



MINUTES of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Bridge Federation Incorporated held at the Delta Toronto East Toronto, ON May 18-20, 2016

PRESENT: Kathie Macnab - Zone I Director
Andre Chartrand - Zone II Director
Nader Hanna - Zone III Director & President
Neil Kimelman - Zone IV Director & Vice-President
Jerry Mamer - Zone V Director
Angela Fenton - Zone VI Director
Ina Demme - Executive Assistant, Executive Secretary and Treasurer
Paul Janicki – invited guest - ACBL District 2 - May 20

NOTE: Throughout these minutes, the following abbreviations are used:

CBF will refer to the Canadian Bridge Federation Incorporated
ACBL will refer to the American Contract Bridge League
CBC will refer to the Canadian Bridge Championships
CNTC will refer to the Canadian National Team Championship with A, B and C designating the flights
CWTC will refer to the Canadian Women's Team Championship
COPC will refer to the Canadian Open Pairs Championship
CSTC will refer to the Canadian Senior Team Championship
CIPC will refer to the Canadian Imp Pairs Championship
COC will represent the Canadian Olympic Committee
AGM will represent the Annual General Membership meeting of the CBF.
WBF will refer to the World Bridge Federation
BC will refer to the publication Bridge Canada
DIC will refer to director-in-charge
NPC will refer to non-playing captains

Nader Hanna, as CBF President, assumed the Chair and **Ina Demme**, as Executive Secretary, was directed to act as Secretary of the meeting. **The Chairperson declared a quorum present and the meeting to be regularly constituted.**

1. CALL TO ORDER & AGENDA

At 8:49 a.m. the President called the meeting to order. Nader extended a welcome to all.

2. CORPORATE MATTERS

2.1 Confirmation of Elections

Ina Demme reported the following election results for 2015 elections.

- *Kathie Macnab - Zone I Term: ends December 31, 2018 - re-elected by acclamation*
- *Neil Kimelman - Zone IV Term: ends December 31, 2018 - re-elected by acclamation*

MOTION 16-1: The election of Kathie Macnab and Neil Kimelman are ratified by the Board.

**MOVED by Nader Hanna
SECONDED by André Chartrand
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2.2 Upcoming Elections

- *This fall elections will be conducted in Zones II and V.*
- *Nominations are being accepted until September 30, 2016.*
- *Jerry Mamer indicated that he plans to seek re-election and he may have someone interested in taking over in 3 years. André will check if anyone in his zone is interested.*

2.3 Annual General Membership Meeting

- *The 2015 meeting was held on May 27 and 28, 2015 in Montreal, QC at the 2015 Canadian Bridge Championships.*
- *The minutes of the 2015 AGM were reviewed by the Board.*
- *2016 AGM is set for Toronto – Sunday morning, April 22nd in the Heritage room*

3. MINUTES OF THE 2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

3.1 Actions done by Email Vote

MOTION 16-2: That email motions as presented in Appendix A of these minutes, are approved.

**MOVED by Neil Kimelman.
SECONDED by Kathie Macnab.
CARRIED.**

3.3 Business Arising from the Minutes

- *Eligibility was discussed*

4. BUSINESS REVIEW

Nader provided an overview of major 2016 initiatives and led a discussion on some business strategies and priorities going forward. Some of the highlights are:

- Website
- Online Championships
- Perks program
- Magazine success
- 2020 World Championship
- Junior teams
- How to get the word out better?
- Sponsorship update – no new sponsor. We are investigating possibilities for next year's CBC

5. ACBL Update – Paul Janicki

- Cheating
 - cheating scandals are a high priority– prosecutions are difficult, and keep being postponed
 - H. Weinstein heading task force on cheating. Players will be able to report anonymously. Group of players in charge of system. Video cameras will be used to record tables.
 - BBO to delay transmission of events so that less possibility of cheating.
 - WBF – dragging feet on cheating. Not taking lead. Coughing Dr.s are in courts, tying up resources.
- Curbing spending – acbl score plus lost money. Equipment outdated.
- Board composition committee – there may be changes to how the ACBL is run. Proposal to get rid of current board made up of regional directors. There can be conflicts with respect to district vs ACBL. New board would be 9 people, elected by general population of ACBL. The feeling is that 25 board members is too many.
- No more players appeals committee, directors only. They will get peer input.
- We can make motions to be considered by ACBL board. – cosmetic, if we are not there to discuss or defend, it will go nowhere.

6. WBF Update – Paul Janicki

- Representation –Zone 2 of WBF is America, 5 reps elected by ACBL board. Could be outside of board candidates. Now Howard Weinstein elected. Not organized by WBF bylaws. CBF, MBF, USBF are NBOs.
- Possible concession re representation, since CBF currently has no voice – they will add CBF president to international committee. But no invitation yet.
- Upcoming Championships:
 - Poland this year
 - France security concerns next year. Lyons

7. International Matters

7.1 2015 Chennai Review- Cheating issues were high importance. Credentials committee uninvited polish pair. Brogeland investigation of Polish, Israeli pairs. Polish was just before championships. Monaco withdrew, Israel withdrew, they made decision themselves.

