

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

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Board of Directors

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** May 12, 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
Sheila Xu	SX	Treasurer	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Present	<input type="radio"/> Absent
Marielle Decelles-Brentnall MB		Director	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Present	<input type="radio"/> Absent
Deb Harper	DH	Director	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Present	<input type="radio"/> Absent
Zone 5 Director		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 checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="button" value="Present"/>	<input type="radio"/> <input type="button" value="Absent"/>
Ginger Grant	GG	Director	<input type="radio"/> <input type="button" value="Present"/>	<input type="radio"/> <input type="button" value="Absent"/>
Mike Hargreaves	MH	Director	<input type="radio"/> <input type="button" value="Present"/>	<input type="radio"/> <input type="button" value="Absent"/>

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Other Attendees:

### **III. Motions**

Registering On-line Motions

**Motion 25.28:** S. Burns    **To appoint Marielle Decelles-Brentnall as Zone IV Director for the balance of the term ending Dec.31, 2027.**

Support: A. Callard

Ayes: 7      Nays: 0      **Carried**

**Motion 25.29:** S. Burns    **To appoint Sheila Xu as CBF Treasurer effective June 1, 2025.**

Support: A. Callard

Ayes: 7      Nays: 0      **Carried**

**Motion 25-30:** M. Hargreaves    **To accept the following Board minutes as presented: April F2F Board Meeting Minutes**

Second: T. Du

Ayes:8      Nays: 0      **Carried**

### **IV. Current Events**

Treasurer Transition Plan

- 2024 Files have not been sent to the Accounting Firm. Looking for less expensive options in the GTA. Potential savings of 50% but delay will impact the AGM.
- Need a QB file, current working files and bank access transferred to Sheila ASAP.
- Junior travel expenses need to be paid as well as registration fees.
- Previous years accounting records have been sent to Toronto for storage.

Erin Berry 2026 Dates: Monday, April 13 and Tuesday, October 13

M. Hargreaves has volunteered to provide the analysis for the 2025 Erin Berry game.

### **V. Subcommittee Reports**

Website / IT

SB / MD

- Volunteer David Cohen is working with Louise to fix refresh issues with posting results.
- Need to look at options to correct website format on phones/tablets.
- Meta data (add pictures, descriptions) to identify website.
- Website cosmetic design / improvement – ease of use, refresh
- Member section – better access to critical information
- Add links to other sites? (WBF, ACBL, Units etc.)

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**By-law Amendments**

MH

- Reviewed and approved proposed amendments to current by-law for presentation and approval at AGM (Sec. 1.07, 1.08, 3.01) Change “Auditors” to Public Accountants. By-law only requires the Financials to be reviewed by a public accountant.

**Conditions of Contest**

- Sixty board QF/SF/F matches (120 board final for Open)
- Fifteen board segment @ 8 min/board – Each segment will be 120 min.
- Define National Coordinator
- Reviewed other suggested changes to be presented at the AGM for Feedback
- The CBF Board will approve the Final 2026 Conditions of Contest prior to Registration

**Revenue Generation – Additional Discussion Required – delayed to June.**

- Online Real Bridge Games
- Fundraiser – Early 2026, Auction Pros, Teachers, Experts – Special Game on Real Bridge
- Funding Plea to ACBL – draft proposal outlining expenses.
  - Work with Tim White ACBL D19 Board Member
  - Present at Summer NABC ACBL Board Meeting

## **VI. Communications**

- Canadian Champions Article and Pictures to be posted in Bridge Bulletin JC
- Hall of Fame and Lifetime Achievement Article to be posted in Bridge Bulletin NK
- CBF website and Bridge Canada magazine updated with winners.
- Can/Mex Women’s playoff announced for May 31 / June 1 at Mobridge

## **VII. Canadian Championships**

### **Motion 25-31: M. Hargreaves To accept the Canadian Teams and NPC to represent Canada at the 2025 World Bridge Teams in Denmark. (See Below)**

Second: S. Burns

Ayes:6

Nays: 0

Abstained: 2

Carried

CNTC: Miles team – removed Jacob Freeman & Daniel Lavee, added Darren Wolpert & Nicolas L’Écuyer, NPC Marc-Andre Fourcaudot

CMTC: Senensky team – Added Sondra Blank & Jeff Blond, NPC Paul Thurston

CSTC: Jacob team – Added NPC Mike Yuen

CWTC: Yuan team – removed Rose Hou, added Yimei Cao – no NPC.

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**2025 Canadian Championship Review with Unit 166**

- Positive impact on the Regional
- Open to working more closely together in the future with the potential to share space.
- Site OK – lack of food on site 3 days, prefer to be at hotel with Regional.
- Significant cost savings offered at Hart House as compared to the Unit 166 contract.

**Zero Tolerance Incident during CNTC**

- Director's Report forwarded to the Recorder.
- Previous incidents reports involving the same party were forwarded to the Recorder.
- Investigation on-going

**2026 Location and Schedule**

- Canadian Championships will be held in conjunction with the Penticton Regional June 8 to 14, 2026 (Agreement in principle – will update and sign the 2024 contract)
- RR Schedule
  - Jan. 9\*/10/11                      CMTC
  - Jan. 16\*/17/18                    CWTC, CNTC B
  - Jan. 23\*/24/25                    CNTC
  - Jan. 30\*/31 / Feb. 1              CSTS, CNTC C

\*these dates will be used as needed based on number of teams registered.

- Look into alternative locations for 2027 and beyond. (Quebec?)

**VIII. 2025 AGM**

**June 23, 2025, 7:30 p.m. (Zoom)**

- Deadline for Membership Communication on CBF website May 23, 2025
  - Financials are at risk of not being available for publication.
- CBL Motion by Larry Gifford has been rescinded.
- Draft Agenda from 2024 was circulated to the board via email.
  - Final Agenda will need to be posted on website with any supporting documentation 30 days prior to the AGM i.e. By-laws, motions etc.

**Next Meeting: June 9, 2025**

**IX. Adjournment**

**10:35 pm**

**Motion 25-32: S. Burns**

**Seconded: M. Hargreaves**

**Carried**