

CBF BOARD OF DIRECTORS - CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES
Thursday, December 13, 2007

PRESENT: Jean Castonguay, Zone II Director
 Nader Hanna, Zone III Director
 Alex Fowlie, Zone V Director
 Peter Morse, Zone VI Director - until 9:25pm EST
 Janice Anderson, Executive Assistant
 Mike Hartop, Zone I Director and President joined the meeting at 8:45pm EST.

1. Call to Order & Agenda Approval

In the absence of both the President and Vice-President, Nader Hanna agreed to chair the meeting.

A Quorum was declared and the meeting was called to order at 7:37pm EST.

The agenda was approved as presented by email.

2. Annual Meeting prior to Bridge Week

Janice Anderson had put in a request to have the annual board meeting run Tuesday - Thursday instead of Wednesday to Friday. Peter had no problem with this. Alex expressed that this would work better for him as he was going to have to leave Thursday evening anyway.

MOTION 07-12CC1: The CBF Annual Board of Directors Meeting will run Tuesday, May 20 - Thursday, May 22, 2008 in Montreal.

Moved by Peter Morse.

Seconded by Alex Fowlie.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Board confirmed that any board member playing in Bridge Week would receive Friday night hotel.

3. Junior Plans for 2008

Nader Hanna outlined the 2008 plans. The Board expressed its thanks to Nader for the excellent report and the good job he is doing.

Some discussion took place on coaching/training after teams selected.

MOTION 07-12CC2: The CBF tentatively agree to send three teams to Beijing based on our preliminary budget.

Moved by Nader Hanna.

Seconded by Peter Morse.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Eric Murray – Honorary Member

Peter Morse expressed the concern that we need criteria for making someone an honorary member so that we have a policy to follow in the future.

The question: “What would we give them?” was raised and the board felt a plaque would be appropriate.

It was decided that the board should exchange ideas by email. Peter Morse will be in charge of this and will get the ball rolling.

5. Charity Donation for 2008

*CBFCF Chairman, Gim Ong, has requested that the Trustees consider the following funding request for 2008: **2008 Canada 55+ Games.***

If the CBF became a Gold Sponsor (\$2500.00) we would get the following recognition.

- 1- *Acknowledged as a Gold sponsor in promotional material.*
- 2- *Acknowledgement during the opening and closing ceremonies.*
- 3- *Logo on official poster.*
- 4- *Logo on posters at various venues.*
- 5- *Acknowledgement in the official program(half page in colour).*
- 6- *Acknowledgement in the Dieppe Mag bulletin(distributed to all residents of Dieppe).*
- 7- *Mention during the press conference.*
- 8- *Logo on all letter-heads.*
- 9- *Logo (b/w) on volunteer t-shirts.*

Discussion took place on whether or not this would really be considered a charity. The board felt that it was more a marketing item and would like to support it, especially if we could use it as an opportunity to market bridge.

MOTION 07-12CC3: The CBF become of Gold Sponsor of the 2008 Canada 55+ Games with the \$2500.00 fee coming out of the General Fund.

Moved by Nader Hanna.

Seconded by Peter Morse.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. International Events

a) NPC reports

MOTION 07-12CC4: The CBF Board accepts with thanks the Senior Team NPC report submitted by Daniel Korbel.

Moved by Peter Morse.

Seconded by Nader Hanna.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Recommendations made in NPC reports have mostly centred on team funding which is not new.

Some ideas tossed around were:

- having Unit memberships*
- Auction of top players across country*

b) Ray Lee's Blog

No further discussion on this at this time.

c) Code of Conduct

Do we need something in our Code of Conduct to cover "political statements"??

After some discussion the board unanimously decided that we are fine with our current code and we do not need to make any changes at this time.

The point was also made that anyone under the age of majority cannot sign away their rights. Parents can only sign away their rights to sue.

7. Trophies

Nader Hanna has graciously offered to pick up our trophies from the Roehampton. We need to find a new home for them.

