

CBF BOARD OF DIRECTORS - CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES

Tuesday, September 28, 2004

PRESENT: Claire Jones, CBF President & Zone V Director
Doug Fraser, CBF Vice-President & Zone VI Director
Michael Hartop, Zone I Director
Jean Castonguay, Zone II Director
Jim Priebe, Zone III Director
Francis Gaudino, Zone IV Director
Janice Anderson, Executive Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 2:00pm EDT, President, Claire Jones, thanked all directors for taking the time to join this meeting and called the meeting to order. The agenda was reviewed and adopted with the following changes:

- Item 3. g) Fund Raising Plans was withdrawn as no material was submitted on this
- Item 16. a) Commonwealth Games was added to the agenda

2. MATTERS RAISED AT AGM THAT NEED BOARD DISCUSSION

a) “Stay in School” Junior Policy

The AGM had expressed a desire for the CBF Board of Directors to consider adopting a policy similar to ACBL Junior Policy that states “Any Junior receiving subsidy must be a high school graduate, have received a high school equivalency certificate or be a student attending school and making orderly progress toward graduation.”

Discussion took place on this.

MOTION 04-09CC-01: Any Junior receiving subsidy must be a high school graduate or making orderly progress towards high school graduation.

MOVED by Francis Gaudino.

SECONDED by Doug Fraser.

For: 0 Against: 5

MOTION IS NOT CARRIED.

The Board felt that such a policy would be a discriminatory policy and that it would add bureaucratic pressure.

b) Zero Tolerance at Bridge Week

The Board confirmed that we will instruct the Bridge Week DIC that the CBF expects the ACBL Zero Tolerance Policy to be enforced during all events of Canadian Bridge Week.

At Bridge Week the Conduct and Ethics Committee will consist of the CBF Board Chairperson of this committee, or the designee if this person not present, and two other CBF Directors if possible. If two other directors are not available then the spots will be filled with other Bridge Week participants.

c) National Conduct & Ethics Committee

Discussion of this topic was combined with 2 b).

MOTION 04-09CC-02: The CBF will inform the DIC of each Canadian Bridge Week that the CBF is serious about implementing Zero Tolerance. The CBF Conduct and Ethics committee at Bridge Week will consist of three members. The Chair of this committee will be the CBF Conduct & Ethics Committee Chair. The other two members will be CBF Board members or leading players attending Bridge Week. This Committee is empowered by the CBF Board of Directors to take action that could include actions from warning to barring of players.

MOVED by Jim Priebe.

SECONDED by Mike Hartop.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

d) STAC Director Fees

The members expressed a concern at the AGM about the ACBL rate for paying directors for STACs. This concern was for all STACs and not just the CBF STAC.

It was suggested that we need to let the AGM members know of the steps the CBF has taken to keep costs down for the CBF STAC. Otherwise, this is ACBL policy and all we can do is express our concern to the ACBL Board of Directors.

3. JUNIOR MATTERS

a) Daniel Lavee Situation

Francis Gaudino reported on the meeting that was held in Toronto with Daniel Lavee. Daniel apologized to NPC, Jonathan Steinberg, and expressed his desire to work hard with the 2005 Canadian Junior team.

The CBF Board thanked Jim Priebe for his handling of the situation and his work in setting up the meeting.

This matter is deemed closed.

b) Eric Kokish's Proposal for Coaching of 2005 Canadian Junior Team

MOTION 04-09CC-03: The CBF Board of Directors confirms the budget of \$3000 for coaching of the 2005 Canadian Junior team. Coaching will be done by Eric Kokish according to his proposed plan.

MOVED by Francis Gaudino.

SECONDED by Jim Priebe.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

c) Second Official attending 2005 World Youth Team Championship

MOTION 04-09CC-04: Eric Kokish be named the official Coach of the 2005 Canadian World Junior Team and designated as the second CBF official that will accompany the team to Australia for the 2005 World Youth Team Championship.

MOVED by Francis Gaudino.

