

**CALGARY DUPLICATE BRIDGE ASSOCIATION**

**ACBL UNIT 390**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**THURSDAY MAY 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012**

**NORTH HAVEN COMMUNITY CENTRE, CALGARY, AB**

**1. Call To Order** - The meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm by Jim Murphy.

**2. Welcome and Introduction** - Jim Murphy greeted the members and introduced the board members to them. Don Basarksy (Vice-President), Emelie Quennell (Secretary) Nancy Stewart (Tournament Coordinator), Brian Willett (Membership), Lou Sandmaier (Information Officer), Marlene Lenstra (Past President), Marilyn Haggins (Future Masters and Warren Richards (Special Events Chairperson) were in attendance. He thanked the board members for their volunteerism to serve Unit 390.

**3. Confirmation of Quorum** - There were over 75 people in attendance, which constituted a quorum. The scrutineer, Lou Sandmaier, confirmed this.

**4. Approval of Agenda** - Delores Hedley moved to approve the agenda for the AGM as presented to the members. John Gilchrist seconded this, and the motion carried.

**5. Approval of Minutes from 2011 AGM** - Joy Saville moved to approve the minutes of the 2011 AGM available to the members, Susan Julius seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**6. President's Report** - Jim Murphy read from his President's report. (Attachment 1)

Lou Sandmaier moved to accept the President's report. Brian Willett seconded this and the motion was carried.

**7. Treasurer's Report** - Jim Murphy introduced Warren Richards to give the final report of the financial statement of 2011 for Melissa Martin (Treasurer) who was not present at the meeting. (Financial Statement attached.) Warren reported that the financial books have been audited by Doris Fishman. Gail Bews made a motion to accept the financial report for Unit 390. Murray Haggins seconded. Don Rae asked about a line item (club share) on the report and Warren explained that it was from the BridgeMate. Byron asked a question in regards to Sectional funds held in trust. Emelie Quennell explained that these funds are held as seed money for the planning and preparation of this event that we host every 3 years. Motion approved.

**8. Appointment of Auditor for 2012/2013** - Martin MacDonald moved to appoint Doris Fishman as the auditor for the 2012-2013 Unit 390 financial audits. Roxy Sandmaier seconded and the motion was carried.

**9. CBF Chinook Regional** – Our Unit has been awarded a floating tournament that will be held on January 21 – 27<sup>th</sup> 2013 at the Marlborough Community Centre. Frank Ayer is the Chairman of this tournament. Game times will be a little different than usual, being held at 10 am and 4 pm. Delores Hedley is his co-chair. Flyers will be circulated shortly. Volunteers will be required and they are currently looking for sponsors of events. In May of 2014 we will also be hosting the Canadian Championship Bridge tournament. As well as choosing the Canadian champions to represent us at the World Championship, Flight B Flight C and IMP Canadian Champion Pairs will also be chosen.

**10. Special Resolution on UNIT Bylaws** – Don Basarsky took the floor to talk about his work on the unit's bylaws in the last year. At last year's AGM we approved the bylaws that were based on the ACBL requirements. The ACBL accepted them, but Service Alberta rejected them. Don began searching into how to rectify the situation with the two entities, as their individual requirements are not conducive to agreement. Don spoke with a member of the board sitting in the early 2000's to ask why the Unit initially wanted to be registered as a society. As well, Don spoke several times at length, with the ACBL about the conflict. Don shared with the members that Jim Berglund had several queries about dropping the society status. Jim Berglund was concerned about our legal liabilities in the unlikely case that a lawsuit was brought against the Association. Jim Miller of the ACBL confirmed liability coverage at tournaments. Jim also wanted Don to ascertain if other regions and centres were indeed both societies and units. None could be found. Don submitted the amended bylaws with the verbiage to satisfy the Alberta Societies to the ACBL to see if they could come to agreement. This cannot be done. Previous boards have never applied for grants or casinos as a right of a society. Don moved, as per point 1 of the document in front of all members (Special Resolution attached,) be it hereby resolved, as a Special Resolution, that Society Status is allowed to lapse. Fred Klein seconded.

