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Annual General Membership Meeting
Sheraton Montreal Aéroport, Montreal, QC
Saturday, May 5, 2012 beginning at 8:20 a.m.

Minutes

Attendees:

Kathie Macnab - Unit 194 - Zone I CBF Director
Bill Halliday - Unit 194 - Zone I
Anne Mahoney - Unit 230 - Zone I

Christiane Bourassa - Unit 151 - Zone II
Jean Castonguay - Unit 151 - Zone II
Lyse Castonguay - Unit 151 - Zone II
Marie Duval - Unit 151 - Zone II
Diane Majdell - Unit 151 - Zone II
Robert Morin - Unit 151 - Zone II
George Retek - Unit 151 - Zone II
Lise Sirois - Unit 151 - Zone II
Jurek Czyzowicz - Unit 192 - Zone II

Janice Anderson - Unit 573 - Zone V CBF
Executive Secretary
Richard Anderson - Unit 573 - Zone V

Dan Jacob – Unit 430 - Zone VI

Andrew Firko - Unit 166 - Zone III
Ray Jotcham - Unit 166 - Zone III
Lewis Richardson - Unit 166 - Zone III
Jonathan Steinberg – Unit 166 - Zone III
Gary Westfall - Unit 166 - Zone III
Bill Koski - Unit 246 - Zone III
Steve Mackay - Unit 246 - Zone III

Marielle Brentnall - Unit 181 - Zone IV
Doug Fisher - Unit 181 - Zone IV
Ken Goodridge - Unit 181 - Zone IV
Ray Hornby – Unit 181 - Zone IV
Neil Kimelman - Unit 181 - Zone IV CBF Director
Don Pearsons - Unit 181 - Zone IV
Michael Shaw - Unit 181 - Zone IV
Bob Todd - Unit 181 - Zone IV
Terry Visentine - Unit 181 - Zone IV

Alex Fowlie - non-resident CBF member

1. CALL TO ORDER

Kathie Macnab, CBF Zone I Director, confirmed that a quorum was in attendance and called the meeting to order at 8:20am. Kathie welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM

MOTION AGM12-01: The minutes of the May 28, 2011 AGM held in Regina, SK be adopted as distributed.

Moved by Doug Fisher.

Seconded by Alex Fowlie.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Business arising from the minutes:

a) Motion AGM11-05 - The CBF adopt a policy, similar to the ACBL policy, in regards to electronic devices at the Canadian Bridge Championships.

Kathie reported that the CBF Board had passed an Electronic Device policy at their meetings here in Montreal and that it has been in effect at these championships.

George Retek expressed the opinion that the CBF Electronic Device Policy is overkill and that certain electronic devices should be permitted.

It was suggested that next year the CBF have posters up explaining the Electronic Device Policy.

- b) **Motion AGM11-06 - The CBF Board of Directors revisit the concept of having “drop-in” teams through the Semi-Final of the CSTC. Changes should be made so that they will be in place for the 2012 CSTC.**

Janice Anderson reported that the CBF Board of Directors did take a thorough look at this shortly after the 2011 AGM in Regina. The board did not make any changes as it was felt this was the best we could do at this time. It was also noted that every year we get a different motion either to allow “drop ins’ or to disallow “drop ins” depending on who attends that year’s AGM.

___c) No other business arising from the minutes was brought up.

3. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

MOTION AGM12-02: Mintz and Wallace, CA’s of Regina, be appointed CBF Auditor for the next fiscal year.

Moved by Doug Fisher.

Seconded by Richard Anderson.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. CONFIRMATION OF ZONE DIRECTORS

Janice Anderson reported the following election results for 2011.

Nader Hanna was re-elected by acclamation as Zone III Director for the Term of January 1, 2012 - December 31, 2014

Peter Morse was re-elected by acclamation as Zone VI Director for the Term of January 1, 2012 - December 31, 2014

MOTION AGM12-03: The re-election of Nader Hanna and Peter Morse are confirmed by the membership.

Moved by Richard Anderson.

Seconded by Alex Fowlie.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

This fall elections will be conducted in Zones I and IV.

Zone I - term January 1, 2013 - December 31, 2015

Zone IV - term January 1, 2013 - December 31, 2015

Both Kathie Macnab, Zone I and Neil Kimelman, Zone IV, have indicated they will be willing to seek re-election.

5. PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2011

Janice Anderson, CBF Treasurer, presented the 2011 Preliminary Financial Statements to the membership.

MOTION AGM12-04: The 2011 Preliminary Financial Statements be approved as presented pending the receipt of the 2011 Audited Statements.

MOVED by Doug Fisher.

SECONDED by George Retek.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CBF BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETING

The CBF Board of Directors held their annual meeting here in Montreal, April 25 - 27, 2012. Highlights of the meeting were presented to the membership. Full minutes of these meetings will be posted on the CBF website.

