

Calgary Duplicate Bridge Society ACBL Unit 390
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 31, 2011
Location: Northaven Community Hall

Board Members Present:

Brian Willett
Jan McLeod
Melissa Martin
Jim Murphy

Emelie Quennell
Frank Kelton
Martin McDonald
Nancy Stewart

Minutes of the Meeting:

1. Approval of the Agenda

The meeting was called to order by Jim Murphy at 5:56 pm. Brian Willett moved to accept the agenda as presented. Jan McLeod seconded. Motion passed.

2. Approval of the Minutes – Frank Kelton motioned to approve the minutes of the Feb 22 board meeting with one correction (removing the capital letters of one word in a paragraph). Brian Willett seconded. Motion passed.

3. Director Reports

a. Treasurer – Garth Wiggins was not present.

b. Tournaments – Nancy Stewart reported that the attendance of the March 2011 Sectional was down by 13 tables probably primarily due to lack of advertising and attrition. There was some discussion about whether the 0-5 free play category players should play in a separate 0-5 game, or be included in its own strata in the 0-199 game. Marilyn Swadron, Nancy Stewart and Byron Lund will investigate and discuss this further and make recommendations to the board. Brian Willett mentioned that he and Nancy Stewart were to talk to the kitchen staff about perhaps changing the menu for the meal they provide on Sundays. Brian would like to contact the lady responsible to investigate whether we may have some other dining options.

c. Special Events – Melissa reported that we conducted another test run on March 20, 2011 at the Martinique Bridge Club in preparation for the GNT and discovered problems with our venue and problems with software from BBO. That being said, it was a very successful test run in indentifying glitches. Melissa has been liaising with BBO about the software problems and they are working on resolving them. Although there are no more test runs in the near term, Melissa is working on another test run to be conducted BEFORE the actual GNT for the qualified GNT players only, possibly the Saturday before Easter. Bridge Base Online sent us \$500 USD to offset our costs to run the first 2

tests; any overage will be used towards the router purchase. Jim Murphy thanked Melissa for her work on this special and new event.

d. Future Masters – Jan McLeod reported that the President’s Trophies for the last tournament have been ordered and will be presented next Monday night (Apr 4th) at the Martinique game. Jan sought clarification pertaining to using the funds donated to the unit for the newcomer kits. She questioned whether we would continue to provide the same things in the kits after the money runs out or if we should possibly reconsider which item we include now compared to what we could afford later. Tri-fold convention card holders and the bridge book “Bridge at a Glance,” are the items currently being given out in the packages and the Board agreed to stick to this plan that has been specifically requested by the donor.

e. Secretary – Emelie Quennell will investigate minutes not being posted to the board.

f. Membership – Brian Willet inadvertently sent out an email to 300 members. He sent out a subsequent email to correct the situation. Brian did send emails out from Mexico while he was away but encountered a problem. He remains unhappy with our host provider. Upon investigation he found a website that helps resolve some of the problems currently encountered with emails. It is possible that he may have problems with the AGM mail out because of the loss of some of his files but hopes to avoid the same. We are aware that the regular mail out (snail mail) to members not on the email roster must be mailed in advance of the meeting.

g. Information Officer – Nothing to report by Frank Kelton except that he is looking into the special game to be held in Okotoks later in the fall.

Brian Willett questioned whether there was a contravention of section 7 in the Privacy Policy in our previously carried motion concerning the same. Frank rebutted that it has been brought up, scrutinized, and accepted by the ACBL and our board. Frank asked for Brian to exactly clarify which part was in contravention and upon further examination, we realized this issue had been previously reworded and clarified and that there was no contravention.

4. Old Business

a. By-Laws – Our name has been officially changed back to the Calgary Duplicate Bridge Association ACBL Unit 390 as Don Basarsky has fulfilled the requirements to do so with the Alberta Registrar’s office. He is now trying to align our bylaws with the requirements for both the ACBL and the Alberta Registrar. He and his committee have found many items that need to be corrected. They are constructing a final draft which will then reviewed by ACBL. Hopefully this will be accomplished before the AGM so that it can appear for acceptance the agenda.

b. Steve Lawrence was invited into our meeting to report to the board. Don Basarsky thanked him for his work on replacing the unit’s duplicate boards and playing cards.

Steve was also asked to do a Unit Property inventory which he presented to the board. There had been a problem at the last sectional where we were short of bidding boxes and boards. It was found that Jim Berglund was using them but did not realize they were required at the tournament. Since we now have the new boards and cards in place, Steve suggested that we sell the old boards and cards at a nominal price and to clubs and or teachers who may require them. Steve suggested that we get a policy in place regarding this. Frank Kelton made a motion to change the lock on the trailer for inventory control. Emelie Quennell seconded and the motion was carried. Steve also mentioned that he and Lou Sandmaeir will be building rolling carts to hold the tables inside the trailer and facilitate easier handling of them. Brian suggested we also get an extension cord with a trouble light, a hair dryer and a power inverter as supplies to be in the trailer for winter use.

c. GNT – dealt with previously in Special Events report.

d. Okotoks sanction game. Frank Kelton is investigating organization of same.

e. AGM - Martin McDonald will prepare notice of the meeting. Melissa Martin has booked a caterer and the venue has been secured.

5. New Business

a. Unit 390 has just received news that we have been awarded a floating CBF Regional Bridge Tournament to be held on Jan 21-27, 2013. Frank Ayer is the chairman. Details to follow.

b. Carol Lee requested that Unit 390 support or donate for a game she is holding on May28th to benefit new members. We will ask her for a budget for these items or exactly what support is required before the board takes action.

c. The board was informed that the rent charged to teachers to use the facilities at the Martinique will increase in September in order to offset increase in Martinique's rent.

d. Frank Kelton moved to ask for an informal poll at the AGM to see if our members would like to see the Banff/Canmore sectional reinstated for November 2012. Brian Willett seconded the motion and it was carried.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting date will Tuesday, April 26th, 2011 at the Martinique beginning at 5:45 pm.

7. Adjournment

Jan McLeod motioned that the board meeting be adjourned at 7:06 pm. Frank Kelton seconded the motion and it was carried.

Ken Scott addressed the board before the opening of the meeting. He talked about his representation on District 18 and how he reports back to the Unit. Ken commended Melissa on her work and preparations for the online GNT's. He talked about reimbursement that is available for teachers and his work to produce a history of the District which can be found on the Wasumi website. Ken relayed issues currently being tackled by the district including the need for a plan to stay financially stable, possibly by increasing entry fees at tournaments. Ken asked for our thoughts and for any items or issues our board may want him to bring to the next District 18 meeting. Several people gave input.