 128 boards will be decided by a 16 board playoff.

MOVED by Doug Heron.
SECONDED by Bill Treble.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. Qualification for WBF events.

Jan reported on the discussions with the WBF re: eligibility to represent Canada. Bruce Ferguson has withdrawn his request to play for Canada. In our opinion Neil Chambers would be eligible but the WBF wants us to also get the USBF's opinion on this. Jan has emailed the USBF asking them to respond with their opinion in writing. The question of Hugh Ross seems quite clear - our own conditions of contest say he is ineligible because he competed in the 2002 USBF Team Trials which were qualifying a team to the 2003 Bermuda Bowl. Jan will continue trying to get confirmation from USBF on their position.

11. Canadian Olympic Committee

The next meeting is in Vancouver at the end of April. The Board discussed the feasibility of spending money on sending a representative to these meetings. Doug Heron asked to withdraw his name as the CBF Olympic Committee Liaison. It was decided that the CBF will not send a representative to the 2003 Canadian Olympic Association meetings and Jan will contact them to make sure that they list the CBF office as the official mailing address.

12. Redistricting - one Western ACBL District which is all Canadian

Doug Fraser brought up the idea of lobbying the ACBL to redistrict District 18 & 19 so that there would be an all Canadian District in Western Canada.

The Board felt, that since the CBF has no jurisdiction over ACBL Units or Districts, this is not a matter that should be discussed.

13. Other Business

A) Penticton 2003 Bridge Week

Plans were gone over for 2003 Bridge Week.

- Board duplication: Jan will get Matt Smith's input on this.
- Daily Bulletin: Will go with Bob Christie - but Jan will try and pin him down on actual cost
- Hospitality: we will see if Margaret can get a room in hotel for this.
- Vugraph: will stay with just the final due to cost.
- Recorders: Jenny will help coordinate this.
- Playoff: Jan will talk to Margaret and Jenny will talk to her District about holding this in the Peach Bowl at the tournament.

B) ACBL Relations

Given how long this call has already lasted, James Priebe tabled this until the next conference call.

14. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50pm EST.



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