

**Calgary Duplicate Bridge Association ACBL Unit 390**

**Board of Director's Meeting**

**Tuesday, June 26 2012**

**Jim Murphy's Home: 95 Woodbrook Road S.W.**

**Board Members Present**

Jim Murphy	Emelie Quennell
Don Basarsky	Melissa Martin
Brian Willett	Lou Sandmaier
Marilyn Haggins	Larry Fenton

**Minutes of the Meeting:**

**1. Call to Order**

Don Basarsky called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Jim Murphy made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Larry Fenton seconded. Two items were added to section 5 (New Business). Item G is Committee Goodwill appointments and Item H is Charity. Motion passed.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Jim Murphy moved to accept the minutes of the April 24<sup>th</sup> board meeting as circulated. Brian Willett seconded and the motion carried. Emelie Quennell moved to accept the minutes from the Emergency Board meeting held on May 28<sup>th</sup>, Melissa seconded. The motion passed.

**A. Business Arising:**

i) Trailer Hauling Compensation - There was a meeting of the committee (Lou Sandmaier, Brian Willett and Murray Haggins) that was struck to look into the issue of haulage of the unit's trailer and supplies. This resulted in the committee making a suggestion for dealing with trailer hauling for two scenarios. They recommended that in town deliveries of the trailer and contents to be \$100 each way (no Free Plays). Out of town deliveries of trailer and contents would be \$1 per kilometer (minimum \$100, no Free Plays). This would be calculated from the trailer storage site to the venue site.

The above noted rates should be reviewed every spring to take into account the price of fuel etc.

## **Responsibilities of Towing Trailer and Contents to Venues.**

1. Must have insurance on his or her vehicle that would normally cover the trailer.
2. Pick up trailer either the night before or enough in advance to cover a flat tire, frozen locks, etc.
3. Complete the checklist to ensure all tables, bid boxes, cards, etc. are accounted for.
4. Supervise the loading and unloading of trailer at the venue to ensure all items are returned and properly stored.
5. Insure trailer is secure at both the storage site and venue site. Parked under lights when available, locked, etc.
6. Report any damage or occurrences to the Unit President or his or her designate. There was some discussion about how to best approach payment and what was fair. Lou Sandmaier moved to approve the above cost schedule for haulage of trailer. Brian Willett seconded. The motion carried.

ii) Trailer Unit to Montana – The haulage of tables to Montana will be based on the above schedule.

iii) BridgeMate Distribution – The BridgeMate leased by the Martinique were returned to the unit and the Martinique was refunded the pro-rated amount owing them for the duration of the original 5-year lease. Martin MacDonald wants to lease fifteen of these units and Murray Haggins would like to lease the other fifteen. Murray and Martin have each purchased the servers required to operate the units.

iv) Bylaws Update – Our unit's request for a waiver for our bylaws is going before the ACBL board meeting in Philadelphia, PA at the Summer NABC. We have asked that they approve the bylaws with the additions that would satisfy Alberta Services so that we may continue with our Society status. If it is accepted we will need to have another general meeting to officially accept them. If not, we will make it clear to the membership that we must fulfill our obligation to the ACBL. Anybody who opposes at that time would be welcome to join a committee in order to investigate any further options.

v) Regional Tournament Update – Marilyn Haggins reported that they Regional has received sponsorship for all of the bridge games, they even have a jacket to raffle. It is likely that there will be Teacher's Accreditation Program (TAP). There will be a Saturday luncheon. A golf tournament has been scheduled for Monday August 6<sup>th</sup> at Woodside Golf and Country Club in Airdrie. Several speakers have been lined up. CCBL has been approached to donate \$100 toward the teacher's course as there are no longer any games to sponsor. The CCBL will be holding an AGM at the Regional. One of the events has been called the Martinique Club. Don Basarsky has asked Murray Haggins to submit a report on funding and projected budgets for the Regional.

## **4. Director's Reports**

**Treasurer** - Melissa Martin reported that on June 26, 2012 the current assets of our association, was \$42,262. On June 22, 2012 the signature cards at the TD Bank were

updated. The current signing authority lists: Don Basarsky - President, Emelie Quennell – Secretary and Melissa Martin – Treasurer. Melissa will be providing the Calgary Regional organizers with funds to meet the demands of the event. Currently we are stewards of \$14,887 for the organizers disposal. Melissa has reimbursed the Martinique with a pro-rated refund of their contract for use of the BridgeMate. Another upcoming expense will be the subsidy to be given to participants in the GNT. The money is not disbursed until after the GNT's. Several people have inquired about the reimbursement and were advised that they need to make a request in writing to the unit after the event. Melissa Martin moved to have her report approved. Nancy Stewart seconded and the motion was carried.

**Tournaments** - Nancy Stewart reported that the next tournament is the first weekend of September. The guest speaker will be Steve Lawrence. The food for the lunch on Sunday is going to be hamburgers that the Community Centre will prepare. We will be providing them with Stampede burgers for this event. Flyers are being produced to distribute. Jean Ward approached Nancy with a concern about game sanctions. People are approaching her instead of going through the proper channels. Brian Willett moved that Don Basarsky write a letter to all club owners and directors to reinforce the proper distribution of unit games and extra unit games. Lou Sandmaier seconded and the motion carried.

Nancy said that there had been some complaints about the safety of the location of our tournaments. One suggestion that may make it safer would be to start the games earlier in the day such as 10:00 am and 2:00 or 3:00 pm. We will move to change the time to earlier in January 2013 as flyers are already posted on the ACBL website for the November tournament. Another suggestion was that we hire security for the event. Nancy would like for the board to find a TC2 coordinator to help with tournaments and especially somebody to bring baked goods in the morning. Brian Willett proposed that Marilyn Swadron, David Swadron, Nancy Stewart, Brian Willett and Larry Fenton meet to discuss communication in regards to tournaments and all computer aspects. Jim Murphy seconded. The motion carried.

