

Calgary Duplicate Bridge Association  
ACBL Unit 390  
Board of Director's Meeting  
November 15, 2012  
9015 Bayridge Drive S.W.

Members present

Don Basarsky

Jim Murphy

Nancy Stewart

Larry Fenton

Warren Richards

Melissa Martin

Brian Willett

Lou Sandmaeir

Emelie Quennell

1. Call to order. Don Basarsky called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.
2. Approval of Agenda – Lou Sandmaier moved to accept the agenda, which Nancy Stewart seconded. Carried
3. Approval of Sept. 18 board meeting minutes:
  - a) Nancy Stewart moved to to adjust Saturday start times to 10:30 am and 3:30 pm at the January Sectional bridge tournament as recommended at the last board meeting. Melissa Marin seconded the motion and it was carried.
  - b) Unit web pages need to be updated – new email addresses should be assigned to all board members. Brian will contact Dave Swadron to arrange.
  - c) The GNT Policy/Guidelines on the unit web page are currently inaccurate and need to be rewritten. Jim Murphy feels there is some ambiguity in the wording of when the subsidy applies for travel especially now that the final is held online and most members do not need to travel to participate. This discussion was deferred to the Special Events director's report.
  - d) New Directory – There is a row of missing digits on last page of the new directory, and there is an error on the listing of one of the Haggins' game. It is labeled as an open game but it is an invitational game.

Larry Fenton moved to approve the Sept 18 minutes. Brian Willett seconded. Carried

4. Director's Report

a) Treasurer – Melissa Martin sent out the unit balance sheet to the director's prior to the meeting via email showing a balance of \$41,294. Montana is sending our unit a cheque for the rental of our tables and bridge supplies from the Kalispell Regional of around \$2000.00. Melissa circulated documents to all board members for their interest with statistic from previous tournaments.

Melissa Martin moved to have her report accepted, Nancy Stewart seconded the motion and it carried.

b) Tournaments – Nancy Stewart reported that table numbers were down for the most recent sectional tournament although the profit was up. Year over year, sectional attendance was down 2% (22 tables less in 2012). Comparing November to November, YOY: there were 253 tables in 2011, and 234 tables in 2012. The community centre canteen was not in operation at the last sectional, so the unit made coffee and provided water. This was well received by the membership and we still have supplies that can be used at the next sectional. There was an excellent lasagna lunch served by the IODE ladies group, many favorable comments were made. Marjorie Grubb has agreed to man the partnership desk for the January and March sectional. Nancy Stewart moved to have her report accepted. Brian Willett seconded. Carried.

c) Special Events – Warren Richards reported that the scheduled special game for Okotoks was cancelled due to proposed high rental expenses and limited scope for local Okotoks and area attendance. The District 18 GNT coordinator (Marilyn Swadron) has informed Warren that there will be changes to the district subsidy provided for teams representing the district at the GNT. Subsidies for teams attending the GNT's have become an increasing expense for D18. They would like to encourage the unit/clubs to consider holding some special games to raise money to help fund the district's GNT subsidy program. Marilyn is pursuing holding a GNT qualifier 2-session Sunday Swiss teams event at our sectional for red and gold points. Apparently, this is allowed in ACBL policy, but that has not yet been confirmed. Warren suggested that since U390's GNT subsidy policy is also up for re-write because of the change in the game format, that perhaps a joint subsidy policy be pursued with D18 to effectively compensate U390/D18 representatives to the GNT finals at each year's NABC and similarly, for the Pairs. Warren will send out a reminder about STAC week (Dec 3 to Dec 9) to the membership.

Warren Richards moved his report be accepted. Melissa Martin seconded. Carried.

d) Future Masters – Marilyn was not in attendance. Don Basarsky read her report. The winners of the Presidents Trophy Race for both the September and November sectionals were Pam and Keith Wallace (Flt E, 50-100 MPs). Marilyn awarded them bridge books for their win. Marilyn purchased books in Phoenix and still has some remaining to award winners of the January sectional. The November winners of the 100-200 category were Bob Alkin and Tim Stevenson. As Bob is not an ACBL member, no book is awarded but Tim will receive one. The winners of the 0-50 MP category were Peter Segers and Joseph Au. Peter Segers will receive a book as he is an ACBL member. There has not been a lot of attendance at the "Bid n Play" on Wednesday night recently, but they are hoping for an increase in attendance if the new players from Ken and Linda's classes begin to attend. If no increase is sustained, it may not remain viable. The Thursday game is going well with 9 or 10

tables in attendance. Nancy Klym may start up a “Newcomer Game,” at the Glencoe Club.

