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LA FÉDÉRATION CANADIENNE INCORPORÉE DE BRIDGE**

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**Annual General Membership Meeting  
Vancouver, BC  
Sunday, May 5, 2019**

**Minutes**

**Attendees:**

**Zone I**

Wade Short – Unit 230  
+ additional

**Zone II**

Nicholas L'Ecuyer – Unit 151  
Pamela Nisbet – Unit 192  
+additional

**Zone III**

Nader Hanna – Unit 166, CBF President  
Ina Demme – Unit 246 CBF Executive Assistant  
Steve Mackay – Unit 166  
Bill Kertes – Unit 166  
Doug Andrews – Unit 166  
Michael Yang – Unit 166  
Michael Schoenborn – Unit 166  
Paul Thurston – Unit 246  
+additional

**Zone IV**

Neil Kimelman – Unit 181 -CBF Vice-President  
Bob Todd – Unit 181  
+ additional

**Zone V**

Nicholas Gartaganis – Unit 390  
Cathy Walsh – Unit 575  
Jerry Mamer – Unit 575  
Janet Galbraith – Unit 390  
Chris Galbraith – Unit 390  
Gordon Campbell – Unit 390  
+ additional attendees

**Zone VI**

Julie Smith – Unit 430  
Shelley Burns – Unit 430  
Karen Billet – Unit 431  
Eugene Chan – Unit 430  
Michael Yuen – Unit 430  
Angela Fenton – Unit \$3-  
+additional attendees

Representatives from all teams attended. There were over 100 people in attendance. Representatives from each Zone were listed to show that a quorum was established.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Nader Hanna, CBF President and Zone III Director, confirmed that a quorum of at least 7 members from at least 3 zones were in attendance and called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

## 2. MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM

**MOTION AGM19-01: That the minutes of the May 27, 2018 AGM held in Montreal, QC be adopted.**

**Moved by Karen Billet**

**Seconded by Janet Galbraith**

**CARRIED**

*No business arising from the minutes was discussed.*

## 3. CONFIRMATION OF ZONE DIRECTORS

Ina Demme reported the following election results for 2017.

- **Wade Short** was elected by acclamation as Zone I Director for the Term of January 1, 2018- December 31, 2020
- **Neil Kimelman** was elected by acclamation as Zone IV Director for the Term of January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2020
- **Hugues Boisvert** was elected as Zone II Director in a special election. The Term will be February 1, 2019 – December 31, 2022.

**MOTION AGM19-02: To confirm Wade Short, Neil Kimelman and Hugues Boisvert as Zone I, Zone IV and Zone II CBF Directors respectively for the term of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020 for Zones I and IV and Zone II February 1, 2019 through December 31, 2022.**

**Moved by Cathy Walsh**

**Seconded by Julie Smith**

**CARRIED.**

This fall elections will be conducted in Zone V, term January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2021.

## 4. 2018 Audited Financial Statements – The audited statements were distributed

**MOTION AGM 19-03: To accept the Financial Statements as distributed.**

**Moved by Kathy Adachi**

**Seconded by Michael Schoenborn**

**CARRIED**

## 5. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

**MOTION AGM19-04: That Gary Westfall of Brampton, ON, be appointed CBF Auditor for the next fiscal year.**

**Moved by Wade Short**

**Seconded by Jerry Mamer**

**CARRIED**

## 6. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING May 1-3, 2019

- Review of 2018/2019
  - Improved membership management. We now send email reminders when CBF membership is expiring. CBF membership can be renewed through our website, cbf.ca as well as through ACBL
  - Junior program very successful. Canadian juniors are topping ACBL Junior masterpoint races.
  - Working to improve bilingual services – website and magazine are bilinugual. Communications are now being sent in English and French, rookie master analysis available in French.
  - Bridge Canada magazine continues to be successful, we have added additional material for newer players.
  - Reorganization of WBF Zone 2, North American Bridge Federation has been created.
- Promotion of CBF very important to keep membership from dropping. We will look for a marketing person to assist in promotion, social media and other programs to reach bridge players in Canada. Our membership is roughly 30% of Canadian ACBL membership
- Many Canadian clubs and units are unhappy with ACBL costs. More and more non-sanctioned games are being introduced. Costs of ACBL sanctioned tournaments are very high. Is there a way that CBF could be more independent of ACBL recognizing that masterpoints need to continue to be awarded? Years ago a separation study was done by the CBF – is it time to revisit?
- Possible partnership with FunBridge
- Due to increasing costs, we need to increase entry fees for CBF events effective 2020. Team events will be \$240 per day per team. Pair events, CIPC and COPC will be \$50 per session per person.
- 2020 CBC will be in Ontario, in St. Catharines or Niagara Falls. A new schedule will be introduced extending the CBC, Wednesday to the following Sunday. This will mean there is less overlap between events and players will not have to choose one or the other. Generally only the teams in the finals will not be able to play in next event.
- In 2020 we will experiment with have one match each session being played on tablets instead of physically with cards at the table.
- Costs of moving screens and boards from one location to another across Canada very expensive. We will be looking into the possibility of play on tablets to control costs.
- We will be raising the CNTC B point level to 3500 for 2020

- Mexico playoff in 2019 will only be for Women's team.
- CBF membership fee will increase to \$20 per year starting with 2020.
- May have Junior trials in 2020 during CBC.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### Comments from Membership

- More publicity for bridge is required. Newspapers should cover international teams, regionals or other tournaments.
- Will the independent CBF be investigated.
- CBF website is hard to use. Some had trouble joining the CBF. It was hard to find information about the CBC.
- Suggestion to have a survey to solicit feedback from players regarding length of the CBC and each event, number of boards played etc. Maybe one survey for participants, one for CBF members.

## **6. ADJOURNMENT -**

**MOTION AGM19-05: That the meeting be adjourned at 10:20am**

**Moved by Bob Todd.**

**CARRIED**