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**Annual General Membership Meeting
June 13, 2024
Penticton, British Columbia**

Attendees -

Zone I

Kathie Macnab Unit 194
JoAnne Lynds Unit 194

Edward Xu Unit 166
Catherine Kinsella Unit 166
Katie Thorpe Unit 2

Zone II

Zone III

Ina Demme Unit 246
Bill Kertes Unit 246
Dian Rem Unit 166
Yimei Cao Unit 166
Mike XiAo Fang Xu Unit 166
Anu Goodman Unit 166
Jianfeng Lua Unit 166
Shiang Liang Unit 166
Candice Huang Unit 166
Michael Wang Unit 166
Yang Waing Unit 166
Peter Wong Unit 166
Andrew Zheng Unit 166

Zone IV

Freddie Mykytyshyn Unit
Neil Kimelman Unit

Zone V

Zone VI

Shelley Burns Unit 430
Julian Levesque Unit
Lorne Burns Unit 430
Julie Smith Unit 430

Other

1. CALL TO ORDER --

Kathie Macnab, CBF President and Zone I Director, confirmed that a quorum of at least seven members from at least three zones were in attendance and called the meeting to order at 9:00am Eastern.

2. MINUTES OF 2023 AGM

Motion AGM24-26: To accept the minutes of the 2023 AGM.

Moved by Freddie Mykytyshyn

Seconded by Julian Levesque

CARRIED

No business arising from the minutes.

3. CONFIRMATION OF ZONE DIRECTORS

- Term beginning January 1, 2024
- mid-term replacement, beginning April 1, 2024
- Term beginning January 1, 2024
- Terry Du -- Zone III
- Marcia Andreychuk -- Zone V
- Shelley Burns – Zone VI
- NOTICE UPCOMING ELECTIONS: Zone I and IV

Motion AGM24-27– To confirm the new Directors appointed since the last Annual General Meeting.

Moved by Julien Levesque

Seconded by Neil Kimelman

CARRIED

4. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS –

Catherine Kinsella spoke to the Financial Statements which were distributed to attendees.

- 2023 had Significant losses (declining revenue, rising costs)
 - o (\$79,940) split between Gen. Fund (\$46,410) and International Fund (\$33,530)
- Re-allocation of funds from Junior and International to General Fund. (repayment)
- As per our last AGM we have moved our investments into GICs to reduce volatility and increase/stabilize returns.
- Revenue – Membership numbers have decreased during COVID. We have approx. 3900 members vs. The ACBL having 16,000 members in Canada.
- 2024 Membership drive – supported by ACBL/NABC Maple Leaf promotion.
- New Canadian Championship Model – partnership with existing Regionals (reduce risk)

Discussion –

General Concern with the loss but an understanding of the rebuilding required coming out of the pandemic. Need to increase membership and find more cost-effective ways to run CBF events that derisk our exposure to losses and provide revenue streams to fund our organization.

Barry Senensky – Wanted to discuss and understand our rationale for moving away from a stand-alone Canadian Championship/Regional and moving to our current model of partnering with existing, established regionals across the country.

- Significant loss for the 2023 Canadian Championships resulted in the CBF drawing on reserves to fund international registration fees/travel. (\$33,530)
- The current landscape for F2F Bridge tournaments is still at 60% of pre-pandemic levels.
- Significant work and risk/cost are involved in securing sites and running a Regional Event in parallel to the Canadian Championship.
- Current model minimizes the CBF risk and allows the CBF to partner with existing, well-established Regionals across the country.

Motion AGM 24-28 To approve the 2023 Financial Statements

Moved by Shelley Burns

Seconded by Joanne Lynds

CARRIED

5. APPOINTMENT OF ACCOUNTING FIRM

Note: At a Special General meeting held on zoom on April 22, 2024, the membership appointed the accounting firm BBLLP as the financial auditors for the 2023 CBF financials. In addition, the CBF bylaw “1.07 Financial Review” was modified to provide for a financial review as opposed to a financial audit of the CBF Financial statements.

Buckberger Baerg & Partners LLP (BBLLP)

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Motion AGM 24-29 To appoint the firm BBLLP as the CBF financial reviewer for the next fiscal year.

Moved by Julian Levesque

Seconded by Lorne Burns

CARRIED

6. HIGHLIGHTS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.

Kathie Macnab presented highlights of the meeting:

Approval of the site for the 2025 Canadian Championships (April 14-20) Toronto

- In conjunction with the Toronto Easter Regional

Major discussion on retaining and growing the CBF membership.

- Improving the Website
- Promotion and Awareness
- Improved Communication with members

International -- World Championships are in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Oct. 22 to Nov. 1

Juniors – sent a U26 team to the Transnationals held by the WBF in Wroclaw, Poland

Andy Stark is working hard to develop a strong Junior program.

2024 Hall of Fame inductee: Michael Roche

Discussion:

Volunteer support is always needed. It can be short-term (event / project based) or as a CBF board member.

Motion AGM 24-30 To modify the CBF By-laws as follows:

6.01 Election and Term of Office

- (a) The CBF shall be governed by a Board of Directors who shall be from five (5) to nine (9) in number, and each Zone shall be entitled to elect one Director. **There will also be an option to have up to three (3) Directors at Large.** No one zone may have more than 2 Directors. The Directors shall be elected for a period of three (3) calendar years, two terms concluding at the end of each calendar year, as follows:

Moved by Shelley Burns

Seconded by Anu Goodman / Julie Smith

CARRIED

7. Richmond Trophy Winner -

Richard Chan

Presented to the CBF member who has accumulated the most masterpoints in the year.

8. Presentation to the Past CBF Executive Assistant – Ina Demme

Kathie Macnab

Motion AGM24-31: Motion to adjourn at 9:50 am.

Moved by Joanne Lynds

CARRIED