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Annual General Membership Meeting  
Radisson Hotel, Winnipeg, MB  
Sunday, April 13, 2017

### Minutes

Attendees:

Zone I

Kathie Macnab – Unit 194 CBF Vice-President

Zone II

André Chartrand – Unit 151

Charles Martineau – Unit 151

Maureen Murphy – Unit 192

Tim Edwards-Davies – Unit 192

Zone III

Bill Kertes – Unit 166

Ina Demme – Unit 246 CBF Executive Assistant

Zone IV

Neil Kimelman – Unit 181 -CBF President

Jeff Gosman – Unit 181

Brian Macri – Unit 181

Sam J. McLean – Unit 181

Zone V

Nicholas Gartaganis – Unit 390

Zone VI

Brad Bart – Unit 430

Rhonda Foster- Unit 431

Lorna McDonald – Unit 391

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Neil Kimelman, CBF President and Zone IV Director, confirmed that a quorum of at least 7 members from at least 3 zones was in attendance and called the meeting to order at 8:05am.

Neil thanked everyone for attending.

#### 2. MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM

**MOTION AGM17-01: That the minutes of the May 22, 2016 AGM held in Toronto, ON be adopted as amended.**

**Moved by Jeff Gosman**

**Seconded by Maureen Murphy**

**CARRIED**

*No business arising from the minutes was discussed.*

### 3. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

**MOTION AGM17-02: Gary Westfall of Oakville, ON, be appointed CBF Auditor for the next fiscal year.**

**Moved by Nicholas Gartaganis.**

**Seconded by Bill Kertes.**

**CARRIED**

### 4. CONFIRMATION OF ZONE DIRECTORS

Ina Demme reported the following election results for 2017.

- **Andre Chartrand** was re-elected by acclamation as Zone II Director for the Term of January 1, 2017- December 31, 2019
- **Jerry Mamer** was elected by acclamation as Zone V Director for the Term of January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2020

**MOTION AGM17-03: To confirm Andre Chartrand and Jerry Mamer as Zone II and V directors respectively.**

**Moved by Kathie Macnab.**

**Seconded by Jeff Gosman.**

**CARRIED.**

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

Zone III - term January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2020

Zone VI - term January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2020

### 5. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING April 26-28, 2017

- World Championships 2017 is in Lyon, France. Playoff against Mexico will be June 10-11, 2017 in Mexico City. This time they will have an Open, Womens' and Senior team.
- Hall of Fame – Ceremony on Wed. evening inducting Judith Gartaganis and Nicholas Gartaganis into the Hall of Fame and awarding Jean Castonguay the Lifetime Achievement award. We have a new Chair of the committee – Katie Thorpe. Also, we thank Paul Thurston for many years of service on the committee.
- In partnership with Audrey Grant and Better Bridge we ran successful seminars for teachers, Beginners and Intermediates in Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Calgary, Vancouver, Halifax, Moncton, Charlottetown. There is an upcoming seminar in St. John's and we are planning future seminars in Quebec and Ontario

- CBF Online teams' championships will be offered again this fall. We will try a new format, where teams have additional leeway in scheduling matches. However, there will be a deadline for scheduling the match.
- Junior program – Last year we sent an under 26 team, and a kids team. The kids team did fundraising and raised close to \$10,000 dollars. We did not have enough players for the Youth category. Next year, we should have enough player to send a Youth and Junior team plus the parents of the kids, want to send a kids team as well.
- Membership and Website – We have been improving our website to allow us to regularly communicate with our members and take more control of our membership process. We will be sending out our own renewal notices and not relying on just the ACBL. We will also be regularly emailing the Bridge Canada magazine to our members.
- Future CBC – We are still searching for a location in 2018. Hotel rates have increased, and it is more and more difficult to find an affordable location. In 2019 we will be in Vancouver.
- WBF update – Discussions are ongoing with the ACBL, USBF and CBF on how to properly constitute a WBF zone in North America with all NBOs being represented. The current structure does not allow Canada and Mexico to be adequately represented.
- The CBF will have a booth at the 2017 Summer NABC in Toronto, to promote the CBF, provide information. – come visit us there!
- A HUGE thank you to all of the organizers and volunteers here in Winnipeg. They have worked tirelessly for months to organize the event and the hospitality. Also, a thank you to the sponsors who are listed in our championship booklet.

#### Discussion:

- Use social media to encourage youth participation
- A page on our website with Youth news and articles of interest to younger players.
- Maybe a newsletter for youth?
- Junior news website
- Alzheimers event – in Canada it will be called Day of Bridge benefitting Alzheimers. (Longest Day name is associated with the US Alzheimers Association and they do not want us to use it.) It will be held on June 21<sup>st</sup>.
- We are always looking for volunteers. We encourage anyone with some time on their hands to contact us.

## 5. OTHER BUSINESS

- Financial statements – were not ready for the AGM this year. We are working on transition to new accounting system and the statements were not prepared in time.
- Conditions of Contest – for 2017 there were 11 teams in the CNTC A, the Conditions of Contest did not adequately cover what to do with smaller numbers of teams. Maybe have a group of volunteers to sit down and come up with what the schedule would be for 8 teams, 9 teams etc. Brad suggested that he would be willing to work on this. In the CWTC conditions of contest, we did add in what would happened with fewer teams. We need to do this for the other events.

- For the Conditions of Contest, we would like to redraft them similar to the WBF conditions with a set of General Conditions that apply to all events and then a set of conditions specific to each event.
- CBF calendar – suggestion that all Canadian tournaments be on the Calendar. The ACBL calendar is not user friendly and this is a service that the CBF could provide.
- Currently there is not much content on our website of interest to newer players. The Calendar of Canadian tournaments would be one thing, plus we could look at articles or contests of interest to players new to the game.

## **6. ADJOURNMENT -**

**That the meeting be adjourned at 9:12 am**

**Moved by Jeff Gosman.**

**CARRIED**

## **5. PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2014**

Ina Demme, CBF Treasurer for 2014, reported that the preliminary Financial statements were not available at this time.

## **6. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CBF BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETING**

*The CBF Board of Directors held their annual meeting here in Montreal, May 20-22, 2015. Highlights of the meeting were presented to the membership. Full minutes of these meetings will be posted on the CBF website.*

Because of the limited time available for the meeting, Nader Hanna, CBF President & Zone III CBF Director, suggested that everyone could read through the printed highlights (attached) but he wanted to focus on a few items.