

# Minutes

## Calgary Duplicate Bridge Association ACBL Unit 390 – Annual General Meeting

May 13, 2017

11:00 a.m.

Kerby Centre, Calgary

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### Welcome and Introduction

John Sharpe, President, called the meeting to order at 11:50 a.m. He introduced the members of the 2016-17 Board and thanked them.

### Confirmation of Quorum

A quorum of thirty was required and over seventy-five members were in attendance.

### Approval of Agenda

Jim Berglund moved and Susan Julius seconded that the agenda be accepted as presented. Carried

### Approval of Minutes of 2016 AGM

Clarende Duby moved and Elaine Stewart seconded that the minutes be approved as presented. Carried

### President's Report

John presented his report outlining the activities of the Unit this past year. Tracy Horan moved and Marlene Lenstra seconded that the President's message be accepted. Carried. The report is appended.

### Treasurer's Report

Steve Lawrence moved and Barb Bayer seconded that the report be accepted as read by the treasurer, Ed Lamb. Carried. The report is appended to these minutes.

### Appointment of Auditors for 2017 – 2018

Doug Mann has indicated that he will continue to be the auditor for Unit 390 for the current year.

### Presentation of Ace of Clubs, Mini McKenney Awards, and other Special Presentations

After briefly reviewing the parameters of the awards, Judy Gartaganis announced the winners' names and presented the Certificates and the Medals to those attending. Susan Julius, Unit photographer, captured the moments.

*Ace of Clubs* - A list of winners is attached.

*Mini McKenney* - A list of winners is attached.

*Special Presentations* – none

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## **Election of Directors 2017-2018**

Unit 390 members who have agreed to stand for the following Board Director positions are

- John Sharpe – President
- Carrie Stockman – Vice President
- Judy Madge – Secretary
- Ed Lamb – Treasurer
- Still to be filled - Tournaments
- Dev Drysdale – Future Masters
- Judy Gartaganis – Membership
- Tracy Horan – Special Events
- Caroleigh Houghton – Information/Publicity Officer

Clarende Duby moved and Barbara Webster seconded that the slate be accepted as read. Carried.

**Nomination of Officers for Election** – Tracy Horan moved and Katie Trafford seconded that the four officer positions be accepted as presented. Carried. President – John Sharpe, Vice-President – Carrie Stockman, Treasurer – Ed Lamb, Secretary – Judy Madge.

## **Questions from the Floor**

Sandy Robinson from the Regional Planning Committee, reported that times for the games may change at the next year's Calgary Regional. The committee welcomes input from the membership.

Myron Achtman asked where the stop was in getting Bridge introduced into the schools. John responded that several members have pursued it, but so far, there has been no progress.

## **Adjournment**

Caroleigh Houghton moved and Gail Bews seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 12:23 p.m. Carried.

## *Addendum to the Minutes: President's Message*

### Unit 390 President's Report 2017

It is with great pleasure that I am able to report that the membership of Unit 390 increased by almost 5% over the period April 2016 to April 2017. The membership at April 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 was 942 up from 898 a year ago. This should be viewed in the light that overall membership of the ACBL has been more or less constant at 167,000 for the past few years. I believe that this increase can be attributed mainly to the work of the bridge teachers in Calgary. Over the past year there have been three weekend boot camps conducted by Nancy Klym and Bev Mason that attracted 115 participants. In addition courses offered by Linda Walker, Jane Lamont, Rae Haaland, Clarende Duby and Sandra Evans have offered players the opportunity to learn bridge on weekday afternoons and evenings so that access to instruction is available to all. Abdul Fakhri is currently providing instruction on Friday mornings and Marilyn and Murray Haggins are providing new players the opportunity to play duplicate with their peers in a bid and play session. Many, many thanks to all these teachers.

