

**CALGARY DUPLICATE BRIDGE ASSOCIATION**  
**ACBL UNIT 390**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**SATURDAY MAY 4, 2013**  
**NORTH HAVEN COMMUNITY CENTRE, CALGARY, AB**

**1. Call To Order** - The meeting was called to order at 12:02 pm by Don Basarsky.

**2. Welcome and Introduction** - The president of the association, Don Basarsky, welcomed the members to the annual general meeting. Don thanked Debbie and Lorne Hanson for hosting the even and introduced the 2012 board members who were present. Nancy Stewart, Brian Willett, Emelie Quennell, Melissa Martin, Warren Richards, Marilyn Haggins and Jim Murphy. He announced to the members that Nancy Stewart is stepping down from being the Tournament Coordinator but was continuing to volunteer as Mentorship chair. Lou Sandmaier has relocated to BC and has resigned as Vice President. Brian Willet (Membership) and Warren Richards (Special Events) are stepping down.

He thanked all the board members for their volunteerism to serve Unit 390.

**3. Confirmation of Quorum** - The quorum required for our AGM is 35 members and as 105 members were present Don Basarsky, declared that there was an official quorum.

**4. Approval of Agenda** - Martin McDonald motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Michael Farebrother seconded. Sandy Robinson asked to speak later in the Questions from the Floor section. The motion carried.

**5. Approval of Minutes from 2012 AGM** - Martin McDonald moved that the members accept the minutes of the 2012 AGM as presented at each table. Liz Sprague seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**6. President's Report** - Don Basarsky read from his President's report. (See Attachment at end of the minutes)

Nancy Stewart stood and thanked Marilyn Swadron for her help with the membership desk at tournaments. Doris Fishman asked members to advise her of times and occasions that she needs to send cards on behalf of the unit.

Jim Murphy moved to accept the President's report. Brian Willett seconded this, and the motion was carried.

**7. Treasurer's Report** - Don Basarsky introduced Melissa Martin to report on the financial statement of March 31, 2013, her final report as treasurer. In the statement of Members' Equity page there was an error. The entire column dated March 31, 2011 should be deleted.

The Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2013 had no substantial expenditures or revenue. Our income from Sectional Tournaments is down slightly (5%) this year.

Approximately 80% of our money is held in Term Deposit accounts with varying maturity dates and interest rates. This is up a little from the 2012 ratio of 75%. Our strategy is to hold approximately \$10,000 in our operating account, allowing a slight increase to the term Deposit holding.

We hold \$14,339 that could be used by future Calgary sponsored regional events. This account has increased from last year by \$2,430. This increase is a result of the Regional Committee's solicitation of donations as well as proceeds from the event. The association holds a total of \$44,626.

The Association owns a trailer, bidding boxes, tables, boards with cards, and Bridgemate units. These items are not capitalized on our Balance Sheet.

An addition to this year's Financial Report is a proposed budget. The Board will endeavour to keep costs within this guideline. This will be the first time the Association has tried to work within a balanced budget.

Melissa Martin moved to have her report accepted. Gail Bews seconded the motion and it carried.

**8. Appointment of Auditor for 2012/2013** – Doris Fishman indicated that she does not want to continue doing the Unit's audit. The unit will try to find a capable individual from the membership or pay for the review.

**11. Presentation of Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney Awards –**

Don Basarsky and Jim Murphy presented the Mini McKenney medallions to the following MP category winners:

**0-5 – Lorraine Sommerville**

**5-20 – Pam Wallace**

**20-50 - Rick Boyd** (not in attendance, medal presented earlier)

**50 – 100 - Elizabeth Sprague**

**100-200 - Melissa Martin**

**200 – 300 - Emelie Quennell**

**300-500 - Jim Murphy**

**500-1000 - Jean Ward**

**1000-2500 – Marilyn Haggins**

**2500 – 5000 - Abdul Fakih**

**5000-7500 – Steve Lawrence**

**7500-10000 - Gerry Marshall**

And then Don and Jim presented the Ace of Clubs certificates to the following MP category winners:

**0-5 - Lorraine Sommerville**

**5-20 - Lena Desjardins**

**20-50 - Rick Boyd** (not in attendance, certificate presented earlier)

**50-100 - Elizabeth Sprague**

**100-200 - Melissa Martin**

**200-300 - Emelie Quennell**

**300-500 - John Sharpe**

**500 – 1000 - Jean Ward**

**1000-2500 - Maged Wafa**

**2500 – 5000 - Jim Berglund**

**5000 -7500 - Steve Lawrence**

**7500 – 10000 - Gerry Marshall**

**11. Special Presentation** – Looking after the Unit BridgeMates takes time and effort. The board presented flowers and a gift card to Joy Saville for her tireless work in this regard. There was a second special presentation that Don Basarsky informed the members of. Jack Murphy was a towering figure in the past of Calgary Bridge, and he spoke of him. The Unit has initialized a special yearly trophy award to be given to a person who exemplifies the promotion of bridge in Calgary. Jim Murphy and a committee will identify this person yearly. Members may only win once.

**12. Election of Directors** – Don Basarsky introduced the 2013 Calgary Duplicate Bridge Association Board of Directors: Don Basarsky - President, Delores Hedley - Vice President, Emelie Quennell – Secretary, Larry Fenton – Treasurer, Paul Scott, Gordon McLure, Robert MacKinven and Merle Hickey – Membership Committee, Delores Lange - Tournaments, Barb Bayer – TIC, Gail Bews – Future Masters, Marilyn Haggins – Information Officer, and Melissa Martin – Special Events. Don asked if there were any volunteers who wanted to serve in any of the positions and be placed on the ballot. None came forward. Chris Murphy moved to accept the nominations as they were for the 2013 board and Michael Farebrother seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

**13. Questions from the floor-** Sandy Robinson took the floor to remind everyone that Barbara Seagram would be coming to Calgary in September to host a 3 session teaching event. On the Wednesday before the teaching seminar she will play in the Wednesday night team game. She will also be playing at the 0-1250 game at Friday's game. Barbara's partners will be assigned from winners of a raffle. Tickets are now available for the raffle as well as the teaching seminar.

