

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Trustees of the Canadian Bridge Federation
Charitable Fund held April 15, 2020**

Present: Gim Ong - Chairman
 Wade Short - Zone I Trustee
 Hugues Boisvert - Zone II Trustee
 Nader Hanna - Zone III Trustee
 Neil Kimelman - Zone IV Trustee
 Jerry Mamer - Zone V Trustee
 Angela Fenton - Zone VI Trustee
 Cathy Walsh - CBF Treasurer & CBFCF Coordinator
 Ina Demme - CBF Executive Secretary

NOTE: Throughout these minutes the following abbreviations are used:

CBF – shall refer to the Canadian Bridge Federation

CBFCF – shall refer to the Canadian Bridge Federation Charitable Fund

ACBL – shall refer to the American Contract Bridge League

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm EDT declaring a quorum to be present with all 7 trustees in attendance.

2.0 RECOGNITION OF NEW TRUSTEES

MOTION CBFCF20-01: The Trustees of the CBFCF confirm the re-election of Neil Kimelman Zone IV, and the election of Wade Short Zone I and Hugues Boisvert Zone II.

MOVED by Jerry Mamer

SECONDED by Nader Hanna

CARRIED

3.0 MINUTES

MOTION CBFCF20-02: That the Trustees of the CBFCF accept the minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting held June 10, 2019.

MOVED by Nader Hanna

SECONDED by Wade Short

CARRIED

4.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 2019 CHARITY COMMITMENTS

MOTION CBFCF20-03: That the Trustees of the CBFCF confirm the payment of the 2019 charity grants as shown in the Schedule of Donation Disbursements attached to the Financial Statements.

MOVED by Jerry Mamer

SECONDED by Angela Fenton

CARRIED

4.2 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. The Foundation can only give to another charity. Our articles of Incorporation say we may provide bridge instruction and promotion. Gim will check with the Charities Directorate to see if this would be allowable. We could then give money to the Juniors. (Nader thought we had investigated this in the past and could only gift to another charity or for educational purposes.)
2. Gim noted that \$70,000 was raised for Alzheimer by clubs in Canada in 2019. Gim suggested that the CBFCF could select a different (Canadian) charity for these monies. Per Ina, the CBFCF may not select our own charity. It would become very confusing for clubs as they receive so much information from the ACBL with regards to the Alzheimer Day of Bridge. Ina felt that we either do Alzheimer or not but it could not be replaced with a different charity. Jerry felt that we would not have as much success with a different charity for Saskatchewan the Alzheimer Society has now met with the Saskatoon Bridge Club to help with the annual Day of Bridge.
3. Charity revenues are down from 2018. 2020 would be a unique year due to covid-19.

4.3 CHANGE IN APPOINTED AUDITOR

It was not possible to use Max Lingaard of Twigg & Company for our 2019.

MOTION CBFCF20-04: Moved that Gary Westfall be appointed as the Auditor of the CBFCF for 2019.

MOVED by Nader Hanna

SECONDED by Neil Kimelman

CARRIED

5.0 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MOTION CBFCF20-05: To accept the 2019 Audited Financial Statements as distributed.

MOVED by Neil Kimelman

SECONDED by Nader Hanna

CARRIED

6.0 2020 BUDGET

Nader was concerned that the budget revenue of \$17,000 as distributed was overly optimistic given the current situation. Gim agreed to the lower

estimated revenue to \$7,000 which he felt may be achievable. (Gim said he would make up the shortfall if we failed to meet our projections.)

MOTION CBFCF20-06: To accept the budget as amended.

MOVED by Neil Kimelman

SECONDED by Jerry Mamer

CARRIED

7.0 REQUESTS FOR FUNDING

MOTION CBFCF 20-07: That the disbursement amount for 2020 will be \$1,000 per Trustee and Chair.

MOVED by Nader Hanna

SECONDED by Jerry Mamer

CARRIED

8.0 FOCUS OF CHARITABLE GIVING

MOTION CBFCF 20-08: That the focus of the donations this year would be to help charities helping with the fallout from COVID-19.

MOVED by Angela Fenton

SECONDED by Wade Short

CARRIED

It was also agreed that we should post on the news page of the CBF website that we will be giving the donation dollars to help with COVID-19 this year.

9.0 DAY OF BRIDGE BENEFITTING ALZHEIMER SOCIETIES

This year 42 clubs across Canada raised \$70,701 for Alzheimer. This total was comprised of \$64,022 in outside donations along with \$5,990 in sanction fees. The amount of money raised for Alzheimer was impressive. The Alzheimer day have been cancelled (or possibly postponed) by the ACBL for 2020. There was some discussion as to whether we should host a virtual game on BBO for Alzheimer in June. It was suggested that we should check with our tournament director Doug Rankin for his input.

10.0 APPOINTMENTS

10.1 CHAIRPERSON

MOTION CBFCF 20-09: That Gim Ong be appointed as Chairperson of the CBFCF for 2020/2021.

MOVED by Nader Hanna

SECONDED by Angela Fenton

CARRIED

10.2 TREASURER/CO-ORDINATOR

MOTION CBFCF 20-10: That Cathy Walsh will act as the CBFCF Co-ordinator for the 2020-2021 year and will be the co-signer of the cheques with the Chairperson.

MOVED by Jerry Mamer

SECONDED by Wade Short

CARRIED

10.3 AUDITOR

MOTION CBFCF 20-11: Moved that Gary Westfall be appointed as the Auditor for the CBFCF for 2020.

MOVED by Nader Hanna

SECONDED by Neil Kimelman

CARRIED

11.0 MEETING EXPENSES

The meeting expenses will be the cost of the CBFCF share of the video conferencing. It is expected that these costs will be minimal.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION CBFCF 20-12: The meeting be adjourned at 7:55 EDT.

MOVED by Wade Short

SECONDED by Nader Hanna

CARRIED