

Canadian Bridge Federation – Board of Directors Meeting

Date: August 11, 2025

Time: 8:00 PM ET

Location: Online Meeting (Zoom)

MEETING TYPE: Regular ▾

MINUTES TYPE: Proposed ▾

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 pm.

II. Roll Call

	T Board Member	Title	Status
SB	Shelley Burns	President	Present ▾
AC	Allan Callard	Director - Zone I	Present ▾
DH	Deb Harper	Director - Zone II	Present ▾
TD	terrycdu@gmail.com	Director - Zone III	Present ▾
MB	Marielle Decelles-Bre...	Director - Zone IV	Present ▾
LM	Lois Matton	Director - Zone V	Absent ▾
GG	gingergrant@icloud.c...	Director at Large	Present ▾
MH	Mike Hargreaves	Director at Large	Present ▾
CK	Catherine Kinsella	Executive Administrator	Present ▾
SX	Sheila Xu	Treasurer	Present ▾
SO	Sondra B	Exec Admin in Training	Present ▾
LM	Louise Mascolo	Webmaster	Present ▾

III. Approval of July 14, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion 25-42: To accept the minutes of the July 14, 2025 Board Meeting.

Proposed by: Shelley Burns

Seconded by: Deb Harper

Ayes: 7

Carried unanimously

IV. Current Events

Executive Administrator Transition Plan:

- Catherine outlined the transition plan for the Executive Administrator position, including timeline and training
- Board members assigned to support specific areas (MH-CoC, Bylaws / GG - Grants / AC & DH - ML Games / MB - Club communication, LM - financial, TD - Directing ML Games)
- MB to set up a virtual phone number and line for the CBF
- Change of address to PO Box

Treasurer Transition Plan:

- Difficulty in getting records from previous treasurer
- The 2024 Financial Review has been delayed until September
- Minna will support Sheila with bookkeeping services at no additional cost to CBF.
- Once financials received, Sheila will apply for a CBF credit card

Upcoming Events:

- 2026 Championships – Pricing to remain the same as last year
- CNTC and COPC club qualifications to take place September - December
- COPC Online game to take place possibly in March or April - Date to be determined next meeting

Motion 25-43: To amend the CoC so that participation in the Seniors, Women's, and Mixed trials will require players to have a qualification

Proposed by: Shelley Burns

Seconded by: Mike Hargreaves

Ayes: 4 Nays: 2 Abstain: 1 Carried

V. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Building Relationship with Clubs and Players – Updates from SB
- b. Maple Leaf Real Bridge Games – Survey results reviewed; volunteers identified. - SB and AC
- c. Fundraiser – Feb. 23, 2026 – Updates from SB
- d. Update from ACBL Board Meeting (Philly NABC) – Minimum Canadian pricing for on-line game fees - SB

CBF Sustainability Fee Proposal:

- Allan presented the proposal for discussion.
- May run into problems with the US district
- This is a voluntary fee

Motion 25-44: That the CBF request all Canadian Regional Tournament Chairs to incorporate a one dollar 'CBF Sustainability Fee' into their player registration fees commencing in 2026. In consideration of any credit card or other administrative charges incurred in collection or processing, Tournament Chairs need only remit 90% of the fees collected to the CBF Treasurer.

Proposed by: Allan Callard

Seconded by: gingergrant@icloud.com

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 2 Carried

VI. Communications

- Email to members: revised AGM date, fall team league registration. - CK already done
 - Email to clubs: COPC club sanction registration, Erin Berry Rookie/Master event. - CK will do next week
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VII. WBF Dues

- Discussion of ongoing WBF fee disputes
- WBF dues based on ACBL membership rather than CBF membership.
- ACBL contributes \$10,000 to NABF toward CBF WBF fees; WBF claims an additional US \$14,000 is owed for the past two years.
- Mike will work with Nader to request documentation from the WBF

Motion 25-45: The Board agrees that dues will be payable only for CBF members, and not for Canadian members of the ACBL. Nader will represent the Board in discussions with the WBF, with Mike providing support to Nader.

Proposed by: Mike Hargreaves

Seconded by: Allan Callard

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Carried

VIII. 2025 AGM – Revised Date

AGM to be held Tuesday, September 16, 2025, 7:30 PM ET

Shelley to communicate with Melissa and Dan as we need to have the statements by the 6th of Sept.

Email to membership with zoom link to be sent out the first week in September

IX. Other

- a) Collection of outstanding debt - Sondra - The issue of the outstanding debt has been resolved. The member has agreed to pay \$80 towards the invoice. The Board agreed that, to avoid similar situations in the future, fees will be collected in advance.

- b) Maple Leaf Games vs Maple Leaf Bridge Club

Motion 25-46: As a resolution to the naming conflict, the Board will offer the Maple Leaf Bridge Club members one year of free CBF membership, contingent upon the club agreeing to change its name.

Proposed by: Mike Hargreaves

Seconded by: Allan Callard

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Carried

- c) Terry Du to talk about the Juniors at next months board meeting
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X. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Proposed by: Ginger

Seconded by: Allan Callard

Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:08 PM ET.

Next Meeting: September 8, 2025.