Discussion took place about where they could be displayed. Nader will check with Hazel Wolpert and John Rayner to see if either would be able to display them at their Bridge clubs.

Discussion also took place on why we do not ship the applicable trophies to Bridge Week for presentation. Jan reported that at one time this was done and the winner took home the large trophy for one year. Unfortunately trophies did not always get returned. John Armstrong spent a great deal of time and effort tracking down all missing trophies and getting them fixed up. Once this was done and we had them on display at Kate Buckman Bridge Studio, it was felt that it would just be too costly and too hard on the trophies to ship them around the country each year.

The Board decided that trophies should be shipped to Bridge Week each year and then back to their permanent home which would be Regina if no other location can be found.

8. Mission Statement

Tabled until our meetings in May.

9. Canadian Member Survey

All felt that looking at the survey results and comments, we need to get the word out to all about who the CBF is and what the CBF does.

It was felt that we need to have a box in all Unit and District publications that gives information on the CBF website.

It was also felt that we could look into sending a mass email through the ACBL email list.

10. 2008 Bridge Week

a) Zone Final Information

Once again Jan Anderson is not getting anything much from CNTC and CWTC Zone Coordinators. Zone I – CNTC Coordinator submitted form with Zone Final information.

- nothing from CWTC Coordinator

Zone II – nothing from Zone CNTC & CWTC Coordinator. I got dates by email from Jean but have heard absolutely nothing from Coordinator.

Zone III – finally got an email from Coordinator but he never did submit forms

Zone IV – nothing but the date provided – also wasn't notified as to who was the Coordinator this year

Zone V – have date of CNTC Zone Final but no other information and nothing on CWTC

Zone VI – Zone Final information finally submitted by email

All Zones are to have submitted Conditions of Contest for Zone Final to me for approval and so we have a record if inquiries are made. No Zone has submitted these for several years – this year it's the same old thing.

b) Bob Todd Letter re: new regulations - attached

The Board considered Bob's letter and are aware of problems within Zones but feel the new regulations are important for the National Final.

c) 2008 Bridge Week – Montreal

Jean Castonguay reported that everything is set.

It was agreed to keep the entry fees the same as in 2007 as this should work out fine.

11. Bridge Canada

Discussion took place as to the frequency of publishing. The general feeling is that more information could be posted on the website and sent to members electronically. We would then only publish and mail once or twice a year. We would really need to flog the plan.

It was agreed that we would ask Jude Goodwin to find out costs, requirements, etc for an enhanced website that would include software for collecting and sending out member emails. We will ask Jude to report back for our May meetings.

12. Investments

It took much longer than expected to get the new investment account up and running. Andy Altay now has his Sask. License and the money has been invested.

13. Other Business

a) CBF Regional - 2008 - March - Victoria, BC

Think everything is set to go.

b) CBF Regional - 2009 - Zone III

Nader is finding that playing space prices are outrageous in his Zone.

Nader is continuing to try and find a reasonable place. We will discuss further in May.

c) International Team Selection

It was felt that we need to set up a committee to look at Bridge Week and the idea of having two separate championships, one for declaring National Champions and one for declaring our International representatives.

Mike Hartop agreed to chair this committee. *Mike will bring an agenda item to our May meeting with proposals on what the board should do.*

Each Zone Director is to get opinions from as many people as possible and compile them and send them out to the Board. Definitely they need to ask people about the options of having a separate team trials apart from our National Championships. This should all be done by April 1, 2008. We will then have a conference call early in April to discuss only this issue.

d) Ken Gee Question:

In response to a board question Janice explained that the ACBL Ethical Oversight Committee has put Ken Gee on suspension pending a hearing that is to take place in Detroit at the start of the Spring NABC.

14. Next Meeting

*Early April a conference call to discuss International Team Selection.
May 20 - 22, 2008 in Montreal.*

15. Adjournment

Motion 07-12CC5: The meeting be adjourned.

MOVED by Alex Fowlie.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15pm EST.