Nancy Stewart moved that we accept her report on tournaments and Melissa Martin seconded. The motion carried.

**Special Events** – Warren Richards was not in attendance but submitted his report in an email. The district 18 GNT finals were held May 11-12 for the second year with Bridge Base Online and Calgary had 3 teams attend at the Martinique playing site. Onsite play was conducted under the capable hands of Marilyn and Dave Swadron who helped resolve most difficulties with Ken Scott and Warren Richards attending as monitors. The most frustrating glitch occurred 3 times in each of the Friday night and Saturday morning sessions when all Calgary participants were disconnected from BBOL simultaneously

during play. After short interruptions all players were able to successfully log back on. No disconnects occurred in the Saturday afternoon session.

None of the 3 Calgary contesting teams in attendance made it through to the finals in the Superflight, A and B flights so there was no Saturday evening session required in Calgary.

Calgary's C entry of Melissa Martin, Emelie Quennell, Ellen Kuiper, and Chu Phan were the C flight's only entry from D18 and thus qualified to attend the ACBL GNT finals. Congratulations and good luck to Melissa, Emelie, Ellen, and Chu in Philadelphia.

Marilyn Swadron has pointed out that the current GNT guidelines on the Internet are not correct. Melissa Martin suggested the policy should be removed, rewritten and reposted. Don Basarsky moved to accept Warren's Special Events report. Brian Willet seconded the motion and it carried.

**Future Masters** – Marilyn Haggins is starting a Wednesday night 0-50 Masterpoint game at the Southwood United Church. They will also offer a Thursday night for under 300 or Non-Lifemaster Pairs. The latter will be an invitational game. In September they may only offer the Thursday night game. Murray Haggins and Pat Purvis will be splitting the expenses on these games. Marilyn continues to distribute books to the novice winners at the sectional tournaments. She is also trying finalizing plans for a TAP (Teacher's Accreditation Program) at the August Regional tournament. Marilyn moved to accept her report and Brian Willett seconded. The motion carried.

**Secretary** – Emelie Quennell will have the minutes of the April 24<sup>th</sup> board meeting posted to the unit website. She confirmed that the signatures were changed at the TD Bank to reflect the changes from the recent elections. The Unit 390 List of Officers on the website has been updated on the ACBL website as adjusted after the election. All minutes are current. Emelie Quennell moved to accept her report. Larry Fenton seconded the motion and it was carried.

**Membership-** Brian Willet reported that the Unit 390 telephone directory is ready to publish except for the current listing of the bridge clubs. Since the Martinique closure, games are in a bit of flux. Brian has asked all club owners for their updated club and contact information. Brian and Don decided to move the publication date of the directory to the summer after the AGM so that all information is correct.

Brian addressed the fact that some messages are not getting through to all members due to spam filters of the members host server. He has been working on this problem and is confident it has been solved. The last 50 messages have gone out to all members without issues. The last issue Brian mentioned is the spam problem in our own JustHost website. Brian thinks that new email accounts will have to be issued in order to stop this problem. He and David Swadron will work together to try to affect this. Brian moved that we

accept his report as stated. Emelie Quennell seconded his report and the motion carried.

**Information Officer** – Don Basarsky suggested that Larry Fenton and Lou Sandmaier liaise so that he may understand the duties of his new appointment.

## **5. New Business:**

- a) Development of Business processes
  - i) Requests for Unit Funding – Several people have approached the unit for funding for their playing in the GNT. They have been advised to request the funds from the Unit in writing after the Summer NABC.
  - ii) Trailer Insurance – The contents of the trailer do not have a specific current value assigned to them and it is possible these items should be insured. Nancy suggested we consider having the Asset Manager address this. Steve Lawrence will be contacted to see if he wants to continue in this capacity.
- b) 2012 Phone Directory – summer issue. Discussed above.
- c) Director’s Planning Session – Don Basarsky suggested that we have a planning session later in the summer to come up with items we want to tackle in the upcoming year. Some suggestions included:
  - i) Develop Unit Objectives
  - ii) Develop Annual Budget
- d) New Director’s Course – Jim Murphy suggested that the unit might support a director’s course in the fall. He approached Brian and Joy Saville in this regard and they have declined to be involved, as they are busy starting their new Thursday game. Jim then approached Pat and Barry Purvis who suggested new director’s begin by directing the 199 type games as these games have more calls and are good training. Murray and Marilyn Haggins feel we need to educate more teachers and directors in order to bring more new people into the game at all levels.
- e) Update Web Page – Don Basarsky would like to ensure all members are aware of how to contact directors easily through the website and other appropriate channels.
- f) Update ACBL Unit Webpage – We have all noticed the significant changes happening on the unit’s website.
- g) Goodwill committee appointments – Jerry Maimer has \$1000.00 on behalf of the Canadian Bridge Federation to be awarded to a worthwhile cause that supports some aspect of seniors as a group. Don suggested a local Alzheimer’s group. There needs to be a committee formed to make a final recommendation.
- h) Charity – Clare Jones is looking for names of two people to be nominated to be the District 18 representation National Charity and Goodwill committee. Brian and Joy Saville were suggested.

6. **Next Meeting** – The next meeting of the board will be in July at Don Basarky's home. This will be a planning session and the date and time will be announced later.
7. **Adjournment** - Don Basarsky moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 pm. Brian Willett seconded and the motion carried.