

Minutes

Calgary Duplicate Bridge Association

ACBL Unit 390 – Board Meeting

June 24, 2014 5:00 p.m. Gail Bews' Home

The meeting was called to order by President Delores at 5:50 p.m. All Board Members were present: Delores Hedley, Gail Bews, Jim Murphy, Larry Fenton, Doris Lange, Ken Anderson, Keith Wallace, Judy Madge, Judy Gartaganis, and Rick Boyd.

Approval of Agenda

Keith moved and Ken seconded that the agenda be approved. Carried. Question from Larry – what are the plans for spending the money that was allocated at the AGM? This will be discussed in Old Business.

Approval of Minutes

Doris moved and Larry seconded that the minutes of the April 14 Board meeting be accepted as circulated.

Director Reports:

Treasurer – Bank balance as of June 16 is \$8,539.02. The total financial assets are \$44,727.53, of which \$36,188.51 is invested in term deposits with varying maturity dates. All expenses related to the CNTC in May have gone through and we're awaiting payment from CBF of ~\$1,130 for table rental. The donations made by Unit 390 to CBF for hospitality were not required, and the \$3,500 was transferred back into Member's Equity. The Unit financial records were audited by Janet Galbraith with only minor adjustments. Larry moved and Gail seconded that the report be accepted. Carried.

Tournaments – Barb & Doris are co-chairing. Fall sectionals information is on the website and can be accessed now. No changes. Discussed the possibility of including lunches with registration fees for either Saturday or Sunday. Jim related that this is common practice in Whitefish. This could bring in more registrants as well as ending the day earlier. It could also be an opportunity to allow time for an educational session. Keith moved and Jim seconded that we allocate up to \$1,500 to provide lunch for the Oct. 31 – Nov. 2 Sectional. Carried. Doris will look into the matter.

Special Events – no report

Future Masters – no report

Secretary – The Unit 390 documents were organized into binders by past secretary, Emelie, and turned over to Judy M. They now reside at her house. The transition from past board to present board has been completed. The annual submission to Alberta Services to keep our non-profit registration up-to-date is on track to be mailed to Edmonton in July. Moved by Judy M. & seconded by Gail that the report be accepted. Carried.

Membership – 7 new members, 8 re-instated members, 0 transfers in, 2 transfers out, 3 (LMs) failed to renew, 8 (non-LMs) failed to renew = a net increase of 1. 906 members as of June 1 – 349 LMs and 557 non LMs. 3 new Life-Masters and 18 other rank changes. Judy G. plans to keep a master list. (Will be able to compare membership statistics from year to year.) She will clarify with Paul Scott who should receive a copy of the In/Out

Report in the future. A discussion about the ease or necessity of keeping snow birds on the e-mail list. Judy G. moved and Jim seconded that the report be accepted. Carried. Jim turned over a stack of letters that had been sent to members but were returned. Judy G. will confirm the names and addresses.

Information Officer – in Penticton, results were sent immediately through “Fast Results.” In order to offer this program we need a duplicating machine (~\$5000) for regional and sectionals. Rick will talk to Brian & Joy and suggest that they do ‘Fast Results’ for their games. Rick suggests that we purchase a duplicating machine. Rick moved & Larry seconded that Rick check into obtaining a used machine from a World Championship Event. Carried.

Old Business

a) CNTC’s May 3 – 10 – Hospitality (Delores) ended up with ~\$120. No hospitality was extended to Flight C for logistical reasons. CBF lost ~\$10,000 on the tournament (because of the low numbers of hotel room rentals). They owe the unit ~\$1,100 for equipment used. We will wait to see what their actual loss is before deciding if we would like to help them financially.

b) AGM May 22, 2014 –

- Library – The item arose when Martin MacDonald e-mailed some members that he was unhappy with how ‘the library’ was being handled. He would like to be the custodian of it at Parkdale. See library discussion under “New Business” below.
- Had 33 tables of members, food was great, and meeting went smoothly.
- Larry wondered about the \$5000 that was set aside for equipment purchases. Who is handling these purchases? Gail will talk to Steve Lawrence about it. Delores will invite Barb Lawrence to consider doing some maintenance on the bidding boxes for the Unit.

c) Revisions to Unit Website

These have been initiated by Delores.

d) Directors’ School

Delores would like to have a seminar sometime in the next year for those who are interested. It would probably be held for non-life masters. Could survey at the next Sectional to see what people would like to have covered. Gail suggested that it could be offered as a rookie/master game. Delores will advise Marilyn & Murray to hold off making plans until further notice.

New Business

a) Rookie/Master Team games – Although the unit could initiate these with the clubs, Delores suggested keeping it away from the clubs and that we offer it as a Unit game and hold it on a Saturday night at the Kirby Centre. Gail moved and Ken seconded that we hold a rookie/master team game at the Kirby Centre. Carried. Rick asked about inviting non-ACLB members. Agreed to invite non-sanctioned groups such as community centres. Probably start it in early October. Ken, Special Events, will initiate.

b) Library – Janet will begin sorting and ‘cataloging’ the first five (of fifteen) boxes of materials from Jim’s garage. Rather than maintaining these materials as a library collection, Judy G. suggested that we could have a book sale. Judy G. moved and Delores seconded that we try to get them ready for sale by September. Carried.

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- c) **Horde** – e-mail addresses for each board member are on the website. Contact Dave S. to get a password to see what is in your mailbox. Judy G. wondered if these messages could be automatically set up to come to our personal e-mail. Dave S. will be able to answer this.
 - d) **Members' Equity** – money will be spent on supplies and perhaps a duplicating machine.
 - e) **Website Updates** – need someone to go through the website and clean up the redundant items. Jim will take a look at it.
 - f) **Free Plays (Mentorship/Unit)** – Larry stated that around \$1,000 a year is spent on free plays. Last year's mentor/mentee group ran out of 'free play coupons'. Suggested that someone on the Board monitor these free plays in the future. Marilyn Swadron has been looking after this. Nancy Stewart and Janet Sharpe were also involved. Some confusion last year as extras were photocopied and distributed. It was suggested that Future Masters (Keith) look after this as he is connected to the Mentor/Mentee program. Delores will contact Marilyn to let her know that we will be making new arrangements to print these chits.
 - g) **ACBL Facebook** – Jim received a communication from ACBL inviting Unit 390 to join Facebook. Judy G. will contact the CBF to see how beneficial they're finding Facebook.
 - h) **Common Game** – see information on 'fast results' above.

Next meeting – Tuesday August 26, 5:30 p.m. – at Gail's house.

Keith moved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:15 p.m.