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**CBF Board of Directors
Conference Call Minutes
February 5, 2020**

Present:

Hugues Boisvert, Director Zone II

Nader Hanna, Director Zone III & CBF President

Neil Kimelman, Director Zone IV & CBF Vice President

Jerry Mamer, Director Zone V

Angela Fenton, Director Zone VI (joined at 7:18)

Cathy Walsh, CBF Treasurer

Ina Demme, CBF Executive Assistant

Call to Order

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 7:05pm EST.

1. **Nov 11 Conference Call minutes** – Ina to look for other conference call methods.

MOTION 1920CC17– To approve the minutes of the November 11, 2019 Board of Director Meeting.

Moved by Jerry Mamer

Seconded by Neil Kimelman

Carried

2. **CBC Update (2020, 2021 and 2022)**

2020 – Niagara Falls CBC The Hall of Fame will be on Sunday evening. We need volunteers for the vugraph. If anyone hears of someone who might be interested, send Nader the information. The Annual General Meeting will be Sunday morning – Neil Kimelman, Jerry Mamer and Nader will be there for the meetings.

2021 – Hugues Boisvert forwarded the contract for McGill, May 2 Sun start for meetings – May 4-16th for Championships. \$1,600 per day. The Sheraton Laval is under renovation and is therefore not an option. Cost is an issue, especially with longer schedule. The Montreal unit has smaller tables with bidding boxes on the corners, so the screens will not attach to them. We will need to ship tables. Tourisme Montreal, gave a big sponsorship to the Montreal NABC in summer of 2020, and we may be able to get \$3k+ from them.

We charged \$16 for Regional events at the last Montreal CBC. Montreal Regional charged \$17. In 2021 we will charge \$18. The timing would overlap with the Saskatoon regional – Jerry is very much against overlapping the two events. To avoid this in the future, we should book at least 2 years ahead.

The Board felt it was important to do as much as we can to avoid conflict with Canadian Regionals, however it is difficult to find 13 days during our traditional time frame that do not conflict with a Regional. If there is an overlap, ideally the CBC should be as physically far away as possible.

We will revisit the schedule after Montreal. Saskatoon will be a shorter schedule since it is an open year.

There is a Mexico playoff next year, so we can't delay the CBC.

2022 – Jerry Mamer provided an update – The cost would be \$900 per day. This includes meeting room, and hospitality room. We need to purchase hospitality from them. From the airport to hotel is 5 mins. We should go ahead with this. Start Saturday and finish the following Sunday.

3. **2021 CBF regional** – We need candidates for next few years? Angela looked in the Vancouver area and they are not willing to hold it. Wade will look in his zone 1. Zone 4 has said no, zone 3 is no and zone 6 no.
4. **Advisory Committee** – The issues that the Board has been discussing like, the schedule, composition of teams for World Championships etc. will be put to the committee. The committee was established in November. Recommendations are needed for topics to be discussed. Neil Kimelman sent in some questions for consideration. Nick Gartaganis is the head of the committee and we will ask him if he can attend the last day of the Board meetings.

Neil has suggested that we recognize the best played hand, best defended hand etc. at the CBC. Also to calculate Butlers if we have bridgemates for the team competitions. We would need to advertise this and announce during Captains meeting and during the tournament. Perhaps appoint a small committee to review hands at the tournament. Would we give out prizes? Neil and Ina will discuss how to implement this.

We will ask Doug Rankin about doing Butler scores. The cost of 40 bridgemates is approximately \$7,500 Can. If we find a sponsor for this cost, we could name best hand award after them.

Augmentation or teams and non playing Captain issues will be discussed in Niagara Falls.

5. **Canadian Team Uniforms** – The idea of standard uniforms was discussed. We could pre-order and have them available at the CBC for the winners. Two options were circulated one for men, and one for women. We would order 200 total --80 women and 120 men.

MOTION 1920CC18– To order 200 uniforms, 80 for women and 120 for men.

Moved by Angela Fenton

Seconded by Neil Kimelman

Carried

6. **Open Team Captain's Report** – No report was received. The withheld subsidy will not be paid. In the future we will make sure that the team is aware of what is expected from the captain.

7. **Junior matters**

- Junior trials will be in Toronto during March break.
- The WBF online junior team championships started and we have 3 teams participating. Last year it was a challenge for captains to arrange matches but they managed in spite of the time difference.
- World Youth Championships will be held in Salsamaggiore. Our expenses for two teams will be around \$40k. It is a challenge to get hotels so Nader pre-booked at a 4 star hotel within walking distance. Juniors accommodation includes meals.

- Currently youth up to age 25 don't pay CBF dues. This way they don't get used to being a member. Maybe we should offer reduced membership instead.

MOTION 1920CC19– As of January 1, 2021 the CBF membership dues for players under 25 will be \$10.

Moved by Nader Hanna

Seconded by Angela Fenton

Carried

MOTION 1920CC20– The entry fee for anyone under 25 at the CBC will be 50% of the regular entry, effective with the 2019 CBC.

Moved by Nader Hanna

Seconded by Jerry Mamer

Carried

8. **ACBL proposal update** – Our proposal was discussed with Joe Jones. He will talk to Georgia Heth. Perhaps we should discuss with our unit and district boards? Nader can prepare something for everyone to present. This will be followed up on at our Board meeting.
9. **Hall of Fame update** – Jerry Mamer is the Board representative on the HoF committee and has heard nothing about this year's nominees yet. There were some resignations from the committee and there may not be enough people on the committee. Jerry to follow up.
10. **Candidates for Lifetime Achievement Award** – Every one should think about candidates. Ideally they should be at the CBC to receive the honour.
11. **Next Conference call** -- April 15th will be the next call. Cathy to schedule CBF Charitable Fund meeting with Gim.

MOTION 1920CC16 – To adjourn the meeting at 8:58pm

Moved by Nader Hanna

Carried