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**Annual General Membership Meeting
The New Residence Hall, Montreal, QC
Sunday, May 27, 2018**

Minutes

Attendees:

Steve Mackay – Unit 166

Zone I

Kathie Macnab – Unit 194

Bill Halliday – Unit 194

Zone IV

Neil Kimelman – Unit 181 -CBF Vice-President

Doug Fisher – Unit 181

Ray Hornby – Unit 181

Zone II

Louise Mascolo – Unit 151

Zone V

Nicholas Gartaganis – Unit 390

Cathy Walsh – Unit 575

Zone III

Nader Hanna – Unit 166, CBF President

Ina Demme – Unit 246 CBF Executive Assistant

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 was in attendance and called the meeting to order at 8:15am.

Neil thanked everyone for attending.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM

MOTION AGM18-01: That the minutes of the April 13, 2017 AGM held in Winnipeg, MB be adopted.

Moved by Doug Fisher

Seconded by Bill Halliday

CARRIED

No business arising from the minutes was discussed.

3. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

MOTION AGM18-02: Gary Westfall of Oakville, ON, be appointed CBF Auditor for the next fiscal year.

Moved by Cathy Walsh

Seconded by Steve Mackay

CARRIED

4. CONFIRMATION OF ZONE DIRECTORS

Ina Demme reported the following election results for 2017.

- **Nader Hanna** was re-elected by acclamation as Zone III Director for the Term of January 1, 2018- December 31, 2020
- **Angela Fenton** was elected by acclamation as Zone VI Director for the Term of January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2020

MOTION AGM18-03: To confirm Nader Hanna and Angela Fenton as Zone III and VI CBF Directors respectively for the term of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020.

Moved by Nicholas Gartaganis.

Seconded by Steve Mackay.

CARRIED.

This fall elections will be conducted in Zones I and IV.

Zone I - term January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2021

Zone IV - term January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2021

5. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING May 26-25, 2018

- Hired Cathy Walsh as Accounting Manager/Treasurer
- Marc Lachapelle has joined the Board to replace André Chartrand. He was selected by the Board as is laid out in our bylaws for vacancies during a Director's term.
- Membership management –
 - we have our membership database and are being more proactive . Managing our members offering online renewal. Not just relying on ACBL
 - CBF has approx. 5000 members which is 25% of Canadian ACBL members
 - discussion on how to attract members of all levels
- Membership dropping – need help to generate memberships, so that we can continue with CBF initiatives

- Promotion committee – will look into promotional material, CBF branding. Also, we will investigate how to use social media more
- WBF has added a mixed event to the World Championships in odd numbered years.
- Mixed team event being added in 2019. If all 4 events, CNTC A, CSTC, CWTC and Mixed are held, subsidies will be reviewed. Pre-registration rules will be similar to Seniors since we need to know whether the event will be held.
- Subsidy pool will be the same. If 4 teams qualify, then they will share the subsidy pool, if 3 teams then they will share.
- Hall of Fame – Katie Thorpe is the Chairperson, she has revamped procedures
 - 2018 inductees are Sharyn Reus and Kamel Fergani
- WBF Zone 2 – Historically the ACBL handled all matters dealing with Zone 2 and Canada was never directly involved. Over the last few years the Nader has worked with the ACBL and USBF to revamp this. First step in the change was that each National Bridge Organization would pay the WBF dues. This was changed and the CBF now pays the WBF dues. However, the process of reviewing Zone 2 structure has stalled with departure of Bahar Gidwani from the ACBL.
- For the WBF representative, we can nominate someone to be the representative, but it is the ACBL who votes. We argued that since we have the financial responsibility, we must have more say.
- This year World Championship is in Orlando – must be a CBF member to attend
- Online Championships will be offered in 2018/2019 – Open only. Positive comments were received about the 10 day scheduling period that was added last year.
- Junior Program is very successful. This year we are sending 3 teams to the Youth World Championships – Kids under 15, under 20 and under 25. We have begun to focus on very young players. This may help in the future to help find players for the under 20 team. More youth clubs are starting up which is encouraging. (Ottawa, Kitchener and 2 in Toronto) This increases the pool of players. Canadian juniors are doing very well -- If you look at the ACBL Youth race, 8 of the top 14 are Canadian players.
- Bridge Canada online magazine – discussion on adding more content for less experienced players.

5. Financial Statements

2017 Statements were presented.

MOTION AGM18-04: To accept the audited Financial Statements subject to cosmetic changes not affecting the bottom line.

Moved by Doug Fisher.

Seconded by Neil Kimelman.

CARRIED.

OTHER BUSINESS

6. ADJOURNMENT -

MOTION AGM18-05: That the meeting be adjourned at 9:15 am

Moved by Doug Fisher.
CARRIED