

Calgary Duplicate Bridge Association Unit 390
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 25, 2011
Location: 58 Patrick View SW, Calgary AB

Board Members Present:

Don Basarsky
Brian Willett
Louis Sandmaier
Jim Murphy
Marlene Lenstra

Nancy Stewart
Emelie Quennell
Marilyn Haggins
Warren Richards

Minutes of the Meeting:

1. Approval of the Agenda

The meeting was called to order by Jim Murphy at 7:22 pm. Don Basarsky moved to accept the agenda as presented. Brian Willett seconded. Motion passed.

2. Approval of the Minutes – Lou Sandmaier motioned to approve the minutes of the May 31, 2011 board meeting after one correction. Brian Willett seconded. Motion passed.

3. Director Reports

a. Treasurer – Emelie Quennell moved to appoint Melissa Martin to the position of treasurer. This was seconded by Marilyn Haggins. Motion carried. Melissa was not present at the meeting. Garth Wiggins had recommended that the unit purchase an accounting software package such as Quicken for consistency over time and different treasurers. Melissa will speak with Garth and decide what is necessary. Jim Murphy, Emelie Quennell and Melissa Martin have met with the bank and changed the signatories to the current officers.

b. Tournaments – Nancy Stewart commented that they are still looking at changing the flights for scoring at the sectional tournament. In regards to Swiss Teams, many tournaments are now averaging the MP's of the team rather than going by the person with the highest MP. Some discussion ensued. Brian Willett moved that we change the Swiss Teams and Open Pairs to the style of averaging masterpoints instead of the number of the highest player with masterpoints after first checking and having agreement with Steve Bates effective for the January 2012 sectional. Seconded by Nancy Stewart. Motion carried. Pencils have been ordered and received with imprinting of the dates of our sectional tournaments. Marilyn Swadron suggested that we buy name tags to identify board members at sectional tournaments. A recommendation in this regard was tabled

until the next meeting. The Sunday lunch for the September Sectional will be a hamburger with potato salad and a dessert with the cost not exceeding 8 dollars. Jim Murphy suggested to Nancy Stewart that we pursue some advertising for our upcoming tournaments.

c. Special Events – Warren Richards was voted in to the position of Special Events Coordinator at Swiss Teams on August 22, 2011. Brian Willett motioned that the board should formally approve Warren Richards to the position. Marilyn Haggins seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Welcome Warren.

d. Future Masters – Marilyn Haggins feels that bridge books would be more suitable as recognition than trophies for the winners of the President's trophy. The names of the winners would still be engraved on the plaque on display at the Martinique. Don Basarsky moved to provide Marilyn up to \$100 for purchase of bridge books for the winners of the Sept regional. Brian Willett seconded the motion and it was carried.

e. Secretary – Emelie Quennell posted the April minutes to the website and will post the May 31 minutes to the website. She reported that the required annual re-enrollment documents for our society had been submitted to the Alberta Registries near the end of July. She also brought up her own concern that the clubs were not availing themselves of registering for games during ACBL sTAc weeks. Some discussion ensued. Don Basarsky moved that Warren Richards (Special Events Chairperson) pursue better encouragement of STAc games in the unit. Emelie Quennell seconded. Motion passed.

f. Membership – Brian Willett provided the board with some statistics about the membership. The mandate with the ACBL is only to send out the newsletter. Brian has been forwarding emails so that it appears to be from the people asking him to forward emails rather than from the Unit. He has been working on this system and it is nearly completely in place. Brian will need to change the email address and intends on having the 390 on the top but a button for unsubscribe so that people can opt out. Then he would keep updated on member's preferences. Warren suggested that on the next mail (snail mail) we ask these people (who are not registered for email) if they would consider being contacted by email only for AGM or Unit 390 business. In the future we plan on allowing members to opt out. Brian hopes to have the system optimized by the end of the year. The other issue Brian wanted to bring up was the email account provider. Brian is having problems and needs to sort this out with Shaw. He will investigate and report back at the next meeting.

Bob and Shirley MacLeod have agreed to work together on the position of New Member Liaison. Jim Murphy moved to approve this couple to be our New Membership Liaison Officers. Don Basarsky seconded. All present were in favor.

g. Information Officer – Lou Sandmaier said that he does not have his job description, so was unclear of exactly what his position entailed. Lou will check into job descriptions for board positions and distribute them again. Jim thanked Lou for completing the trolleys and improvements to the trailer. An honorarium of \$100 was given to Lou

Sandmaier as thanks for this work. Emelie Quennell moved to approve this payment. This was seconded by Brian Willett, and approved.

4. Old Business

a. Bylaws – The ACBL requires a copy of the bylaws, the secretary will send them in. Don Basarsky sent an email to the Alberta Registrar’s Office to ask them to review the bylaw document. They do not have the time and just want them submitted. Don is not sure why the 2001 ones were developed and then changed in 2005. Don then questioned if there really is a need to be part of the Alberta Societies since we are more operating as a part of the ACBL. After discussion the board decided that this would be an item to ask Ken Scott. Don will make some inquiries in this regard and report back to the board.

b. Youth Bridge. Don Basarsky gave Martin MacDonald some contacts for the Calgary Separate Schools for his pursuit of promoting Youth Bridge.

c. Okotoks Sanction potential. Jim will be contacting the Okotoks bridge group in regard to a special game to be held in 2012. They have been busy moving into their new community centre. This could be a special designation game.

d. CBF Championships 2014. At our board meeting in May we talked about advancing our location as a possible location for the CBF Championship. Since then, we have been awarded the CBF Championships for 2014. Jim provided a package of information to all board members on running/hosting this event. Possible people to approach for assistance include Steve Lawrence, Frank Ayer, Allen Simon, Janet Dunbar as well as Nick and Judi Gartaganis. Tabled to next meeting for a vote to allow board members time to look at the documents.

5. New Business

a. Edmonton Regional – Jim Murphy heard good things about the hospitality and free draws at the Edmonton Regional which were well received by the players at the tournament. Murray and Marilyn Haggins will investigate this for the upcoming Calgary Regional to be held in 2012.

b. September Kibitzer. Martin MacDonald will be publishing his first newsletter in September. Final submissions will be Sept 15 and then the board will edit before it’s disbursement to members.

c. Ethics Recorder - Allen Simon has suggested Brad Boyle to be the Ethics recorder to replace him. Jim Murphy moved to appoint Brad Boyle to the position. This was seconded by Marlene Lenstra, and carried.

d. District 18 BOD meeting Sept 27th. Ken Scott will be attending the District 18 Board of Directors meeting in late September. He will come speak to us after his meeting. We

would like him to address sTac participation numbers for district, and also whether Unit 390 needs to or should remain under the umbrella of the Alberta Societies Act.

e. Kalispell 2012 and Butte 2014 card tables. There was a suggestion that the Unit should rent out our card tables for upcoming tournaments in the US. There were several questions raised about this, such as whether it is legal to transport the tables across the border and then receive money for such a transaction. The board decided it needed more information from Ken Scott before it could make any recommendations or actions on this topic.

g. Trailer liability. Jim Murphy called an insurance broker to clarify how the Unit's trailer was insured. While being hauled, the car towing our trailer is liable for the trailer under that vehicle's current insurance. While stationary, it must be separately insured by wherever or whomever it is being stored. More information on this topic required.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting date will be held on Thursday, October 6, 2011 at Melissa Martin's home at 39 Westbluff Ridge at 5:45 pm.

7. Adjournment

Marilyn motioned that the board meeting be adjourned at 10:19 pm. This was seconded by Brian Willett and unanimously carried.