

**Calgary Duplicate Bridge Society
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 26, 2011
Location: Martinique**

Board Members Present:

Don Basarsky
Brian Willett
Marlene Lenstra
Melissa Martin
Jim Murphy

Nancy Stewart
Emelie Quennell
Frank Kelton
Garth Wiggins

Minutes of the Meeting:

1. Approval of the Agenda

The meeting was called to order by Jim Murphy at 6:07 pm. Don Basarsky moved to accept the agenda as presented. Marlene Lenstra seconded. Motion passed.

2. Approval of the Minutes – Frank Kelton motioned to approve the minutes of the March 31 board meeting. Melissa Martin seconded. Motion passed.

3. Director Reports

a. Treasurer – Garth Wiggins had no report due to his being away.

b. Tournaments – Nancy Stewart reported to the board about a Canada wide concurrent event that could be hosted at our sectional in September from the CBF. People would have to pay \$2 extra to enroll in the event. She is investigating if it would be possible to use the boards in the scheduled play through. Jim Murphy mentioned that at the last sectional the numbers were slightly down and if this trend continues we may need to decrease a director. After some discussion the board decided to advertise and promote the sectional locally and rurally to see if we can increase our numbers before considering reducing a director. Byron Lund will be doing this additional advertising and promotion.

c. Special Events – Melissa reported that the GNT planning is done and that the event will take place at the Martinique on May 7th. We have four teams playing who hope to qualify. There is a “C” team who have already qualified for the Nationals in Toronto. The planning for AGM on May 14, 2011 has been completed. Table fees will be paid for attending members and a meal will provided. Jim thanked Melissa for her hard work on organizing the GNT and conducting the test runs.

d. Future Masters – Jan McLeod was not present. There was another donation of \$500 given anonymously to purchase educational materials for our new member's introductory packages.

e. Secretary – Emelie Quennell will post the March 31 minutes to the website. She will ensure that the website minute postings are up to date before the AGM.

f. Membership – Brian Willet reported that the email system was overwhelmed due to spam. Several emails were kicked back. Brian sent out 150 AGM information packets by Canada Post to our members who are not on email lists.

g. Information Officer – Frank Kelton brought up a personal email that he received, expressing concern that it may be contrary to our privacy policy. After discussion, the board agreed that Jim Murphy would speak with the person who sent the email to clarify the situation and explain the policy.

4. Old Business

a. By-Laws – Don presented the proposed bylaws to the board that we will be taking to the membership at the AGM for acceptance and then submission to the ACBL and our Provincial Society's group. There were two typographical or contextual errors that were corrected. Emelie Quennell moved that we accept the bylaws as proposed by Don Basarsky to be presented to the members at the AGM for ratification and subsequent submission to the ACBL and our Provincial Society's Act for final approval. Brian Willet seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

b. AGM – Covered in Special Events chairperson report.

c. GNT May 6 – Covered in Special Events report.

d. Potential Okotoks Sanction Game – Frank Kelton reported that planning was on track for a game to be held in the fall in Okotoks.

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. The event is nearly two years away, but planning has been initiated.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting date will be held on May 31, 2011 at 5:45 pm. Don Basarsky will host the meeting at his home.

7. Adjournment

Frank Kelton motioned that the board meeting be adjourned at 7:20 pm. Brian Willett seconded the motion and it was carried.

Frank Ayer spoke to the board before the meeting was officially opened about his work with the CBF. Frank has agreed to organize the 2013 Calgary CBF Chinook Regional with his co-chair Delores Hedley. The fundraising is done to assist people to attend the World Championships. This tournament will be held in Calgary in 2013 and the Marlborough Community Centre has already been secured for 5 days at a cost of \$5,000.00. Frank and Delores will need to form some committees to ensure proper planning. There has been a suggestion for a “Gold Rush Pairs” event with the top flight open and the bottom flight 0-750, with all points awarded being gold. Newcomer’s games (0-5 play for free) will be held on some of the days. Frank showed us the working skeleton of their flyer. He intends on selling sponsorships to help offset the cost of hospitality. They hope to host a one hour hospitality reception daily. They are looking for teacher’s to assist in daily supervised novice games and for somebody to look after daily bulletins.