7.2 2016 Wroclaw, Poland –

- Entrants to National Pairs – as many can enter as want to. Must be a member of the CBF.
- Mixed Teams – one team per country. Deadline for entries is June 15. Team would be responsible for all expenses. If more than one – if from same city, hold match. If more teams interested, then we will have selection committee. Eligibility rules should apply.

7.3 2020 Update –

- WBF requires \$300,000US cheque by hosting country. Niagara Falls would be a possible location. But 400k for the convention centre plus WBF payment, cost would be around 1 million. A major sponsor would be required. No revenue would come to organizing country. Maybe possible to run Regional alongside if space is large enough.
- In Montreal playing space was provided by the city and there was no WBF payment.

7.4 NPC List

- All persons on the list were updated and those no longer wishing to serve as captain were removed.
- Requests were received from Martin Hunter and Mike Kenny.

MOTION 16-3: To add Martin Hunter and Michael Kenny to the Non-playing Captains List.

**MOVED by Neil Kimelman.
SECONDED by Nader Hanna.
CARRIED.**

8. Canadian Bridge Championships

2015 Review – In Montreal additional events were added and match length increased. Quarter and Semi Final was 90 boards.

Eligibility Policy – Was reviewed and revised to take into account players new to the CBF.

Championship Committee – André Chartrand, Neil Kimelman, Nader Hanna, Ina Demme until Angela returns on Thursday.

Locations for 2018 – Kathie will look into Halifax. Other option is Montreal, St. Catharines.

Equipment – East screens are in Toronto, West screens with Cal MacLeod and one box in Edmonton.

- Claire will be invited to meeting, so may be able to bring screens.
- Investigate new screens. The old screens need repair, are heavy and have faults in operation.

Hospitality – Hospitality budget was discussed.

MOTION 16-4: To increase the hospitality budget to \$150 per pre-registered team plus \$6 per estimated table at Regional.

**MOVED by Jerry Mamer.
SECONDED by Neil Kimelman.
CARRIED.**

Number of Boards – Current guideline is 60 boards per day.

MOTION 16-5: That the number of boards played during the Round Robin is as close to 54 boards as possible.

MOVED by Jerry Mamer.

SECONDED by Nader Hanna.

CARRIED.

CWTC – Try our best to recover the CWTC entries being held by Edmonton District. There is a new president and new treasurer. Half of cost was \$550.

MOTION 16-6 : To offer pay half of the cost of carpet cleaning at the 2014 CWTC in Edmonton, of \$550.

MOVED by Jerry Mamer .

SECONDED by Nader Kimelman.

CARRIED Unanimously.

9. Online Teams

- Based on last years' registration, offer open, womens, under 2500
- Set a match time that is the final time possible. No later play is allowed.
- Allow 8 players to facilitate scheduling.
- Cash prize only, no option for entry in CBC
- Nader Hanna is the coordinator for 2016/2017

10. Junior Program

- Bryan Maksymetz is managing under 25 program
- Under 20 we only have 2 players
- Guardians are required for under 18 years, they pay their flights, we pay accomodations
- Kids team had fundraising program, raised almost 10k

MOTION 16-7: To pay Bryan Maksymetz honorarium for Junior program.

MOVED by Andre Chartrand .

SECONDED by Neil Kimelman.

CARRIED.

11. Membership

- Numbers are down

12. Bridge Canada

- Neil presented cost for 2015 and projections for 2016
- Articles are aimed at all levels
- In 2014 we spend \$11,000 and in 2015 \$27,000. We need to determine a number of pages and stick to it. The budget will be \$21,500 for 2016

13. Website

- Our webmaster, André Leclerc joined us by conference call
- Concern that our website is slow
- French website is coming along – content translated, Membee content is not perfect if French is selected.
- Even though every page may not be perfect in French, the decision is to launch and fix as we go.

14. Better Bridge Presentation

- Audrey Gran and her team, made a presentation on a possible partnership plan
- There would be a teacher presentation as well as lessons for beginners and intermediate
- Teachers would spread the word about the CBF
- This would generate new CBF members
- Possibility of non-sanctioned games and CBF website has results of these games or list of winners.
- Non-sanctioned games could earn credits for CBF benefits like Audrey lessons.
- Kathie Macnab to coordinate with Better Bridge to arrange seminars.
- Locations will depend on Audrey's schedule.
- Registrants free CBF membership
- We would cover Audrey's expenses
- Start with trial in a couple locations and see how it goes.

