

# Minutes

**Calgary Duplicate Bridge Association**  
**ACBL Unit 390 – Annual General Meeting**  
**June 9, 2018 11:00 a.m. Kerby Centre, Calgary**

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## **Welcome and Introduction**

John Sharpe, President, called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m. He introduced the members of the 2017-18 Board and thanked them. He also thanked those members who are not returning to their positions: Dev Drysdale, Tracy Horan, and Delores Hedley.

## **Confirmation of Quorum**

A quorum of thirty was required and over eighty members were in attendance.

## **Approval of Agenda**

Steve Lawrence moved and Gail Bews seconded that the agenda be accepted as presented. Carried

## **Approval of Minutes of 2017 AGM & the Special Meeting of March 24, 2018**

Marlene Fuller moved and Maged Wafa 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 Carol McManus seconded that the President's message be accepted. Carried. The report is appended.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Ed Lamb, treasurer, presented the financial statements for 2017-18 and the budget for the coming year. Nick Gartaganis queried the reason for the large increase in hospitality expenses for the year. Ed responded that the cost of the Special Meeting in March to approve the By-Law changes accounted for the increase. Andrew Serafini asked if regional fees would be going up. Myron Achtman mentioned that there are expenses attached to teaching bridge in the schools. Keith Falkenberg moved and Barbara Webster seconded that the report be accepted as read. Carried. The report is appended to these minutes.

## **Appointment of Auditors for 2018 – 2019**

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

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## **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. Photos of the winners were captured for the website.

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

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

***Special Presentations*** – none

## **Election of Directors 2018-2019**

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

- John Sharpe – President
- Lyman Warner – Vice President
- Judy Madge – Secretary
- Ed Lamb – Treasurer
- Carrie Stockman, Jo Peterson - Tournaments
- Susan Korba – Future Masters
- Judy Gartaganis – Membership
- Marvis Olson – Special Events
- Caroleigh Houghton – Information/Publicity Officer
- Myron Achtman – Bridge in Schools

Tracy Horan moved and Caroleigh Houghton seconded that the nominations close. Carried. Tracy Horan and Doug Mann moved that those who are nominated be elected. Carried.

## **Questions from the Floor**

Jane Lamont shared her success with teaching bridge to school students.

Roxanne Rees asked about the new bridge venue being planned in Calgary. Abdul Fakhri responded on behalf of the non-profit group (CCBL) that is seeking this new venue. This group has been working to establish a Calgary Bridge Centre for the past ten years. They are closer now, but as they are still in the midst of negotiations, Abdul cannot provide details. Anyone interested in joining this group should come forward, as it is open to all Calgary bridge players.

## **Adjournment**

Marlene Fuller moved and Elaine Stewart seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 12:23 p.m. Carried.

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

### **Unit 390 President's Annual Report - 2018**

The membership of Unit 390 did not achieve the stellar performance achieved in 2016-2017. However, the membership over the period April 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2018 did increase by 7 to 949. In April another 15 joined to bring the total to 964. This includes 13 new temporary members. Whether or not the new policy of the ACBL, which requires temporary membership of the ACBL to play in a Sectional or Regional, will lead to more membership in the long term remains to be seen.

The Unit has provided additional opportunities for newer members to achieve silver points by holding two 299er Sectionals. These were a great success and attracted over 240 tables. Thanks to Tracy Horan, Dev Drysdale and all their assistants in making these events so successful.

Unfortunately the other event geared towards rookies, the Rookie / Master team event, had to be cancelled owing to a major winter snowstorm. Hopefully the event this coming February will not suffer the same fate.

The Sectionals continue to be well supported, attracting 1149 tables compared with 1060 last year, an increase of 8%. I believe that this indicates that the new venue at the Clarion has been accepted and that Carrie Stockman and her tournament committee are doing a great job. The new table covers designed and made by Caroleigh Houghton are also contributing to a more professional environment.