SECONDED by Doug Fraser.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Francis Gaudino will send a letter to Eric Kokish officially notifying him of the CBF decisions and welcoming him on board.

d) New Clauses for Junior Section of CBF Code of Conduct

MOTION 04-09CC-05: The following three clauses be added to the Junior Section of the CBF Code of Conduct:

- **Junior representatives will be supplied with team shirts or uniforms. The representatives are expected to wear these while representing the CBF in their chosen events.**
- **Junior representatives are encouraged to represent the CBF in all events while in attendance at their chosen venue. This will extend into participation in consolation pair or team events that are offered for individuals who have been eliminated from the primary event.**
- **While in attendance at CBF sponsored events, Junior representatives are expected to maintain regular hours. While not limited to, this will include curfews set by their coach or NPC during their participation in the event.**

MOVED by Francis Gaudino.

SECONDED by Jim Priebe.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

These new clauses will be added as new bullets under the General Consideration section of the Code of Conduct.

e) Junior Seminars

At this point the one planned for Ottawa Regional has been cancelled. No other plans for seminars or coaching weekends have been submitted. It appears as if nothing will be done in 2004 in this regard and no plans have been submitted for 2005.

Mike Hartop outlined a plan that his area has for a Junior Workshop in the Maritimes. This has been planned and will be definitely proceeding.

Mike is to send Janice Anderson details and the CBF expressed an interest in helping with the funding of this workshop.

f) Junior Trials 2005

Toronto has given their agreement to the 2005 Junior and School Team trials being held at the Toronto Labour Day Sectional in September of 2005.

Francis Gaudino will furnish the CBF board with complete details and conditions of contest by January of 2005.

December Bridge Canada will contain a box notice about the dates with a note that the April 2005 Issue of Bridge Canada will contain the full details.

4. CWTC

Doug Fraser reported that he had not yet prepared the proposed survey.

Janice Anderson reminded the board that, if a survey is to be done, it must be ready to go out ASAP.

Doug Fraser will immediately get something out to the board for approval.

5. COPC

The Open European Championships will take place June 18 - July 2, 2005.

The Open Pairs event runs from June 27 - July 2

Entry fee is 450 Euros and deadline for entry is April 20, 2005

Doug Fraser has written a letter inquiring about the possibility of a free entry for our Canadian Pair.

No response has been received so Doug will write again.

Janice Anderson will contact the 2004 COPC winners with what information we have so that they can make a decision on going.

6. SCREENS

The Board discussed the concept of using screens for all events at Bridge Week. This was done in 2002 and 2003 but not in 2004.

We need approximately 50 - 55 screens to do this.

Currently we think we have 50.

The main problem with the other screens we have looked at is portability which is imperative for our use.

Mike Hartop will do annual improvements and maintenance on our screens and they will be ready for 2005 Bridge Week.

MOTION 04-09CC-06: The CBF will use screens for all events at Bridge Week to the extent possible.

MOVED by Mike Hartop.

SECONDED by Jim Priebe.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. CIPC

Discussion took place on the two types of scoring used in IMP pairs events.

MOTION 04-09CC-07: The CIPC will be scored using "averageimps".

MOVED by Jim Priebe.

SECONDED by Francis Gaudino.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. MBNA

Janice Anderson reported on contact that had been reinitiated by MBNA Canada.

MOTION 04-09CC-08: The CBF decline the MBNA Canada offer.

MOVED by Jim Priebe.

SECONDED by Mike Hartop.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. BRIDGE WEEKS

a) 2005 Montreal

Jean Castonguay reported on the playing venue which will be at the New Residence Hall of McGill University located at 3625 ave du Parc. Rates will be \$95 plus tax which will include breakfast. Playing space rental will be \$6700 for all meeting, Bridge Week and 299er Regional events. The 299er Regional will take place on the last three days. For every 25 rooms booked we will get one room free. It is very close to downtown so players will have lots of choices for meals.

MOTION 04-09CC-09: The entry fees for 2005 Bridge Week be the same as the entry fees charged at the 2004 Bridge Week.