15. CBF Regional

- Jerry Mamer to look into 2019 and report at the end of July

16. Investment Report

- Investment Committee met with Andy Altay from Investors Group to discuss investments.

17. CBF OFFICE

MOTION 16-8: That Gary Westfall is appointed the auditor for 2015.

MOVED by Neil Kimelman.

SECONDED by Nader Hanna.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Mini Richmond – we need to look into pins for 2017 and after.

17.1 CBF Coordinator Performance Review

MOTION 16-10: That Ina Demme, the CBF Executive Assistant be given a \$1500 bonus in recognition of her work on behalf of the CBF during the past year.

MOVED by Jerry Mamer.

SECONDED by Neil Kimelman.

CARRIED.

18. HALL OF FAME

- *This year's inductees are Katie Thorpe and Mary Paul.*

19. LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

- *The award will be presented to Jan and Dick Anderson.*

20. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The 2015 statements were not ready for review by the board.

21. BUDGETS

Preliminary budgets were reviewed but not finalized.

22. Other Business

- *2017 is the 50th anniversary of the CBF. We should recognize this by creating a special logo and perhaps other special recognition*
- *The summer NABC is in Toronto in 2017. Participation of the CBF by having a table to promote CBF. There would be membership information and Bridge Canada magazines available.*

23. ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Ina Demme took over the chair to conduct the elections.

23.1 Election of Officers

Motion 16-11: Neil Kimelman be elected as CBF President for the 2016/2017 term.

MOVED by Nader Hanna

SECONDED by Kathie Macnab

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion 16-12: Kathie Macnab be elected as CBF Vice President for the 2016/2017 term.

MOVED by Jerry Mamer

SECONDED by Nader Hanna

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion 16-13: Ina Demme be elected as Executive Secretary for the 2016/2017 term.

MOVED by Nader Hanna

SECONDED by Neil Kimelman

CARRIED

Motion 16-14: Ina Demme is elected as Treasurer for the 2016/2017 term.

MOVED by Nader Hanna

SECONDED by Angela Fenton

CARRIED

30.2 Committees & Assignments

Committees:

<i>Canadian Bridge Championships</i>	<i>Ina Demme, Neil Kimelman</i>
<i>National Event Co-ordinator</i>	<i>Ina Demme</i>
<i>Publication</i>	<i>Neil Kimelman, Jude Goodwin, Francine Cimon, Ina Demme</i>
<i>Conduct, Department & Ethics</i>	<i>Neil Kimelman-chair, and CBF Board</i>
<i>International Events</i>	<i>Ina Demme, Nader Hanna</i>
<i>Francophone Services</i>	<i>Andre Chartrand, Francine Cimon, Gerard Cote</i>
<i>Junior Development</i>	<i>Nader Hanna, Bryan Maksymetz</i>
<i>Trophies</i>	<i>Ina Demme</i>
<i>User Website</i>	<i>Ina Demme, Nader Hanna, Angela Fenton, Jerry Mamer</i>
<i>Website Development</i>	<i>Nader Hanna, Francine Cimon, Ina Demme, Andre Leclerc</i>
<i>Investment & Finance</i>	<i>Neil Kimelman, Nader Hanna, Jerry Mamer</i>
<i>Sponsorship/Fund Raising</i>	<i>CBF Zone Directors</i>
<i>Membership Promotion</i>	<i>Kathie Macnab, Neil Kimelman, Angela Fenton</i>
<i>CBC Disciplinary Committee (2016)</i>	<i>Nader Hanna, Andre Chartrand, Neil Kimelman, Ina Demme(1st part), Angela Fenton (2nd part)</i>
<i>CBC Tournament Committee</i>	<i>Nader Hanna, Neil Kimelman, André Chartrand, Ina Demme</i>

Board Assignments:

<i>Translations</i>	<i>Ina Demme</i>
<i>Director Meeting</i>	<i>Ina Demme, Neil Kimelman</i>
<i>Mexico Liaison</i>	<i>Ina Demme, Nader Hanna</i>
<i>CBF Regional</i>	<i>2017 Ina Demme</i>
<i>Conditions of Contest</i>	<i>Nader Hanna, Ina Demme, Jerry Mamer, Neil Kimelman</i>
<i>Hall of Fame</i>	<i>Neil Kimelman, André Chartrand</i>
<i>Uniforms</i>	<i>Nader Hanna, Ina Demme</i>

31. NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT

Motion 16-15: The next meeting of the CBF Board of Directors will be in Winnipeg, MB, April 18-20, 2017, the three days prior to the 2017 Canadian Bridge Championships.

MOVED by Angela Fenton

SECONDED by Jerry Mamer

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion 15-27: The meeting be adjourned at 3:26pm. Friday, May 20, 2016.

MOVED by Jerry Mamer

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY