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**CBF Board of Directors
Conference Call Minutes
August 25, 2017**

Present:

**Nader Hanna, Director Zone III
Neil Kimelman, Director Zone IV
Jerry Mamer, Director Zone V
Kathie Macnab, Director Zone I & CBF Vice President
Angela Fenton, Director Zone VI**

Call to Order

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 10:04 am.

1. Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting April 26-28, 2017

- Corrections to section 19 and 22.

Motion 1718CC1: To accept the Board of Directors minutes with changes that were discussed.

Moved by: Nader Hanna

Seconded by: Angela Fenton

Carried

2. 2016 Audited Financial Statements –

Motion 1718CC2: To accept the 2016 Financial Statements.

Moved by: Neil Kimelman

Seconded by: Jerry Mamer

Carried

3. Commonwealth Games

- We are allowed to send 2 teams.
- Interested teams to apply by end of September.
- Subsidy will be as discussed at the Board meeting in April (\$1,000 US which includes the cost of 2 uniform shirts).
- If more than one team applies, there will be a playoff for the subsidy. If teams are in the same area, they can play in person, if not, then online.

4. CBF Credit Card

- If a cash back credit card is available, we will get that, as opposed to lower fee card.
- Ina to look at options.

5. CBF President –

- Neil Kimelman has resigned as President, and therefore we need a new CBF President.
- Kathie Macnab is the Vice-President but is unable to take on the President role at the current time due to personal and bridge club issues.

Motion 1718CC3: That Nader Hanna become the CBF President for the remainder of the 2017/2018 term.

Moved by Angela Fenton

Seconded by Jerry Mamer

Carried

6. Jonathan Steinberg emails–

- An email from Jonathan was forwarded to the CBF Board regarding the players at the World Championships and their standing in the top 100 list published in the Toronto NABC Bulletin and Unit 166 Kibitzer.
- Since the Board was asked to look into this, it was discussed, but since it was a personal email, the Board feels that no action is warranted.

7. Brad Bart Mexico playoff complaint–

- The incident occurred during the Mexico playoff in Mexico City. We received a description of the situation from Brad, and the ACBL, the Mexican Federation and the Director in charge were copied as well.
- Nader shared the the Director in charge's comments which he provided in a phone conversation with Nader.
- Additional issues are that we have no power over a Mexican player. Ideally it would be the Zonal authority that deals with a complaint that happened at a zonal event such as a bi-country playoff. The ACBL acts as the zonal authority in some ways, but does not deal with any issues related to the Canada-Mexico playoffs, and since it was not an ACBL event, it is unlikely that the ACBL will act in any way on it.
- Due to all of these factors the CBF Board does not feel that any action is warranted or possible.
- However, the complaint has been noted and if there are future issues, this may be evidence of history of contentious behaviour.

8. Canadian Bridge Championship B team complaint–

- a CNTC B team complained that the B semi-final was cancelled due to a low number of registrations. We had 6 teams registered, and felt that holding a semi-final where teams had to pay additional entry fees, and could not win additional masterpoints, was not a good idea.
- The teams were advised of this before the event, but after the registration deadline. The team who complained told us that they would not have registered if they knew what the schedule would be.
- It was felt that the Conditions of Contest should have reflected the possibility of cancelling the semi-final should a low number of teams register for the event.

Motion 1718CC4: That each person on the 3rd and 4th place teams receive a credit for their share of the \$360 entry fee for future CBF events. Also to give both teams bronze medals.

Moved by: Jerry Mamer

Seconded by: Nader Hanna

Carried

9. Online teams

- The new rules for scheduling will be that there is still a scheduled match date, however if teams are not able to schedule a match by that date, they can schedule one within the next 10 days if they send an email before the original date, with details of the new date.
- Since there is more flexibility in match scheduling, we will cut the number of players per team down 6.

10. 2018 Subsidies

- All events at the 2018 World Championships in Orlando are transnational.
- The subsidy for the CNTC A, CWTC and CSTC winners is based on the participation of 8 or more teams in each of the three events. Should fewer teams participate in an event, the subsidy for such event will be prorated accordingly.

Motion 1718CC5: That the subsidy for the 2018 CNTC A, CSTC and CWTC winners be \$7,500 CAN plus entry fee for the 2018 World Championships.

Moved by Jerry Mamer,

Seconded by Nader Hanna

Carried

11. Conditions of Contest

- We need to add rules on playoffs taking into account a low number of teams entered.
- Possible formats:
 - o With 4 teams – have a double round robin, where 1 plays 2, and 3 plays 4. Loser of 1-2 match plays winner of 3-4 match. Then the winner of that match plays winner of original 1-2 match for gold and silver medal. The other 2 teams play for the bronze medal. Seeding would determine 1 2 3 4 .
 - o With 3 teams, play a 3-way to eliminate 1 team and then the top two play a final.

12. Webmaster

- Our previous webmaster is no longer in business and we are looking for a new bilingual webmaster. Rate is \$20 per hour.

13. Hall of Fame

- Currently 2 board members are on the committee, the president plus one more.

- Since nominations come back to board for approval, it might be appropriate to only have one board member on the committee.

14. Next conference call and adjournment

- Early to mid October.

Motion 1718CC6: That the meeting be adjourned at noon.

Moved by Nader Hanna