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

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#### Board of Directors

### **Regular Meeting Minutes**

Date: Time: Location:

July 5, 2023 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm Zoom

MEETING TYPE:	• Regular	O Special
MINUTES TYPE:	• Proposed	O Approved

# I. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

# II. Roll Call

Board Member Attendance:

Kathie Macnab	KM	President	• Present	O Absent
Shelley Burns	SB	Vice-President	• Present	O Absent
Ina Demme	ID	Secretary	Present	O Absent
Cathy Walsh	CW	Treasurer	Present	O Absent
Nicholas Gartaganis	NG	Director	Present	O Absent
Howard Huynh	HH	Director	Present	O Absent
Freddie Mykytyshyn	FM	Director	O Present	O Absent
Stephen Laufer	SL	Director	Present	O Absent

Other Attendees: Catherine Kinsella,

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### III. Topic for Discussion – Location and Format for 2024 Canadian Championship

Prior to the meeting S. Burns and N. Gartaganis had distributed reports outlining two potential site proposals for the 2024 Canadian Bridge Championships.

Both proposals were developed with the understanding that the Hybrid model used in 2023 (RR would be held on-line) would continue for 2024.

Saskatoon: A stand-alone event. There would not be a Regional tournament held in conjunction.

- The Saskatoon bridge club would host the event and the members would act as the CBF planning committee. All necessary equipment is readily available. Flexible on scheduling. The CBF currently has screens being stored at this location.
- Costs could be controlled with minimal risk of unknown expences.
- No restaurants or hotels within walking distance of the venue.

Penticton: Held in parallel with the Penticton Regional

- Regional Planning committee on board and willing to work with the CBF
- Leverage existing Regional relationships with Venue and Suppliers to minimize costs
- Costs would be similar to Saskatoon but there is potential for unknown expences. (Risk)
- Proposed Championship schedule would over run the Regional by 2 days
- Significant potential for increased participation over Saskatoon due to location and Regional
- Popular location with many restaurants, motels and activities in the area

After a brief discussion, the following motions were put forward and passed.

Motion 23-09: S. Burns Championship Second: N. Gartaganis	Approve Penticton, B.C. June 10 -18, 2024 for Canadian
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0	Carried (F. Mykytyshyn absent)
Motion 23-10: S. Burns RR for all events on-line Second: N. Gartaganis	Approve Hybrid Model for 2024 Canadian Championships - , balance of the events (Qtr./Semi/Finals) to be F2F

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Carried (F. Mykytyshyn absent)

Post on the CBF website ASAP the following: 2024 Canadian Championships to be held in Penticton, B.C., in conjunction with the Penticton Regional tentatively from June 10 to 18 and the RR qualifiers will be held on-line in Jan. and Feb. 2024. Action: C. Kinsella

At this point N. Gartaganis and S. Laufer left the meeting.

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# IV. RR scheduling and the On-line Team League

After a brief discussion it was agreed that we would hold the RR team qualifiers on the following weekends: Jan. 6/7, Jan 20/21, Feb. 3 /4, and Feb. 17/18. It was noted that the Trans-Atlantic Seniors Tournament would not impact our schedule as they have recently changed their event to run from Monday to Friday. (On-line Director, L. Mascolo and C. Kinsella will need to be available)

Details and the specific schedule to be worked out and posted on the CBF website by Aug. 1, 2023. Action: I. Demme and C. Kinsella

The on-line Team League runs from Oct. through to Feb. Each team is given a schedule but they have the flexibility to schedule their games at a mutually agreeable time within a range of +/- 10 days from the scheduled date. Black-out dates: Nov. 19 to Dec. 3 (NABC) and Dec.17 to 31 (Christmas) (no games scheduled)

League Announcement on CBF website:	Aug. 1, 2023
Registration Deadline:	Sept. 22, 2023
First Game Scheduled:	Oct. 14, 2023

The remainder of the discussion focused on how we could encourage participation of B and C players in our team championship events. Awareness and education were the two areas of concentration. Utilizing the on-line team league as an introduction into on-line team play it is our hope that we will be able to encourage B and C players to try team competition risk free. A positive experience could result in more teams attending the Canadian Championships RR trials in Jan./Feb. 2024.

- Create promotional material flyer, website posting etc. K. Macnab, S. Burns
- Send email to Club managers promoting on-line team league C. Kinsella
- Free entry to Fall "mini" team league for B and C teams (format TBD 6 to 8 weeks)
- Zoom seminar to explain how the on-line team league works and Imp. Strategy **H. Huynh**

V. Adjournment

Motion 23-11: K. Macnab Carried