Jim Berglund took the floor. He suggested that we maintain our society status referring to the ACBL document for incorporation. Jim was also voiced concern about limited liability if Society Status was not retained. He stated that we should retain society status for future boards, which may consider applying for grants or casinos. He believes that Toronto, Regina and Winnipeg are societies and registered with ACBL and that we should find out why we can't. Jim asked members to vote against this special resolution unless they could find a good reason how it would help the members by voting for Society Status to lapse.

Ken Scott took the floor and related that he had asked a South Saskatchewan member if Regina was a Society and initially that member said it was. Since then, Ken has found out they are not. He also checked with Unit 573. They are incorporated as not-for-profit and not as a society.

Martin MacDonald questioned whether there was more to the letter dated January 12, 2012 from the Government of Alberta, Service Alberta, Corporate Registry in regards to the bylaws being unable to be completed (attached). Martin asked us to consider creating a corporate entity to retain the society status.

Marlene Lenstra asked for the floor and said she was not in favour of letting the Society Status to lapse.

Margaret Cooke took the floor and said she thought the issue was being clouded. And that if we vote not to let the society status lapse, we might jeopardize our ACBL membership, which is really what we represent.

Frank Ayers asked what would happen to money if the society membership finally ceased. Don Basarsky said it would have to be donated as we consider ourselves a non-profit association.

Walter Brock felt we should consider striking a committee, including a lawyer, to further look into this especially if other units (Toronto and Winnipeg) had both provincial society status and ACBL membership.

Byron Lund motioned for a secret ballot for the motion. Doris Fishman seconded. This motion was NOT carried.

After a show of hands of the membership there were only 24 members in favour. The motion did not carry.

Martin moved for the board to appoint a committee to investigate this issue. John Gilchrist seconded. Motion carried.

**11. Presentation of Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney Awards** - Jim and Don presented the Mini McKenney certificates to the following winners:

**0-5 - Carol Saponja**

**5-20 - Cainie Pyrcz**

**20-50 - Sandy Jean Robinson**

**50 - 100 - Melissa Martin**

**100-200 - Emelie Quennell**

**200 - 300 - Chris Murphy**

**300-500 - Marilyn Swadron**

**500-1000 - Marilyn Haggins**

**1000-2500 - Linda Harrison**

**2500 - 5000 - Abdul Fakih**

**5000-7500 - Steven Lawrence**

**7500-10000 - Gerry Marshall**

And then Jim and Don presented the Ace of Clubs medallions to the following winners:

**0-5 - Carol Saponja**

**5-20 - Elizabeth Sprague**

**20-50 - Sandy Jean Robinson**

**50-100 - Frances McDonald**

**100-200 - Emelie Quennell**

**200-300 - Camille Collver**

**300-500 - Gail Bews**

**500 - 1000 - Marilyn Haggins**

**1000-2500 - Tina Gokturk**

**2500 - 5000 - Abdul Fakih**

**5000 -7500 - Steven Lawrence**

**7500 - 10000 - Gerry Marshall**

**12. Election of Directors** – Don Basarsky introduced the 2012 Calgary Duplicate Bridge Association Board of Directors: Don Basarsky - President, Lou Sandmaier - Vice President, Emelie Quennell – Secretary, Melissa Martin – Treasurer, Brian Willett – Membership, Nancy Stewart - Tournament Marilyn Haggins –Future Masters, and Larry Fenton – Information Officer, Don asked if there were any volunteers who wanted to serve as one of the directors instead. Chris Murphy moved to accept the nominations as they were for the 2012 board. Don Rae seconded. The motion carried.

**13. Questions from the floor** - At the 2011 AGM, a member asked if the board would look into the purchase of a board duplicating machine for the Unit. Emelie Quennell gave a brief talk about these machines. She concluded that the board had looked into and decided it was not feasible at this time. Nancy Klym told the board and the members that she would like us to look into a better location to hold our sectionals as Nancy had damage to her vehicle at the last sectional. This was noted.

**14. Adjournment** - John Gilchrist moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 pm. Diane Campbell seconded and the meeting was adjourned.