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Board of Directors

Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: June 9, 2025
Time: 8:00 pm to 10:50 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 8:03 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
Lois Matton		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"/>

Mike Hargreaves was absent.

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Other Attendees:

III. Motions

Registering On-line Motions

Motion 25.33: S. Burns To appoint Lois Matton as Zone V Director for the balance of the term ending December 31, 2025.

Support: D. Harper

Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 **Carried**

Motion 25-34: D. Harper To accept the following Board minutes with the addition of the potential Friday for the Women and Senior RR events.: May 12, 2025

Second: G. Grant

Ayes:8 Nays: 0 **Carried**

IV. Current Events

Treasurer Transition Plan

- Offline, Sheila and Shelley to get on-line bank access and change signing authorities to Sheila, Shelley, Ginger, and Ina (remain during transition)
- Need to provide Accountant with 2024 year-end financials and QB file.
- The previous accountant has granted us a release to engage Edward Manning LLP for our external 2024 review (Cost Savings approximately \$4,000)

Motion 25-35: S. Burns Be it resolved that Edward Manning LLP is hereby appointed as the CBF Accounting Firm for the purpose of financial review.

Second: A. Callard

Ayes:8 Nays: 0 **Carried**

Insurance

- New D&O Liability Insurance (Cost savings of \$1800/year)
- Policy to be circulated to Board members and posted on Google Drive

Membee

- New Version introduced – more flexible for views/reports.
- On-going weekly meetings with Membee to see how we can better utilize their program functions. (Membee is not receptive to bulk payment imports from ACBL)
- Bill Haliday will continue to process/split reports for the next year but will hand off the program to David Cohen

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V. Subcommittee Reports

Website / IT

SB / MD

- Louise and David have met several times and continue to work on the task list (first priority is the auto refresh of championship results)

Revenue Generation – Ongoing discussion within the board and sub-committees

- Maple Leaf Real Bridge Games
 - Revenue to be shared with all Canadian Clubs
 - Need to have a critical mass set up Real Bridge Accounts prior to game launch.
- Fundraiser – Early 2026, Auction Pros, Teachers, Experts – Special Game on Real Bridge – Early planning meetings of sub-committee
 - Potential Date: Monday, February 21, 2026
- Funding Plea to ACBL – draft proposal outlining expenses.
 - Work with Tim White ACBL D19 Board Member
 - Present at Summer NABC ACBL Board Meeting
 - Potential Increase of International Game Revenue from 12% to 33% based on the number of teams sent to world events.

VI. Communications

- 2026 Canadian Championship Schedule Announcement
 - Including RR dates and F2F location
- Alzheimer Events were held in 22 of 212 Canadian Clubs. Many reported very positive events. Game fees collected through ACBL and distributed to Canadian Alzheimer Society with additional funds raised sent directly to local chapters.

VII. World Bridge Games

Canada won the zonal playoff against Mexico.

All Teams have been registered with the WBF.

- Junior deadline for Convention Cards June 15, **Payment June 30**
- Adult deadline for Convention Cards July 15, **Payment July 21**
- Uniforms ordered – delivery before end of June (\$5,000)

Discussion regarding travel subsidy. Reviewed revenue, expenses, and previous year's subsidy.

Motion 25-36: S. Burns To approve a total travel subsidy budget for 2025 of \$16,000 to be distributed as per the Conditions of Contest.

Second: D. Harper

Ayes:6

Nays: 0

Abstained: 2

Carried

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VIII. 2025 AGM

Revised Date: Aug. 13, 2025, 7:30 p.m. ET (Zoom)

- M. Hargreaves will be the lead for the AGM.
- Deadline for Membership Communication on CBF website July 13, 2025
 - Financials are at risk of not being available for publication.
- 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.
- Email communication to membership will go out the first week of August.

Next Meeting: July 14, 2025

IX. Adjournment

10:51 pm

Motion 25-37: A. Callard

Seconded: M. Decelles-Brentnall

Carried