MOVED by Francis Gaudino.

SECONDED by Jim Priebe.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Board discussed plans for board pre-duplication and monitors. In five years no one has requested the monitor sheets from the CBF office. Janice has given all the monitor sheets to Paul Thurston.

MOTION 04-09CC-10: The CBF will discontinue the practise of having monitors for the semi-finals and finals of Bridge Week.

MOVED by Jim Priebe.

SECONDED by Mike Hartop.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

b) 2006 Mississauga

Jim Priebe and Janice Anderson outlined the considerations that had gone into selecting the 2006 Bridge Week dates. We had sanctioned the event and tentatively booked a hotel for June 2006 but the WBF has now set the 2006 World Championships for June 2006 and their dates conflict with our plans.

District 2 has agreed to hold the CBF Regional in 2006. The volunteers are willing to do both events as long as they run concurrently.

Thus we have come up with the following plan:

2006 CBF Meetings: Wednesday, February 8 - Friday, February 10, 2006

2006 Bridge Week: Saturday, February 11 - Saturday, February 18, 2006

2006 CBF Regional: Tuesday, February 14 - Sunday, February 19, 2006

This will require an adjustment to the qualification time frame for 2006 events only.

COPC - club round will remain Sept. 1 - Dec. 31, 2005

CNTC - club round will run July 1 - October 15, 2005

Zone Finals MUST be completed by December 19, 2005

CWTC - all Zone representatives must be finalized by December 19, 2005.

Janice has talked to Jim Lopushinsky of the ACBL and he will makes the needed changes to ACBL Score for that year to accept the new time frame.

An article (notice) of the time frame will go out in the December Bridge Canada and again in the April 2005 Bridge Canada. Janice will do her club mailing in late March to early April of 2005.

Tentative contracts have been negotiated with the Delta Meadowvale in Mississauga.

MOTION 04-09CC-11: The CBF Board of Directors authorizes Jim Priebe and Janice Anderson to finalize the contracts with the Delta Meadowvale for February 8 - 19, 2006 for the CBF Board Meetings, 2006 Bridge Week and 2006 CBF Regional.

MOVED by Doug Fraser.

SECONDED by Mike Hartop.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

c) 2007 Bridge Week

Thunder Bay, Unit 288, has expressed an interest in hosting 2007 Bridge Week.

The preferred dates are: May 26 - June 2, 2007 OR June 2 - 9, 2007

This will be tabled until our next meeting so that more details can be gathered for presentation.

d) 2008 Bridge Week

Quebec City has expressed an interest in hosting 2008 Bridge Week as that will be their 400th anniversary year.

MOTION 04-09CC-12: The CBF will plan to hold the 2008 Bridge Week in Quebec City.

MOVED by Jim Priebe.

SECONDED by Mike Hartop.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Details will be discussed at the next CBF Board meetings in May 2005.

10. AUDITOR'S LETTER

Janice Anderson circulated the Auditor's response to our letter concerning clauses in the Auditor's report. George Retek has offered to write another letter to the Auditor on behalf of the CBF Board.

Discussion took place on the need to write another letter.

The CBF Board is comfortable with the auditor's report as it stands and does not feel the need to pursue this further. No additional letter will be sent at this time.

11. MEMBERSHIPS

Janice Anderson reported on the large increase in the number of Canadians not paying the CBF membership fee with their ACBL renewals.

This item is tabled for now and will be discussed in more detail once we have data to review.

12. Bi-Country Play-Off

The winners of the 2005 CNTC-A and CWTC National Finals will have to play-off against Mexico to determine the entries for 2005 Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup. This playoff will need to take place sometime from June 11 - September 1. Since we hosted the play-offs in 2003, Mexico should be hosting the 2005 Play-offs.

Jim Priebe agreed to be the CBF liaison with Mexico for coordinating and setting up these playoffs.

13. UPDATES

a) ACBL Billings

Janice reported on the status of her dealing with the ACBL over the billings received in July. Janice has had the fees waived so far and has set up a meeting with ACBL officials in Orlando in November to discuss the whole issue and come to an agreement.

