

**Canadian Bridge Federation Board Meeting - VideoConference  
October 12, 2022 7:00 pm Eastern**

Present – Kathie Macnab, Cathy Walsh, Freddie Mykytyshyn, Shelley Burns, Jerry Mamer, Howie Huynh, Stephen Laufer.

1. New Zone 5 rep. Nick Gartaganis has volunteered to be the CBF District 5 representative on Jerry's retirement. Since it is an election year Nick will need to put his name forward. **Kathie will ensure that Ina looks after the necessary documentation for this to happen.**
2. Online Teams (Start time and prizes to be discussed. Problems with partnership desk) Shelley is hopeful that we could find 6 teams in B/C. **Zone directors were asked to promote the online team league for those that can play in 'B' (under 3500) and 'C' (under 1000).** Howie will send out an email to the Fundy bridge club in the hopes that we could find another team for B/C. Ina suggested that if we combine B and C that there should be a separate prize for 'C'. Should this happen all board members agreed that there should be a separate prize for "C". Masterpoints have not been given for the online league. Kathie Macnab will see if we can issue masterpoints for the online league. Kathie will be talking to Greg in a meeting next week to find out if there is something we can do to award master points. The new deadline for sign up is Oct. 20.

Per Jerry, you need to have someone from the board available to make quick decisions when there is a problem with an online league game. Jerry recounted a problem that arose. **It was agreed that having a board member available to sort out any disputes on a timely basis is necessary. No board member was appointed to be this person.**

There is a problem with respect to allowing a match to be held within 10 days. It becomes an issue in the last week of league play before the playoffs. **We have posted online that a match can be played within 10 days and we need to stand by those conditions of contest.** Hopefully, this will not become an issue this year. **We should say that any revisions to the conditions of contest are done at the discretion of the board.** This would give us some leeway for the last match of the team league.

Brad Bart has been paid for his program for the online league.

3. WBF – Would anyone be interested in keeping a file on our correspondence from the WBF and passing along discipline items to our recorder? Cathy Walsh will keep the file and respond to WBF correspondence. **Kathie will forward the emails to Cathy Walsh.**

4. Juniors. Junior report to the WBF. Status of Junior and junior manager. We have set up a notice on the CBF website and have had a few juniors respond. Stephen has responded to each junior. We are setting up a list with the interested juniors. **On Ina's return we expect to send out an email to those people that we know work with juniors.** We will have a report for the next meeting. This is a priority for Stephen, Ina and Cathy. We are planting seeds for the future.
5. CBCs in May.
  - i. There was a discussion regarding our vaccination and masking policies for face-to-face play. Our job is to provide a safe playing environment. We can provide masks and hand sanitizer at the playing site. **It was agreed by the board that we will require vaccinations and masks to be worn at the playing site. This requirement should be put on our website as soon as possible so that the bridge players are aware of the expectations.**
  - ii. There was a discussion regarding the schedule. There is an overlap with the Seniors final and the first day of the Round Robin for 'A'. It was agreed that most teams should be able to work around this overlap. It was deemed more important to have a face-to-face playoff for the seniors. The next conflict comes with the final of the CNTC 'A' and the first day of the Round Robin for the Mixed Teams. The CNTC 'A' final is 2 days. We have had feedback from the better players that they feel a 2-day final is necessary. We will keep the 2-day final for 'A'. Teams in the final of 'A' will have to figure out how to manage the first day of the Mixed Teams round robin. **We should post this schedule online as soon as possible.** We can post the regional events at a later date.
  - iii. We need to post on our website as soon as possible that we will be holding Bridge Week in Niagara Falls. We need to post the dates, vaccination and masking policy, room rates, schedule, etc. Stephen asked that we wait until Ina's return before posting this information. Ina should be back by the end of next week. (Oct. 21). Kathie is going to have a meeting with Louise Mascolo (our webmaster) about putting something on our website about having in person championships in Niagara Falls and our vaccination/masking requirements. We can fill in with the additional information when Ina is back from holidays.
6. New Business
  - i. **Motion:** That the Saskatoon Bridge Club be paid \$50 per month for the storage of the Western Canada screens for the CBF until they are

needed elsewhere. This would be effective November 1, 2022. **Moved** by Jerry Mamer, **Seconded** by Shelley Burns.

**Motion passed.**

- ii. Shelley gave an update for our online pair games. In Oct., Nov., Dec. and Jan. our 2 games will be 'Open' and 'Under 1,000' (rather than a 499er game). These games will act as qualifiers for both the CNTCs and the COPC/CIPC. For those playing in the under 1,000 this will be a qualifier for the CNTC 'C'. The cost for these events will remain at \$5 for the under 1,000 and \$6 for the open. Hopefully, we will attract more pairs to these games knowing that will act as qualifiers.
- iii. Shelley has received complaints about not having information on our website early enough for people to plan. The earlier we are able to post information, we would hopefully see better participation in our events. We should work on improving in this area. Kathie is having a meeting with Louise next week regarding posting the information on our website. Shelley would be happy to attend this meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

**Please note: A date for the next board meeting was not discussed. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of November would be Nov. 9 @ 7:00 EST. Does this work for everyone?**

**Also note: Jerry there is a time change prior to the Nov. 9 meeting. This will make the meeting at 6:00 Saskatoon time rather than 5:00. (Since we are one of the lucky few that do not change their clocks.)**