

**Canadian Bridge Federation
LA FÉDÉRATION CANADIENNE DE BRIDGE**

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Board of Directors

Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: February 17, 2025
Time: 7:50 pm to 10:30 pm
Location: Zoom

MEETING TYPE:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Regular	<input type="radio"/> Special
MINUTES TYPE:	<input type="radio"/> Proposed	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Approved

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 pm.

II. Roll Call

Board Member Attendance:

Allan Callard	AC	Director	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Present	<input type="radio"/> Absent
Shelley Burns	SB	President	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Present	<input type="radio"/> Absent
Catherine Kinsella	CK	Secretary	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Present	<input type="radio"/> Absent
Cathy Walsh	CW	Treasurer	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Present	<input type="radio"/> Absent
Freddie Mykytyshyn	FM	Director	<input type="radio"/> Present	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Absent
Deb Harper	DH	Director	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Present	<input type="radio"/> Absent
Marcia Andreychuk	MA	Vice President	<input type="radio"/> Present	<input type="radio"/> Absent
Terry Du	TD	Director	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Present	<input type="radio"/> Absent

present

Other Attendees: Kathie Macnab joined the meeting from 9:00 to 9:50, S. Burns left the meeting at 9:30 pm

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III. Motions

Motion 25-05: D. Harper To accept the following Board minutes as presented: January 13, 2025

Second: T. Du

Ayes:4 Nays: 0 Carried

IV. Current Events

Shelley requested to move the monthly CBF board meetings to the second Monday of the month to avoid conflicts with the ACBL Nationals. The board agreed.

Welcome to Allan Callard – Zone 1 Director (confirmed by Zone Unit directors)

Zone Playoff – Mexico to provide team details by April 25

- World Championships – Denmark, August 20 - 31

Junior World Championships – July 11 -17, NPC Terry Du, Terrance Rego

- Training/mentoring in progress with teams
- Venue: Salsomaggiore Terme, Italy ? (Details to be confirmed)

HOF/Lifetime Achievement Award

Thursday, April 17, 7:00 pm

- S. Burns to make a brief introduction.
 - I. Demme to present the Lifetime Achievement Award
 - N. Hanna to present the HOF awards.
- Awards and catering have been ordered.
- Announcement posted on CBF website.

V. Communications

- Canadian Championship News Article posted on CBF website and Bridge Magazine
- Letter to membership – 2025 Goals **S. Burns**
 - Try to get it in the March Bridge Canada Edition
 - Email distribution to the membership **C. Kinsella**
- Google Drive Set-up – Document sharing for Board members **S. Burns**
- “What’s in it for me?” – Need to work on the CBF offering statement

VI. Directors at Large (D@L) / Zone 1 Director

- As per the CBF By-laws, the two Zone 1 candidates were presented to the Zone Units for a vote by the unit directors. Allan Callard was chosen to represent Zone 1 for the three-year term beginning Jan. 1, 2025.
- The board had extensive discussions regarding the candidates for the Director at Large positions. All excellent candidates with great skills, experience, and enthusiasm.
- Board to finalize motion and vote on-line in the following week.
- There was some discussion regarding the length of the D@L terms. The current by-

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laws state their terms will be 3 years. The board will review/clarify the terms to allow greater flexibility and alignment with the CBF goals in the next By-law review. Any changes to the CBF By-laws must be approved by the membership at the AGM.

Motion 25-07: S. Burns To appoint the following three Directors at Large: Marc-Andre Fourcaudot, Ginger Grant, Mike Hargreaves effective immediately. Vote conducted electronically.

Second: A. Callard

Ayes:5

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 (F.Mykytyshyn)

Carried

VII. 2025 Canadian Championships

Request: To allow a team member of an open team to play in the F2F QF who did not participate in the on-line RR. The mitigating factors were that the individual had computer problems that were then complicated by physical/health restrictions. The C of C are clear that all team members must play 50% of an event, to be eligible to participate in the following round. The person in question did not participate at all. While sympathetic to the situation, there is no allowance to augment a team in the middle of the event unless you are replacing a person who has become ill. If the team wins their event, then they would be able to add the player to complete their 6-person team to compete in the Worlds.

Motion 25-08: S. Burns To deny the request to allow a team member to participate in the F2F QF who has not participated in at least 50% (or as close to 50% as the structure of the event will allow)of the on-line RR.

Second: M. Andreychuk

Ayes:5

Nays: 0

Carried

- **Discussion:** To increase the number of boards per segment from 14 to 16 for F2F Further investigation is required. Potentially adds 1 hour to the day. May add cost. Etc. The general feedback is that the players would prefer 16 board matches. Final decision postponed until Championship logistics are finalized. (Delayed to **March Board Meeting**)
- **Discussion:** Move the AGM on-line outside of the Canadian Championship Week. The benefits would be to allow for more time to complete the external financial review and publication of the financial results as well as greater access to the membership to attend the AGM. To facilitate the rescheduling of the AGM a Special General Membership meeting will need to be held to modify the current CBF By-laws.

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Motion 25-09: M. Andreychuk To modify the CBF By-laws to allow the AGM to be held at a time of the CBF board's discretion.

Second: D. Harper

Ayes:5 Nays: 0 Carried

VIII. Ongoing Business / Administration

- 2025 Final Budget Review **Motion Required**
 - The Budget was circulated prior to the meeting and after a discussion the following modifications were agreed to:
 - Separate the HOF Event as an individual line item (previously under Board of Directors meeting)
 - Reduce the International travel budget by \$3,000.
 - Insert a line for the Zonal trials and add \$3,000.
 - The board recognizes that the current budget is projecting a loss to the General Fund
 - Need to develop a plan to increase revenue / decrease expenses.
 - The budget will be updated per the board's recommendations and recirculated for an on-line vote.

Motion 25-10: M. Andreychuk To accept the 2025 revised budget as circulated via email.

Second: D. Harper

Ayes:5 Nays: 0 Carried

IX. Upcoming Topics

- 2025 AGM
- F2F Board Meeting Agenda
- By-law review
- Conditions of Contest Review
- 2026 Canadian Championship Format/Location

Next Meeting: March 10, 2025

X. Adjournment

Motion 25-11: D. Harper Carried