Last October Audrey Grant brought her Better Bridge Festival to Calgary. The objective of this cross Canada tour was to raise funds for the Canadian Bridge Federation, which it did successfully. The Festival also provided people the opportunity to become accredited bridge teachers at no cost. The feedback from the 53 attendees was very positive.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual rookie/master teams game was held at the Kerby Centre on 4<sup>th</sup> February and attracted a record 38 teams, which was a 50% increase from last year. Thanks to all the volunteers and the organisers, Tracy Horan and Dev Drysdale, who did an excellent job and for their contribution to an enjoyable evening.

The four sectional tournaments held over the past year attracted 1060 tables. The increase in fees to \$11 per session has resulted in additional revenue for the Unit which will be passed back to the participants in the form of additional hospitality. The new location at the Clarion Hotel will be the venue for the next two years since we have been able to negotiate a favourable rental agreement.

Nicholas and Judith Gartaganis represented Canada at the World Bridge games in Poland last September. Out of a field of 53 they reached the quarter finals before being knocked out by the losing finalist, Monaco. They were inducted into the Canadian Bridge Hall of Fame recently and will be the subject of an article in the June edition of Bridge Magazine.

A telephone directory in a different format was published this year. In addition to the list of phone numbers the directory also contains a diary, a listing of the bridge clubs and the times of the duplicate bridge games in Calgary and area. Thanks to the editor, Judith Gartaganis, and to the Calgary Community Bridge League for their contribution to the publishing costs.

This year saw the webmaster responsibilities being taken over by Dan Bertrand and Doug Mann from Dave Swadron. Dave had carried out the webmaster responsibilities for the past few years and with his wife Marilyn was awarded the Jack Murphy Memorial trophy in 2015 in recognition of lifetime service to the Calgary bridge community. Dave passed away on Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> 2017. He will be missed.

Last January a significant number of bridge players in Calgary made their TV debuts at the filming of Fargo. The setting was at the Wildcat Regional in 2010, somewhere in Minnesota. The stars of the show, Ewan McGregor and Carrie Coon, believe they can make big money playing bridge! Good luck to them. However, the experience of being on a film set was a novel experience and seeing the amount of effort that goes into a film clip that lasts less than three minutes was enlightening. It is no wonder that TV shows cost so much to make.

There has been no success so far in getting a volunteer to tackle introducing bridge into schools. Although that will be a challenge, the rewards are substantial since studies have conclusively proven that playing bridge improves students' grades. If anyone will consider taking on the challenge please contact any board member.

The success of Unit 390 can be attributed to the effort of many associate board members who carry out their responsibilities diligently. I wish to acknowledge the thanks of the board to the following:-

Past President	Delores Hedley
New Member Liaison	Bob and Shirley McLeod
Caddy Master	Mike D'Aguiar
Sectional Partnership Desk	Marcia Andreychuk
Webmasters	Dan Bertrand and Doug Mann
Mentorship	Nancy Stewart and Janet Sharpe
Conduct and Ethics	Doug Mann
Recorder	Frank Ayer
Photographer	Susan Julius
Trophies	Janet Galbraith
Unit Assets	Steve Lawrence and Barbara Webster
Notices	Crystal Mann
Kibitzer Editors	Judith and Nicholas Gartaganis
Cards and Best Wishes	Doris Fishman
Trailer Hauling	Jim Griffeth and Rod Hilderman

Finally I wish to thank all the bridge club owners, managers and directors without whom we would have nowhere to play! A special thank you to Jane Lamont and Brian Johns who have initiated new clubs over the past year.

This concludes the report.

John Sharpe, President ACBL Unit 390

***Addendum #2 to the Minutes: 2016 Award Winners***Presentations: Ace of Clubs Certificates

0 to 5 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race - Thomas Trafford  
5 to 20 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race - Katie Trafford  
20 to 50 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race - Raymond Dickinson  
50 to 100 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race - Brent Muir  
100 to 200 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race - Dennis Ooms  
200 to 300 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race - Richard Bickley  
300 to 500 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race - Linda Ellsworth  
500 to 1000 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race - Dale Bercov  
1000 to 1500 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race - Dave Adelman  
1500 to 2500 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race - Jean Ward  
2500 to 3500 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race - Diane Campbell  
3500 to 5000 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race - Jim Berglund  
5000 to 7500 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race - Abdul Fakih  
7500 to 10,000 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race - Steven Lawrence  
Over 10,000 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race - Nicholas Gartaganis

