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**CBF Board of Directors  
Conference Call Minutes  
November 11, 2019**

**Present:**

**Wade Short, Director Zone I  
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 7:05pm EST.

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**1. Approval of Minutes –**

**MOTION 1920CC8 – To approve the minutes of the 2019 Board of Director Meeting.**

**Moved by Wade Short  
Seconded by Angela Fenton  
Carried**

**MOTION 1920CC9 – To approve the minutes of the AGM as revised.**

**Moved by Jerry Mamer  
Seconded by Angela Fenton  
Carried**

**MOTION 1920CC10 – To approve the minutes of the September 5 conference call.**

**Moved by Nader Hanna  
Seconded by Neil Kimelman  
Carried**

**2. Marketing Update – A proposal was received from a Atypic in Montreal. Cost will be approximately \$10,000. Once Board accepts the proposal they will start the work in**

January and have a plan for the May board meeting. The company has done similar work for the MBL.

**MOTION 1920CC11 -- To approve the proposal and move on the next step.**

**Moved by Wade Short**

**Seconded by Nader Hanna**

**Carried**

- 3. World Championship & WBF Update** – Nader was assigned to many committees at the WBF meetings. One item that needs to be fixed is the Masterpoints awarded for the Mexico playoff. The formula is flawed and hopefully can be fixed.

Location was good with clean, hotels within 20 mins. The problem was that there was only one western style bathroom. A decision for the 2020 location will be made by the end of November. A Chinese city is the leading candidate. The WBF charges 300,000 US\$ to hold a World Championship so many cities do not want to pay that. It is a problem because people don't want to travel to China every year.

A new category has been added to the Youth championships, Under 31. The other categories are: Kids under 16, youngster under 21, youth under 26.

WBF Dues – early in 2019 we sent our membership numbers to the WBF and are still waiting for a dues invoice based on these numbers. The WBF is still hoping that the ACBL will pay the difference with what the ACBL used to pay on behalf of Canada (which was based on the number of Canadian ACBL members not CBF members).

- 4. Captain's reports** – Circulate the information that I send to potential captains. Recommendations? Katie Thorpe submitted the Senior report, Gray McMullin submitted a report for the Womens Team and Michael Yuen has submitted the Mixed Team report.

**MOTION 1920CC12 -- To approve the Senior team report submitted by Katie Thorpe.**

**Moved by Jerry Mamer**

**Seconded by Angela Fenton**

**Carried**

**MOTION 1920CC13 -- To approve the Mixed team report submitted by Michael Yuen.**

**Moved by Wade Short**

**Seconded by Nader Hanna**

**Carried**

There were a number of issues with the Women's team. The team and Gray had situations where the communication and management of the team were not ideal. The 5 person team

did not work well for the Women's or the Open. Neil to find out more information on what occurred during the World Championships.

**MOTION 1920CC14 -- To release the hold back for Women's team.**

**Moved by Wade Short**

**Seconded by Jerry Mamer**

**Carried**

Uniforms – To avoid logistics issues we should decide on a standard uniform and colour and order ahead of time. We can order a supply, offer for sale on our website and have uniforms available at our Championships. We could have an inventory of 300 shirts, for approx. \$12,000 dollars.

**MOTION 1920CC15 -- That all teams will have the same uniform.**

**Moved by Wade Short**

**Seconded by Angela Fenton**

**Carried**

We have never objected to a Non-playing captain choice. If it seems that the person chosen will be a problem, we should say no to a team's choice if we think that the choice will not be successful.

The 5 person team did not work. The plan the open team communicated to us, was not followed. Teams should add established pairs. We have the duty to make sure the team augments responsibly. We will reconsider the current year participation rule and maybe consider a pair that includes someone who could not play for some reason. We could allow a strong pair who didn't play.

Should we send a team at any cost? If the team can't augment to 6 should we send a team? Should augmentation be up to CBF? Maybe we should take a closer role. Maybe advisory committee. These are questions to discuss further.

5. **CBF Fundraiser** -- Gray's McMullin has requested that he be the official CBF Fundraiser and be recognized as such on the CBF website. The Board feels that we should not have an official position that represents the organization where that person is not on the Board. Fundraising should be done in an unofficial capacity with final say on the details and commitments to come from the Board. We will be 100% behind anyone who takes on this challenge.
6. **Independence Proposal** – There has been positive feedback to go ahead with this. To play bridge in Canada, you would be a CBF member. We would do this in partnership with the ACBL.

Nader has spoken to Joe Jones, and he mentioned it to the President of the ACBL. If we can assure the ACBL that they would not lose revenue, they may not have an objection to a different approach to CBF membership.

Joe Jones will provide additional feedback.

7. **Junior Trials** – Nader is planning to have trials to select teams for Under 16 and Under 21. Approximately 23 pairs have expressed interest. The trials will be during March break. Bruce Zhu is studying in the US and cannot be back to Canada during the March break, therefore the U21 trials will be to select 2 pairs and add Bruce and John Dong who have already proven themselves by winning two world bronze medals at the 2018 World Youth Championships. The trials will be conducted over a 3 day period, Nader is looking for a location.
8. **Miscellaneous** -- Jerry Mamer reported that Lawrence Berry was unhappy because he was unable to find Erin Berry grant information on the website. Cathy Walsh has communicated with him and provided details of the grants.

Robert Lebi had stated that he would make a donation to the Junior Fund. Cathy Walsh to send a reminder.

Jerry Mamer has researched holding the 2022 CBC in his Zone. We discussed which schedule would be appropriate for an open year. Should it be the old shorter schedule or the longer schedule we use now. We will decide this later. Jerry will get additional details from the hotel and circulate the proposed contract.

**MOTION 1920CC716 – To adjourn the meeting at 9:19pm**  
**Moved by Nader Hanna**  
**Carried**