Jean Kittlitz said that she thinks the format at the regionals has changed with a bias towards team games. She feels there should be more variety such as Women's Pairs, Men's pairs, etc. Michael Farebrother took the microphone to respond. He commented that he tournament committee at the District level, sets the events. He feels that this concern should be addressed through the tournament committee.

Don Basarsky reiterated the NO SCENTS policy at all our games and events. He asked for consideration of this policy from all members. Don announced that members should have received a ticket for free lunch and bridge for attending today's meeting.

**14. Adjournment** – Don Basarsky adjourned the meeting at 12:50 pm.

## **Attachment 1 - President's Report :**

President's welcome and introductions

I would like to welcome everyone to Unit 390's 2013 AGM. This is a great turnout. And just think. We don't have anything controversial on the Agenda. Remind everyone about No Scent Policy.

We would like to extend a special Thank You to the Aurora Bridge Club and Lorne and Debbie Hanson for being this year's host club. We try to move this event to all clubs on a rotational basis.

At this time I would like to introduce the 2012 Board of Directors to you who are here today:

As happens every year there are some Board members who are stepping down. Nancy Stewart of Tournaments is moving over to the Mentorship program. You know our Vice Pres. – Lou Sandmaier, has moved out to Victoria. Brian Willet and Warren Richards of Membership and Special Events respectively are retiring this year.

For those of you who are leaving, your efforts on behalf of Unit 390 members have been appreciated.

2013 President's Message

This has been another busy and active year for the Board. The highlights of the Board's year include:

1. Bylaws – In working closely with both Alberta Registries and ACBL Head Office we have developed Bylaws that are acceptable to both parties. So for the first time since 2001, the Unit Bylaws are compliant with ACBL and Alta Registry requirements.

I would like to extend personal apologies to Martin MacDonald and John Gilchrist for not establishing an investigative committee. Time constraints did not afford the time. I needed to submit a request through Dist. 18's Claire Jones to ensure our appeal of ACBL Bylaws requirements be relaxed. I wanted to ensure we were included in the 2012 National Congress. As you likely know, Congress approved our appeal unanimously. Alberta Registries was contacted. They accepted the changes made to the Bylaws. A meeting of the membership at the Jan. Sectional approved the Bylaw changes. They were then sent to Alta Registries and they were officially accepted March 22, 2013.

2. Business Functions – All Board members reviewed their position descriptions and updated them. The position descriptions are listed on the Unit website and will be reviewed and adjusted on an annual basis going forward into the future

The Board also looked at positional budget requirements to enable clearer budgeting for coming years. Melissa will be presenting our budget for 2013 as part of her Treasurer's Report. We are also looking at positional timelines so that everyone on the Board knows what is expected to happen on a month to month basis. This segment was not completed and will carry on this year.

3. Board make-up – The Board is developing a committee approach to a number of Board duties. The basis of this approach is to break up the amount of work to be done and also to involve more members in the running of the Unit. For example, Tournaments will have a chairperson, Doris Lange, and a 2IC, Barb Bayer, so that the workload is distributed. Membership will also become a committee function. The duties of this position are huge. Evening out the workload should allow for smoother service delivery. To date we have Paul Scott, Robert MacKinven, Merle Hickey and Doug McLure who have stepped forward to be part of this committee. Tom Nault and Michael Farebrother have said they would offer advice and assistance to the committee to help get them started.

Unit 390 members are very mobile and our hope, with the committee system, is to let everyone know that they do not have to be confined to Calgary as others on the committee can fulfill their function when they are on vacation. There is no expectation that any Board member needs to take a laptop with them on vacation in case any unit business comes up while they are away.

4. Tournaments – The overall revenues from tournaments have been fairly static over the past couple of years. With Assistance from District 18's Marilyn Swadron, the Board is being provided with comparative reports to assist in managing that function. The rookie/master game held recently was a huge success and will be continued into the future. The Board is also planning a mentor/mentee game this fall to assist the growth of that program. The Board is committed to using any excess unit games for such purposes.
5. Unit Trailer Rental – The Board turned down two future events in the United States due to the lack of transportation. We did send the trailer down to Kallispell on a trial basis for a very minor

return. We are looking to establish a list of members who have trucks or larger SUV's to assist in haulage. The Board has adjusted the rates paid for both in town and out of town haulage upward. If you have a vehicle and want to help out contact one of the Board members.

The Board would like to thank all who contacted us over the course of the past year with their comments/suggestions. Member feedback is an ongoing help to the Board. Please keep reading the Board meeting minutes that are posted on the unit website.

Thank you for your trust and support. The Board is trying to represent you and your interests. That only happens through dialogue.

Finally, I would like to thank all members who stepped forward this year to help with member activities: Jean Ward, John & Marjorie Grubb, Ellen Kuiper in Tournaments. Lou Sandmaier for his continual repair and rebuilding of the trailer carts. Dave Swadron as our WebMaster, Joanne Horne for photos, Doris Fishman for Cards and Best Wishes, Bob & Shirley McLeod for \New member liason, and Ken Scott and Marilyn Swadron as Dist 18 Reps. You have all added to the Unit in your giving ways.