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**CBF Board of Directors
Conference Call Minutes
October 18, 2018**

Present:

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

Kathie Macnab, Director Zone I

Cathy Walsh, CBF Treasurer

Wade Short, Incoming Director Zone 1 term beginning January 1, 2019

Call to Order

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 6:06pm EST.

1. **Future Calls and communication.** – It was noted that communication between the Board is difficult and often emails are not answered. Also, it is very difficult to arrange a time for conference calls. We will have calls scheduled approximately every 6 weeks. Tuesdays, Thursdays and weekends seem the best days for most. Ina will get consensus and pick dates for future calls.
2. **2019 CBC update** – Angela has contracted with David Taylor who will provide supplies, tables and duplication. He is not cheap but it will save money because boards do not have to be shipped, all tables and supplies will be provided.
 - a. Screens – no plan yet to move, will be stored in Vancouver after the tournament – Neil, Angela and Ina to work on a solution to move screens to Vancouver.
 - b. Hospitality room – will be upstairs – Everything must be provided by hotel, but we can bring in our own chips. Angela has negotiated a price of \$1.80 for beer and \$2 for a glass of wine (plus tax). Will we open hospitality on Friday evening?
 - c. For morning coffee, Angela is hoping to use a suite that we are entitled to in our contract and have people stop in for coffee and maybe muffins etc. in the morning.
 - d. For Hall of Fame we will provide a drink for attendees.
3. **AGM** – for years we have struggled with attendance at the AGM. We usually offer coffee and pastries to entice people to attend. However, attendance is always very low. An idea was

proposed to hold the AGM on Sunday evening after the last session instead of in the morning and make it a requirement that each team send a representative otherwise they will receive a VP penalty. The consensus was to try this for 2019.

4. **Future CBC** – For 2020 Nader is looking into holding it in St. Catharines, the same location as the 2018 CBF International Fund Regional. Jerry will look into the possibility of holding it in Saskatoon or other locations in Zone V for 2021.
5. **CBC Regional** – We had a good regional in St. Catharines this year with 843 tables. The local volunteers did a great job with hospitality and the tournament was well supported by the local players.
 - a. Future Regionals – The first week in July 2019 was open, but there were problems scheduling with District 2. We can look at other locations if we can find something quickly.
6. **Promotion Committee** – Marc Lachapelle was leading this, but has now resigned from the Board. The committee will now be Neil Kimelman, Kathie Macnab and Jerry Mamer.
7. **Alzheimer Charity Event** – Longest Day of Bridge – Kathie Macnab and Cathy Walsh will be working on this event for 2019. Even though Kathie is leaving the Board, she will continue to work on this initiative. We have had problems with clubs reporting and the hope is that this can be streamlined. The CBF adds value to this event by making sure that any money raised in Canada by Canadian Bridge Clubs stays in Canada and is not diverted to the US Alzheimer Association. The funds raised in 2018 were upwards of \$52,000 in Canada. We don't have an exact number since some clubs did not report to us.
8. **Report on World Events** –
 - a. Youth event – Our teams were fighting for a spot in all 3 categories. The Youth team was doing well most of the round robin but fell to 6th after the last match.
 - b. Orlando -- We sent a Senior and Open team. The events were expensive -- \$1600 US for 2 day qualifying and if teams wanted to enter the pairs after that it was an additional \$600 for pairs.
 - c. There are new by-laws for the WBF.
 - d. 2019 World Event will be in Wuhan, China, end of September 14-28, 2019.
 - e. Mexico playoffs – In the odd years we host the playoff in late June. If we were to hold the CBF regional in the Toronto area, we would hold the playoff there at the same time. We will not know until late March how many teams Mexico is sending. However, 1 or 2 teams is likely.
9. **Zone II CBF** – We have a vacancy in Zone II Director position as of August 2018. The term for Zone II was Jan 1, 2017 – Dec 31, 2019.
 - a. Charity grants – The standard practice is to carry forward the grant amounts. No grant was given in 2017 and none for 2018. An idea was that the Montreal Bridge League could suggest a recipient in keeping with our donation focus, but the standard practice is to carry forward.
 - b. Hall of Fame Committee Representative – We need a replacement for Marc Lachapelle, since a Board member should be on the committee. Jerry Mamer volunteered.
 - c. Election for a new Zone II Director – Instead of the CBF Board appointing an interim Director until Dec. 2019, we will look for candidates and extend the term from

acclamation if one candidate, or election if more until the end of the next term, Dec. 31, 2022.

Motion 1819CC1: To amend the next term of Zone II Director from the point that a Director is elected or appointed, to the end of the next term Dec. 31, 2022.

Moved by: Nader Hanna

Seconded by: Angela Fenton

Carried

10. **Lifetime Achievement Award** – If Board members know of a worthy candidate, a summary of service to the bridge community and/or achievements should be submitted to the Board for consideration. The Lifetime Achievement award will only be given out in years when there is a worthy candidate.

Motion 1819CC2: That the meeting be adjourned at 7:45pm EST.

Moved by Nader Hanna