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Annual General Membership Meeting
Delta Toronto East, Toronto, ON
Sunday, May 22, 2016

Minutes

Attendees:

Zone II

Gilles Benoit – Unit 151
Guylaine Richer – Unit 151
Jocelyne Paquette – Unit 151
David Willis – Unit 192
Davielle Tremblay – Unit 151
Denis Roy Letourneau – Unit 151
Francine Goetz – Unit 419

Zone III

Gary Westfall – Unit 166
Nader Hanna – Unit 166
Ina Demme – Unit 246 CBF Executive Assistant
Katie Thorpe – Unit 249

Zone IV

Neil Kimelman – Unit 181 CBF President Jeff
Gosman – Unit 181
Doug Fisher – Unit 181 Jeff
Gosman – Unit 181

Zone V

Shelley Mardiros – Unit 390 Michael
Shuster – Unit 390

Zone VI

Brad Bart – Unit 430

1. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum established, Neil Kimelman called the meeting to order at 8:00am

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM

MOTION AGM16-01: To accept minutes of 2015 AGM

Moved by: Katie Thorpe
Seconded by: Jeff Gosman
Carried

2. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

MOTION AGM16-02: To accept the Board of Directors recommendation to appoint Gary Westfall the auditor for 2016.

Moved by: Doug Fisher
Seconded by: Katie Thorpe
Carried

3. CONFIRMATION OF ZONE DIRECTORS

This fall the Director seats in Zone II and Zone V are up for election. Current Directors are Andre Chartrand in Zone I and Jerry Mamer in Zone V.

Last fall the seats in Zone I and Zone IV were up for election. There were no challengers to Kathie Macnab and Neil Kimelman who currently occupy those seats, so they were elected by acclamation.

MOTION AGM16-03 : To confirm the elections of Kathie Macnab and Neil Kimelman in Zones I and IV respectively.

Moved by: Jeff Gosman

Seconded by: Gary Westfall

Carried

4. PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- Not yet audited, but we don't expect many changes
- We expect a profit in 2016

5. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

- o CBF is in healthy financial shape
- o Perkopolis – member benefits site
- o French website – 90% of content in French
- o Eligibility policy – does not apply to new members. If you are not a long time member of the ACBL, then policy should not apply.
- o Bridge Canada magazine is one of the main membership benefits.
- o Junior program – 2 teams to world Championships. New crop of youngsters coming up, Not enough players in the youngster category. This year we are sending a Junior and Kids team.
- o ACBL now funds our Junior program, by giving us \$25,000 each year. They get proceeds of junior games.
- o World Championship in Poland – a mixed team competition has been added. Teams can apply up to the middle of June. Team would be responsible for all expenses. If more than one team applies and they are not from the same city we will have a selection committee to choose. National Pairs is a new event. Pairs must be from the same country, multiple entries from a country are allowed.
- o Changes to CBC_– We used to play as close to 60 boards a day as possible. We are reducing to 54 boards
- o Playoffs – instead of 60 now 56, semi-final of B and C 56. Open playoffs will be 72 boards. Final 112 instead of 120. A comment was made that many people come to play bridge, and on a 6 person team, you don't play very many boards. Also, there are limited qualifiers in some areas, if you put together a team at the last minute you may not be able to qualify.
- o The surtax was waived this year, so this saves some money.
- o Comments about extending the event, to Sunday. More difficult for people who work, since they need to take an extra day off work.
- o Online Teams – Were introduced this year. We held Open and Women. Mostly positive feedback. We did have some scheduling problems. This year there will be a set default deadline for each match. You can schedule earlier but not later. Eight team members will be allowed.

- Donation for new CWTC trophy, the new trophy is the named for Ruth Gold, a Toronto area player. 50th anniversary of the CBC in 2017 – Celebrating this next year.
- Partnership with Audrey Grant. We will put on sessions for teachers, players, and club owners. She is interested in promoting the CBF as well as different types of games to promote bridge.
- Trump Alzheimer event – Will be held in June, similar to the Longest Day event. We want to keep the funds in Canada and this year we have a separate event coordinated with the ACBL and the Alzheimers Society in Canada.
- Winnipeg hosting CBC in 2017, it will be early – at the end of April because of the World Championships being held in August and a Mexico playoff prior to that.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Recognize Nader Hanna who has served as President for 8 years and works very hard for Canadian Bridge.

7. MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15am.

Moved by Jeff Gosman

Carried