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Board of Directors

Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: March 10, 2025
Time: 8:00 pm to 10:30 pm
Location: Zoom

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

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 pm.

II. Roll Call

Board Member Attendance:

Shelley Burns	SB	President	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Present	<input type="radio"/> Absent
Allan Callard	AC	Director	<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 type="radio"/> Present	<input checked="" 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
Zone 5		Director	<input type="radio"/> Present	<input type="radio"/> Absent
Terry Du	TD	Director	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Present	<input type="radio"/> Absent
Marc-Andre Fourcaudot	MF	Director	<input type="radio"/> RadioButton2	<input type="radio"/> RadioButton2
Ginger Grant	GG	Director	<input checked="" type="radio"/> RadioButton1	<input type="radio"/> RadioButton3
Mike Hargreaves	MH	Director	<input type="radio"/> RadioButton4	<input type="radio"/> RadioButton5

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Other Attendees:

III. Motions

Motion 25-11: A. Callard To accept the following Board minutes as presented: February 17, 2025

Second: D. Harper

Ayes:6 Nays: 0 Carried

IV. Current Events

Welcome to Marc-Andre Fourcaudot, Ginger Grant and Mike Hargreaves – Directors at Large confirmed by the CBF board in the February Board Minutes.

A request was made to send the Meeting Minutes in PDF Format.

CBF Treasurer Cathy Walsh has notified the board that due to personal issues she will need to retire. A transition plan will need to be developed in the next couple of months.

Zone Playoff – Mexico to provide team details by April 25

- Potential playoff may be required for the **Juniors**. Need to submit teams by May 10

In Memoria: John Rayner - Michael Roche to write a brief memorial to be posted on CBF website.

V. Communications

- Past Due Membership email sent to 700 CBF members
- Clubs Email: Register for Helen Shields / Support Canadian Bridge
 - Create listing of Canadian on-line games on CBF website
 - Ask clubs to put CDN in their game header for on-line search

VI. 2025 Canadian Championships

Request: Due to the sudden death of John Rayner, Nader Hanna has requested to add Paul Thurston to his CNTC A team as a substitute.

Motion 25-12: S. Burns To accept the substitution request as presented.

Second: D. Harper

Motion and vote conducted via email after the board meeting

Ayes:6 Nays: 0

Carried

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- **Discussion:** To increase the number of boards per segment from 14 to 16 for F2F playoffs. 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. The current Conditions of Contest will stand with 14 board segments. The change will be considered in the 2025 Conditions of Contest Review and if approved by the Board of Directors adopted for the 2026 Championships.
- A **Special General Membership** meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 29 at 1:00 pm to present the motion to remove Section 5.01(d) of the CBF By-laws which will allow the CBF to hold the AGM outside the Canadian Championship Week.
- **Discussion:** After a brief discussion, if the motion is passed at the Special General Membership meeting, the date of Sunday, June 7 at 2:00 pm was chosen for the 2025 AGM. The AGM meeting schedule will be confirmed at the Board meeting in April.
- **Discussion:** Canadian Championship Format – The board has received input in the form of general statements via email that some CBF members would like a change to the current Hybrid Championship Format. (RR qualifiers on-line and playoffs F2F) Mike H. to contact members who are of this opinion to get additional information. The current format will be reviewed at the April F2F Board Meeting.
- **Discussion:** The board was provided with a detailed account of the WBF schedule of events, noting that even number years are designated Transnational or Open and therefore do not require a national qualification. Should this impact the way the CBF supports the Canadian Champions? Further discussion required at the April board meeting.

VII. Ongoing Business / Administration

Membee Update: On-going manual work required. Data is much cleaner and able to produce reports for expired memberships. I'm not comfortable to turn on the automatic renewal notice feature. Need to engage Membee technical support to address glitches. Programming support approved if required.

VIII. Upcoming Topics

- Preparation for F2F Board Meeting (Review documents prior to the meeting.)
 - F2F Board Meeting Agenda
 - By-law review
 - Conditions of Contest Review
 - 2026 Canadian Championship Format/Location

Next Meeting: April 12,13,14, 2025

IX. Adjournment

Motion 25-13: T. Du

Seconded: M.Hargreaves

Carried

10:15 pm