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Annual General Membership Meeting
Clarion Hotel and Conference Centre, Calgary, AB
Wednesday, May 7, 2014 beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Minutes

Attendees:

Leo Weniger - Unit 194 - Zone I

Joseph Silver – Unit 151 – Zone II
Jurek Czyzowicz - Unit 192 - Zone II

Nader Hanna - Unit 166 - Zone III - CBF President
Ray Jotcham - Unit 166 - Zone III
Steve Mehta – Unit 166 – Zone III
Michael Schoenborn – Unit 166 – Zone III
Ina Demme - Unit 246 - Zone III CBF Executive
Assistant
Stephen Mackay – Unit 246 – Zone III
Fred Lerner – Unit 246 – Zone III
Bill Koski – Unit 246 – Zone III

Doug Fisher - Unit 181 - Zone IV
Neil Kimelman - Unit 181 - Zone IV CBF
Directory
Dave McLellan - Unit 228 - Zone IV
Marlene Pontifex – Unit 228 – Zone IV

Charles Lamb – Unit 248 – Zone V
Frank Ayer – Unit 390 – Zone V
Barry Prtichard – Unit 391 – Zone V
Janice Anderson - Unit 573 - Zone V
Richard Anderson - Unit 573 - Zone V
Claire Jones – Unit 573 – Zone V
Jerry Mamer – Unit 575 – Zone V CBF Director

Brad Bart - Unit 430 - Zone VI
Gray McMullin - Unit 430 - Zone VI
Michael Yuen – Unit 430 – Zone VI

1. CALL TO ORDER

Nader Hanna, CBF President and Zone III Director, confirmed that a quorum was in attendance and called the meeting to order at 8:30am. Nader welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM

MOTION AGM14-01: That the minutes of the May 29, 2013 AGM held in Toronto, ON be adopted as distributed.

Moved by Richard Anderson.

Seconded by Doug Fisher.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

No business arising from the minutes was brought up.

3. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

MOTION AGM14-02: Gary Westfall of Oakville, ON, be appointed CBF Auditor for the next fiscal year.

Moved by Stephen Mackay.

Seconded by Ray Jotcham.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. CONFIRMATION OF ZONE DIRECTORS

Ina Demme reported the following election results for 2013.

- **Jean Castonguay** was re-elected by acclamation as Zone II Director for the Term of January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2016
- **Jerry Mamer** was re-elected by acclamation as Zone V Director for the Term of January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2016
- **Jean Castonguay**, was unable to serve the full term and Andre Chartrand agreed to serve the remainder of the term

MOTION AGM14-03: Jerry Mamer and Andre Chartrand are confirmed by the membership as Zone V and II directors respectively.

Moved by Gray McMullin.

Seconded by Doug Fisher.

CARRIED.

This fall elections will be conducted in Zones III and VI.

Zone III - term January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2017

Zone VI - term January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2017

Nader Hanna - Zone III has declared his intent to stand for re-election.

5. PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2013

Janice Anderson, CBF Treasurer for 2013, presented the 2013 Preliminary Financial Statements to the membership.

MOTION AGM14-04: The 2013 Preliminary Financial Statements be approved as presented pending the receipt of the 2013 Audited Statements.

MOVED by Steve Mackay.

SECONDED by Doug Fisher.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CBF BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETING

The CBF Board of Directors held their annual meeting here in Toronto, May 22- 24, 2013. Highlights of the meeting were presented to the membership. Full minutes of these meetings will be posted on the CBF website.

Nader Hanna, CBF President & Zone III CBF Director, pointed out that everyone could read through the printed highlights but he wanted to touch base on a few of them.

a) *Chartwell Retirement Residences*

- *Sponsorship is in effect for 2014*
- *Senior Championship is now called Chartwell Senior Teams Championship*
- *Charwell has provided gifts for participants at this years' CBC and will have a booth set up to provide more information*

b) *Membership*

- *Strategies to increase membership were discussed such as members only section on website, discounts at third party retailers, providing more information, removing barriers to entry.*

c) *CBF Website*

- *By revamping the website we could provide member only premium content*
 - *The Board saw a demonstration of a membership management system that would allow a members only area, payment processing and event registration.*
 - *A motion was passed by the Board to remove the \$10 administration fee for CBF memberships paid directly to the CBF if payment is made on the website.*
 - *The Board also passed a motion to spend up to \$15,000 to allow further investigation and implementation of a new website.*
- d) *Bridge Canada*
- *The online version has been well received and we have received many positive comments about the look and content of the magazine.*
 - *The Board discussed the possibility of increasing the number of issues to 6 per year instead of 3. The feasibility will be evaluated.*
- e) *CNTC, CSTC, CWTC*
- *The changes to the CWTC were discussed. Based on the meeting with women in Toronto the CWTC was moved to a summer regional. This year it will be in Edmonton. It may be merged back into the CBC if it is not successful.*
 - *Slow Play, Electronic Device, and Zero Tolerance Policy and Eligibility to Represent Canada have been moved into a "CBF Policy Document" which is referenced by the Conditions of Contest of each event.*
 - *Some comments from the room were that the Zero Tolerance Policy is good, Matt Smith is a great director and everyone seemed very positive about how he ran the tournament. B and C players suggested that the CBF speak to them about matters of interest to B&C.*
- f) *Juniors*
- *2 teams, an under 20 and an under 25, will be going to World Youth Championship in Istanbul.*
 - *Discussions are ongoing with respect to Junior funding.*
 - *A question was asked about tax receipts for donations to junior programs. This is specifically excluded by Sport Canada for amateur athletic events. Perhaps appoint a person to pursue fundraising for juniors.*
- g) *International Issues*
- *An International Advisory Committee (IAC) has been established to provide input on International matters.*
 - *We will invite Mexico to participate in CNTC instead of travelling for a playoff afterwards.*
 - *This year the winner of the CNTC will go to Glasgow for Commonwealth games. In 4 years the Commonwealth games are in Australia, but this does not work with our playoff schedule.*
 - *The Board discussed and passed a motion for how international teams are formed. Currently the Board does little in terms of choosing a captain or augmentation. The board passed a motion that starting in 2015, if a 4 person team wins (or if the team originally had more members and for any reason is now 4) the 3rd pair added must come from the 2nd place team. If no one accepts then look to 3rd/4th and then 5th through 8th.*
 - *Joey Silver was strongly against this, and feels the primary objective is enjoyment and adding from 2nd place, may not provide a compatible pair. Mike Shoenborn strongly agrees.*
 - *Jurek also supports Joey and points out that 5 person team is not covered.*
 - *Bob Todd made a suggestion the CBF could recommend a pair for augmentation or CBF could form a committee to ratify the selection*
 - *Comments that there is no evidence that choosing from 2nd place is best*

MOTION AGM 14-05: That if a 4 person team wins, they may pick any pair subject to approval.

MOVED by Joey Silver

SECONDED by Brad Bart

CARRIED

- *Request from players to play as close to 60 boards per day as possible.*
- *A discussion of drop ins from the CNTC to Seniors was next.*

MOTION AGM 14-06: That if a 4 person team is playing in the CSTC, this team may add a pair knocked out in the quarter finals of the CNTC even if they were not on the original entry. They would need to meet the board requirement by playing 50% of the Round Robin boards.

MOVED by Michael Schoenborn

SECONDED by Bill Koski

CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned. (9:50am)

Moved by Neil Kimelman.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Nader Hanna - President & CBF Zone III Director
Meeting Chairperson
Dated: April 15, 2015

Ina Demme - CBF Executive Assistant