

Minutes of the Meeting of the Trustees of the Canadian Bridge Federation Charitable Fund held March 9, 2021

Present: Gim Ong - Chairman
 Kathie Macnab - Zone 1 Trustee
 Ronald Carriere - Zone 2 Trustee
 Susie Cooper - Zone 3 Trustee
 Neil Kimelman - Zone 4 Trustee
 Jerry Mamer - Zone 5 Trustee
 Shelley Burns - Zone 6 Trustee

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 Chairman called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm EDT declaring a quorum with all 6 trustees in attendance.

2.0 RECOGNITION OF NEW TRUSTEES

MOTION CBFCF21-01: The trustees confirm the election of Shelley Burns Zone 6, and the appointment(s) of Kathie Macnab Zone 1, Ronald Carriere Zone 2, and Susie Cooper Zone 3.

MOVED by Jerry Mamer
SECONDED by Neil Kimelman
CARRIED

3.0 MINUTES

MOTION CBFCF21-02: That the trustees of the CBFCF accept the minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting held April 15, 2020.
MOVED by Neil Kimelman
SECONDED by Jerry Mamer
CARRIED

4.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 2020 CHARITY COMMITMENTS

MOTION CBFCF21-03: That the Trustees of the CBFCF confirm the payment of the 2020 charity grants as shown in the Schedule of Donation Disbursements attached to the Financial Statements.

MOVED by Jerry Mamer

SECONDED by Neil Kimelman

CARRIED

4.2 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. The Foundation can only give to another charity in Canada. The Chair referred to the Guidelines as posted in our website. For the most part we stay away from Medical Charities as the amount of our donation has very little impact on the disease. Projects funded are of short time lines. We hope to receive recognition as the only way to promote the CBF. In Manitoba, they have been able to gift money to registered charities that support bridge programs. These may be a Seniors Centre or Seniors Activity Centre where our gifts are allocated to their bridge program run out of the Centre. In other words, 'help others help ourselves'.
2. There was a discussion regarding holding charity games on BBO that would benefit the CBFCF. April 12-18 is charity week. It is our expectation that the sanction fees paid by Canadian virtual clubs for those charity games will make their way back to the CBFCF. Once we have established that these charity monies will be coming back to Canada, Ina will put a banner on the CBF homepage encouraging participation in charity week. Cathy Walsh will advise the Trustees of the monies generated and returned to Canada through these charity games. Without these monies, the CBFCF will see very little revenue in 2021. There was also a discussion about holding a national charity championship. It was agreed that this would be discussed at the board meeting for the CBF. The Longest Day Alzheimer Week held in June seems to be well publicized and has gained support.
3. Education Foundation. The Chair had looked into the ACBL Education Foundation – they have 401K charity status and wide-ranging objectives. The CBF may be able to set up something similar with the focus being on bridge instruction. The ACBL

would be happy to see Canada have their own Educational Foundation.

MOTION CBFCF21-04: That Gim Ong be given approval by the board to investigate establishing a Canadian Education Foundation.

MOVED by Kathie Macnab

SECONDED by Ronald Carriere

CARRIED

4. Planned Giving: The number of Charity games are dropping each year. Planned giving (future gifts) through bequeaths in wills, gifts of Life Insurance, Charitable Gift Annuities and gifts of property, may be the way to go after more donations. The CBFCF would be able to issue a tax receipt for the donation. It was decided to defer a decision on how to handle Planned Giving to the CBF board meeting in May/June.

5.0 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements were discussed. Changes were requested to a note to the financial statements as well as presentation. Revised statements will be sent out to the Trustees and an email motion will be done to approve the audited financial statements.

The Chair offered thanks to the Treasurer for reducing the bookkeeping fees from \$2,400 to \$1,000 as 2020 was atypical due to covid. The Chair also noted that the Treasurer should not suffer any loss incurred for the miscue on the donation payment.

6.0 REQUEST FOR FUNDING

MOTION CBFCF21-05: That the disbursement amount for 2021 will be \$1,500 per Trustee and Chair.

MOVED by Neil Kimelman

SECONDED by Jerry Mamer

CARRIED

7.0 FOCUS OF CHARITABLE GIVING

MOTION CBFCF21-06: That the focus of the donations this year would be to help charities helping with the fallout from COVID-19.

MOVED by Kathie Macnab

SECONDED by Jerry Mamer

CARRIED

8.0 APPOINTMENTS

MOTION CBFCF21-06: That Gim Ong be appointed as Chairman of the CBFCF for 2021/2022, that Cathy Walsh will act as the CBFCF Co-Ordinator for the 2021-2022 year and will be the co-signer of the cheques with the Chairman, and that Gary Westfall will be appointed as the Auditor for the CBFCF for 2021.

MOVED by Jerry Mamer

SECONDED by Shelley Burns

CARRIED

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

MOTIONS CBFCF21-07: The meeting be adjourned at 5:45 EDT.

MOVED by Jerry Mamer

SECONDED by Shelley Burns

CARRIED