Presentations: Mini-McKenney Awards

0 to 5 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race - Thomas Trafford  
5 to 20 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race - Katie Trafford  
20 to 50 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race - Raymond Dickinson  
50 to 100 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race - Brent Muir  
100 to 200 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race - Shelley Mardiros  
200 to 300 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race - Richard Bickley

300 to 500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race - Michael Shuster  
500 to 1000 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race - Dorothy Mersereau  
1000 to 1500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race - Dave Adelman  
1500 to 2500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race - Jean Ward  
2500 to 3500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race - Diane Campbell  
3500 to 5000 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race - Jim Berglund  
5000 to 7500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race - Abdul Fakh  
7500 to 10,000 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race - Steven Lawrence  
Over 10,000 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race - Nicholas Gartaganis

***Addendum #3 to the Minutes: Treasurer's Report***

CALGARY DUPLICATE BRIDGE ASSOCIATION ACBL UNIT 390

TREASURER'S REPORT

MARCH 31, 2017

The Unit's financial transactions for the year ending March 31, 2017 generated an operating surplus of \$3,368. This outcome resulted from a combination of positive and negative items.

Noteworthy are increased revenues of \$1,752 from the four Sectional Tournaments held in the year. In addition, trailer and equipment rentals increased by \$2,079 from the Regional Tournaments held in Red Deer and Lethbridge in 2016.

Offsetting the increased revenues, the Unit spent an unbudgeted \$2,778 to purchase some new Bridgemate terminals and some new hinged boards which will be used at upcoming Sectional and Regional Tournaments.

All other items in the Statement of Operations were in line with the amounts budgeted. Members' Equity rose to \$39,474 as at March 31, 2017.

The budget for 2017-2018 will be debated and approved by the new Board of Directors at the next board meeting.

The Unit owns a trailer, bidding boxes, tables, boards with cards, Bridgemate terminals and a board duplicator. These items were expensed when purchased and are not capitalize on our Balance Sheet.



Ed Lamb

Unit 390 Treasurer, Calgary Duplicate Bridge Association

CALGARY DUPLICATE BRIDGE ASSOCIATION UNIT 390  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT MARCH 31

	2017	2016
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Cash	\$ 18,601	\$ 5,838
Term deposits	<u>25,729</u>	<u>36,195</u>
	\$ 44,330	\$ 42,033
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Deferred revenue	\$ 3,213	\$ 4,284
Funds held in trust	<u>1,643</u>	<u>1,643</u>
	4,856	5,927
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Members' equity	39,474	36,106
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 44,330</b>	<b>\$ 42,033</b>





## CALGARY DUPLICATE BRIDGE ASSOCIATION UNIT 390

## STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND NET ASSETS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31

	2017	2016
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Sectionals (see schedule)	\$ 4,772	\$ 3,020
ACBL rebate	4,235	4,422
Equipment rental	4,276	2,197
Bridgemate lease payments	1,239	1,071
Board duplicator revenue	800	1,067
Return of Advance to 15 Regional	-	6,000
Interest income	-	10
	<u>15,322</u>	<u>17,787</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Trailer and equipment	744	649
New and replacement equipment	2,778	(291)
90+ club	216	522
Office and general	1,639	1,594
Travel subsidies	1,000	1,300
Meetings and hospitality	1,420	2,486
Trophies	180	242
Donation to 2015 Calgary Regional	-	1,000
Special events	2,696	4,645
New members & mentorship	<u>1,281</u>	<u>1,617</u>
	11,954	13,764
Excess of revenues over expenses	3,368	4,023
NET ASSETS - Beginning of the year	36,106	32,083
<b>NET ASSETS - End of the year</b>	<b>\$ 39,474</b>	<b>\$ 36,106</b>