Kathie Macnab, Zone I CBF Director, went over the highlights of the CBF Board meetings.

a) Membership

Unfortunately CBF memberships are still on the decline. We need everyone to help promote us to the club players in their respective areas. The measures the board put in place last year to help improve membership have not helped increase membership.

b) Bridge Canada

We will continue to publish three digital issues each year in English and in French. The board expressed its thanks to Jude Goodwin our English Editor and Francine and Denis Cimon our French Editors and translators.

c) CBF Website

*Reviewed "Wish List" and updated it.
Renewed Jude Goodwin's contract for another year. Peter Morse will have a meeting with Jude in the near future to review the boards wishes.*

d) CBF STAC

*2012 was our largest turnout to date.
No changes made to sanction fees.
The CBF STAC always begins on the third Monday of February.*

e) Trophies/Equipment

*- confirmed pins will be given to the Zone Winners of the Mini-Richmond Races.
- selected a trophy for the CNTC-C championships
- 66 screens are now here in Montreal and will remain here for use in Eastern Canada.
- 66 screens are stored in Regina for use in Western Canada
- the board is looking into what kind of time clocks or timing devices we can use in the future.
Two of the clocks donated by Gordon Campbell have stopped working. Shipping costs for these very large and heavy clocks is also very high so it makes more sense to find alternate timing devices.*

f) CBF Regional

The CBF extended a thank you to Nader Hanna and Ontario Unit 166 for their hosting of the CBF Regional in 2012. The tournament netted \$5,839 for the CBF International Fund.

Future CBF Regionals are:

January 21 - 27, 2013 - Calgary, AB

September 16 - 22, 2014 - Toronto, ON

**July 28 - August 3, 2015 - Kingston, ON - Sir John A. MacDonald CBF International Fund
Regional**

2016 - Montreal, QC

g) CWTC

Beginning in 2013, the CWTC National Final will be played over 6 days - Sunday thru Friday. If more than 6 teams enter - they will play a 3 day round robin followed by a 64 board semi-final and a 128 board final which will run over two days. If 6 or fewer teams enter - they will play a double round robin over four days followed by a 128 board final which will run over two days.

h) Canadian Bridge Championships

- reviewed Slow Play Regulations and made a couple of changes that will go into effect in 2013.

I) i) When the director does not assign any responsibility to one team for the lateness of a match, the slow play time will be split equally between the pairs involved.

ii) When a segment of a KO match goes over time in excess of 25 minutes an additional 50% of actual late time will be added to late play records, subject to review by Tournament Committee.

- If the WBF changes their Imp Conversion Scale for 2013, the CBF will change the scale used at our 2013 CBC to match the new WBF scale.

- Will try to get a Sept. 1 masterpoint file that will enable us to verify eligibility for the various CNTC flights.

- Will try and get ACBL to make sure ACBL Score only allows the specific masterpoint cut-offs for CNTC stratification

- Discussed Butler Scoring, Bridge Mates and Daily Bulletins but all were ruled out due to cost

- Formulated an Electronic Device Policy that prohibits any electronic devices in the playing area or the surrounding area.

- Will try and increase the number of matches shown on BBO.

- More needs to be done to advertise future dates.

2013 Toronto - May 25 - June 1, 2013

2014 Calgary - May 3 - 10, 2014

2015 Montreal

2016 would be back in Toronto

2017 Winnipeg

 I) International

- reviewed NPC reports from 2011

- confirmed 2012 subsidy pool will be \$42,000 and budgeted \$2,800 for uniforms. Teams also get the money raised by their specific event surtaxes at the CBC.

- passed a motion stating that not submitting a NPC report may be grounds for removal from the Pre-approved NPC list.

- Discussed WBF eligibility rules. The WBF considers our CBC as a Zonal trials and therefore anyone playing in it may not represent another NBO for at least 2.5 years.

j) CBF Executive Assistant

- at the CBF Board meetings Janice Anderson notified the Board that she would like to retire at the end of the 2014 Canadian Bridge Championships.

k) Erin Berry Memorial Fund

- the fund will be giving grants to 11 students from Moncton, NB to help with costs of them attending the 2012 Youth NABC in Philadelphia.

l) Thank you George Retek

*- the CBF Board thanked George Retek for his many years of service to the CBF in his role of ex-officio director. **The AGM echoed this thank you and wished George the best in his retirement from bridge administration.***

m) Elections

Nader Hanna was elected as CBF President for 2012 - 2013 year.

Peter Morse was elected as CBF Vice-President for the 2012 - 2013 year.

Janice Anderson was elected as CBF Treasurer and Executive Secretary for the 2012 - 2013 year.

n) Sponsorship/Fundraising

- CBF Instant Matchpoint game is put on hold for now

- Amateur Athletic Association: Nader Hanna reported on the 1.5 year process of trying to get this recognition and how we have now hit a dead end and cannot get this designation. Nader also reported on the need to continue to approach the Government for funding. We need to set up a committee to work on getting government funding.

This topic elicited a lot of discussion at the AGM. Suggests made were:

- we should have a notice on the CBF website that anyone with contacts in the Federal Government should get in touch with Nader Hanna.

- Dan Jacob suggested that we need to have a portfolio of what we are that can be made available to people who could help look for sponsorship. It was suggested that Dan put down in writing what sort of things should go into this portfolio and send it to the CBF so the board could work on that.

7. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CBF CHARITABLE FUND TRUSTEES MEETING

The Trustees of the Charity Foundation will meet by tele-conference on May 14. Charity financial statements were given in the AGM meeting package.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Several items were raised:

- ▶ Suggestion of having the Women's Team event incorporated into the CNTC-A. All women teams would be a part of the CNTC-A and top finisher among the all women teams would become the CWTC winner.
- ▶ Captain's meetings in should be conducted in English and French.
- ▶ Space for KO matches should be much larger than it was here in Montreal.
- ▶ Suggestion to include Senior teams in the CNTC-A much like the suggestion for the Women teams.
- ▶ Suggestion to look at lowering the masterpoint level of the CNTC-C
- ▶ Discussed need to recruit more teams to enter events at CBC.
- ▶ Lewis Richardson expressed the concern that the more restrictions are not good as people enter because they feel they have a chance to win and more restrictions would reduce participation. He felt we should keep events as they are.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned.

Moved by Richard Anderson.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.