Don Basarsky moved to accept Marilyn’s report. Emelie Quennell seconded the motion and it was carried.

e) Secretary – Emelie Quennell reported that she had posted the minutes from the June board meeting to the unit website. She arranged with the ACBL to allow Jean Ward internet access to register sanction games. The ACBL was also notified of the change of the Disciplinary Chair to Frank Ayer. The last outstanding BridgeMate contract was signed with BridgeNutz bridge club.

Emelie Quennell moved that her report be accepted, seconded by Lou Sandmaier. The motion carried.

f) Membership – Brian Willett will send out an email to the general membership with the missing telephone numbers and correcting Marilyn’s game so they may amend their copies of the new unit directory. He will also run a reconciliation report from the ACBL of new members and get it to the New Member liaisons.

Brian Willet moved for his report to be accepted and Jim Murphy seconded. Motion carried.

g) Information Officer – Larry Fenton confirmed that we have Bridgemate 2 terminals. Six unit officer’s job descriptions have been received. The rest should be submitted and then Larry will put together a complete Unit Job description document.

Lou Sandmaier moved to accept Larry’s report. Don Basarsky seconded. Carried.

## 5. New Business

a) Bridgemate functionality and commitment for Sectional/Regional events  
Nancy provided a chart outlining the 2012, 2013 Sectional Bridgemate allocation from clubs providing their Bridgemate terminals for unit use. There was some discussion about problems that have arisen with the Bridgemates at the tournaments. The likely conflict has been software version updates not being coordinated in the series of computer, servers and wireless boxes. Don will send a note to Joy about her offer to coordinate updates on Bridgemates before sectionals and ensuring that they are in good working order before they are returned back to the clubs.

b) Canteen availability for future Bridge tournaments – Don had a meeting with the community centre who stated that the main reason they can no longer provide us with a canteen at sectionals is that they are unable to find enough volunteers to man it. They can provide us with supplies to make coffee (it is always there) and can turn the coffee pot on in advance for us. Nancy will contact IODE about providing

lunch on Saturday or Sunday at the next Sectional. If they do not we will investigate other avenues to provide the patrons with a lunch between sessions.

c) Table Rentals for future Regionals – The remuneration we received from Kalispell for the rentals of our bridge tables and supplies was not what we had anticipated. The table rate was not as high due to the way the table calculation was made, but there was a clear profit. Don Basarsky will be sending an email to the District 18 informing them of our decision not to provide our trailer and tables for American regionals.

d) Mentor/Mentee Unit Game – Our unit receives an allotment of unit games sanctions from the ACBL each year. These are distributed evenly to the clubs in our unit but there are several extra games that remain. One way we can make more available to our members may be to hold some Mentor/Mentee games over the course of the year. Emelie Quennell and Warren Richards will meet and make a proposal or recommendation to the board on ways we may choose to proceed.

e) Current Year Objectives – Budget, Organizational Chart and Timeline. Don Basarsky would like each board member to provide him with any and all budget line items that each position may incur. He would also like any additions for the organization chart of any person who may serve under their board position. Everybody should also provide any insertions for the yearly timeline we are developing.

f) Olympic Recognition – 2002 Salt Lake City. A member suggested that the bridge games that were held just prior to the 2002 Olympics should be considered for recognition in the Olympic Hall of Fame. Don sent an email to the CBF and received a response. The bridge event was considered a “demonstration” and was deemed to be a sport (a mind sport) but was not eligible in either the Summer or Winter Olympics as an Olympic Event and therefore cannot be considered for the Hall of Fame. Since neither the IOC nor the COC (Canadian Olympic Committee) had anything to do with this bridge event – you will not find any information on their websites. This was not a demonstration sport nor was the event recognized or sanctioned by any Olympic organization.

g) Ethics recorder/ Disciplinary Chair. After the secretary changed the Disciplinary Chair to Frank Ayer with the ACBL, it became apparent that we must also fill the position of Unit Recorder, as the same person cannot also serve as the Disciplinary Chair. Emelie Quennell will get more information about this before we attempt to fill the position.

6. Next Meeting Tuesday January 15, 2013 at the Fenton's - 6906 Lamont Court SW

7. Adjournment – Emelie Quennell motioned the meeting be adjourned at 10:24 pm. Lou Sandmaier seconded.