The CBF Board agreed to leave this totally in Janice's hand to negotiate the best deal for the CBF.

b) Membership Reconciliation

Janice reported that she had finally gotten material from ACBL on this but had not had a chance to study it in depth. Janice will issue a report to the Board once she has been able to go through the ACBL material.

c) CBF Elections

Deadline for nominations is September 30, 2004

In Zone II, Jean Castonguay is the only one to submit his name so far.

In Zone V we have no nominations submitted so far. Claire Jones reported that he may not be able to stand for re-election and will notify Janice by September 30th.

d) Zone Coordinators

Janice reported that she still needed information on some Zone Coordinators. The Zone Directors involved will email Janice the information after the call is completed.

e) Hall of Fame

Janice reported that she had emailed Martin MacDonald of Calgary to see if he still wanted to submit a report to the board on this. Martin said he would get back to Janice on the subject.

This matter is tabled until something is received from Martin.

f) Website Review

Doug Fraser reported that he had not done this yet.

g) WBF Rules of Eligibility

Eric Murray has notified Jim Priebe that he is no longer able to help with this item.

Jim Priebe has had email contact with Ernesto D'Orsi about the rules and suggested that he would try and set up a meeting with Mr. D'Orsi in Istanbul. The Board authorized Jim to also talk to Jon Robinson about taking part in this meeting in Istanbul.

h) CBF Regional

2005 - Calgary - March 21 - 27, 2005

2006 - Mississauga - February 24 - 29, 2006

2007 - ?

2008 -

Doug Fraser reported on talks he has had with Victoria about hosting a CBF Regional. If Victoria hosts one it would have to be an even year as they already have regionals in odd numbered years. Doug is authorized to try and set something up with Victoria for 2008.

All Directors should think of possible locations for 2007. Jean Castonguay did suggest that if no location can be found for 2007 - Montreal might be willing to host another one for us.

14. World Team Olympiad

Janice outlined some of the problems facing our Senior team due to the WBF changing the date of the conclusion of the event. We also discussed some of the problems with funding the senior team.

Janice reported that she still has not received the signed Release Form or letter agreeing to abide by the CBF Code of Conduct from Joseph Silver. Jan will coordinate with Jon Robinson in an effort to get this. In order for Joseph to be eligible to represent Canada, he must submit the signed documents.

More discussion on Senior teams will take place during a January 2005 Conference Call.

15. President's Plaque

Francis Gaudino will be getting a cut crystal trophy which sits on a desk as a keeper for the President. The annual plaque has not been purchased yet. It needs to be large enough to hold all

names - to date we have had 20 presidents.

This matter was left in Francis Gaudino's hands to deal with.

16. OTHER BUSINESS

a) 2007 Commonwealth Games

Janice reported on the letter received from Australia asking us to notify them if we would send a team to an event if it is held.

The CBF felt that they would like to send a team but that we do not have the funding for this so it would be at the team's own expense.

Janice will notify Australia that the CBF will name a team as the eligible Canadian team but we would not be able to guarantee their attendance.

b) CBF Regional Free Plays

Discussion took place on the idea of the CBF Board of Directors and CBF Executive Assistant getting free plays at the CBF Regional. The idea is that more might go to the expense of attending the CBF Regional if they got this slight concession. This is also a common practise in Districts for District Boards to receive free plays at District Regionals. The CBF would like to encourage all CBF Board members to attend the CBF Regional if possible so that more people can be aware of the CBF Board.

MOTION 04-09CC-13: The CBF Board of Directors and the CBF Executive Assistant will receive free plays at the CBF International Fund Regional.

MOVED by Mike Hartop.

SECONDED by Jean Castonguay.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Given the length of the call and no other pressing matters to discuss the Board agreed that the call be adjourned.

MOTION 04-09CC-14: This conference call be adjourned.

MOVED by Mike Hartop.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

___The call was adjourned at 4:50pm EDT.