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**CBF Board of Directors
Conference Call Minutes
Sept 4, 2019**

Present:

**Nader Hanna, Director Zone III
Neil Kimelman, Director Zone IV & CBF Vice President
Jerry Mamer, Director Zone V
Angela Fenton, Director Zone VI
Cathy Walsh, CBF Treasurer
Ina Demme, CBF Executive Assistant**

Call to Order

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 7:01pm EST.

1. **Approval of Minutes** – The minutes of the Board meeting will be recirculated and approved at the next conference call.

MOTION 1920CC6 – To approve the minutes of the June 10, 2019 conference call.

Moved by Angela Fenton

Seconded by Jerry Mamer

Carried

2. **Marketing Update** – We received two responses to our posting looking for a marketing person. One from a person in India who is interested in relocating and one from a company in Montreal who previously worked with Unit 151. Nader has asked them to put together a proposal. Originally our plan was that remuneration should be based on results, but if they want a fixed salary, we need to consider what we can afford for this position. We need to work on doing something different, we keep getting the same feedback from players, i.e. that the CBF does not have a clear identity separate from the ACBL.
3. **Charity grants and Alzheimer event** – Everyone was reminded to get their grant requests in to Cathy. A total of \$66,000 was raised for Alzheimers during the Day of Bridge to support Alzheimers. A club in Quebec pledged to donate the same amount as they had raised in previous years even though their game was cancelled due to flooding. We will post a few paragraphs on the website summarizing the results.
4. **Update on future Regionals** – In 2020 the Regional will be in St. Catharines. We have reached an agreement with the local Unit since they are unhappy with the CBF running two events in their area in 2020.

Jerry looked into the possibility of holding the 2021 Regional in Saskatoon, but scheduling is a problem and there may not be enough players to make it viable. If we can't make a profit there is no point holding the Regional. Angela will look into the possibility of holding one in Vancouver in 2021 and perhaps Montreal is a possibility.

5. **Future CBCs** – 2020 will be in Niagara Falls. We will not have Regional events until the Monday because this will conflict with a District 2 sectional.

Jerry looked into holding 2022 CBC in Saskatoon. Since 2022 is an open year, perhaps 2021 would be a better year for Saskatoon to attract more people. However, the District is not in favour since the timing is close to a Regional. Jerry feels the Regional events would be well attended.

The hotel is quoting \$900 per day for playing space, which is high since we paid \$7,000 in Niagara Falls for 12 days plus a room for Board meetings, we get \$10 per room night and a large suite for hospitality at regular room rates.

6. **2020 CBC Schedule** – The new schedule is on the internet. Ina will update the FAQ to reflect the new rules for team augmentation and playing in multiple events.

Since the subsidy is reduced when there are fewer teams, can we allow an event to go ahead with 4 teams? Next year is the Olympiad so we need to send a team to the Women's. We need a team in the top half to qualify for a Venice cup spot.

We will allow teams to make roster changes from players who have played in other events up to the start of the event.

7. Next Conference Call – Monday November 11th.

MOTION 1920CC7 – To adjourn the meeting at 8:37pm
Moved by Nader Hanna
Carried

The following discussion occurred without a quorum present:

8. CBC feedback – To better promote the CBC, perhaps publicize best played hands, best defended? Submit to IBPA. Neil will write them up if submitted.

Create Advisory committee of players. They would be part of decision making. The committee would be created from players from different zones and different events. Send suggestions for participants to Nader.

Can we provide Butler scores if we use Bridgemates? Neil to get more information.

Montreal has purchased new tables which will not work for the screens, will we need to ship tables to Montreal if we hold CBC there?