A Special Meeting of the Unit was held on March 24<sup>th</sup> with the objective of modifying the bylaws and the proposed changes were approved. In the old bylaws the number of directors was fixed at nine (9) and the officers, i.e. President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, were elected by the membership, not the board. Consequently the directors did not have the authority to appoint a successor following the resignation or removal of an officer during their term of office. The new bylaws have changed the number of directors to between seven (7) and twelve (12) and the election of officers is now a board responsibility. In addition there were several minor changes to improve clarity. As a consequence this meeting will be shorter than previously because the membership will no longer have to appoint the officers. The meeting turned out to be rather expensive for the Unit since the Clarion provided sufficient pizza to feed the 5,000, not the 60 members in attendance.

It is still early days for the 2018 Mentorship Program, but it is hoped that the new Mentorship Vision, Purpose and Strategic Plan 2018, which is available on the website, will provide clearer guidelines for both mentors and mentees as to what is expected from program participants. Thanks to Brian Johns and Sandra Evans for taking over the responsibility for this program and to Janet Sharpe for handling the distribution of the free plays. Thanks also to Nancy Stewart for her leadership on the program over the past several years. It is much appreciated.

The applications so far have not included significant interest from members in the 200 to 750 masterpoint range for either mentees or mentors. I do not understand this but request that if you know of

anyone in this range please suggest to them that there are significant advantages in becoming involved with the program. As a mentee the advantages are obvious, but as a mentor there are also benefits associated with having to make sure that your knowledge of conventions, card distributions, safety plays etc. is absolutely clear so that you can impart that knowledge successfully.

The Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney awards for the Unit will be handed out later in this meeting. However, I wish to recognize players who achieved success at the District and National levels. In the Mini-Richmond, which is a Canada wide event, Michael Serafini was the winner in the 5-20 point category and Dorothy Mersereau was the winner in the 500-1000 point category. In the District 18 Mini-McKenney there were eight (8) winners from Unit 390. Robert Stothers 0-5, Michael Serafini 5-20, Danuta Trafford 20-50, Brent Muir 100-200, Mary Anne Crookes 200-500, Dorothy Mersereau 500-1000, Helen Dillen 1000-1500 and Nicholas Gartaganis 10,000+. Robert Stothers, Michael Serafini and Brent Muir were also winners of the District 18 Ace of Clubs. Congratulations to them all.

The Unit has modified the travel policy with most subsidies being increased 100%. Although this subsidy does not come close to covering the costs of attending the finals of the Grand National Teams, the North American Pairs or the Canadian Bridge Federation Championships, it does help and hopefully will encourage more people to enter into these events.

On the topic of the Canadian Bridge Federation Championships, I am not sure that many of you are aware of the marathon endurance required to win this event. The round robin lasts for four days, followed by a day and a half quarter final, a day and a half semi-final followed by a two day final. A total of 466 boards over nine days. Quite the endurance feat and I am pleased to announce that Judy and Nicholas Gartaganis were again on the winning team and will represent Canada at the World Series in Orlando in September. I am sure that you will join me in wishing them every success.

The Unit has been unsuccessfully attempting to introduce bridge into schools for the past few years. I am now delighted to report that this past year Myron Achtman contacted Gary Strother, the Superintendent of the Catholic School Board, and with his assistance has successfully introduced bridge into St. Jude's Elementary school in Woodbine. He has a class of 10, reduced from the initial complement of 22, which was too many to handle. There were 14, 40 minute bridge classes held during lunch times and at the conclusion of the program the students were displaying excellent bridge etiquette, were able to play no trump, major and minor suit contracts, and weak 2's.

The school principal, Robert Brabec, is excited about continuing the program this fall. However, to expand the program there is clearly a need for more instructors. Myron has a lesson plan that works and is prepared to offer instructional workshops to explain his lesson plan to anyone who wishes to teach bridge to schoolchildren. I hope that several of you will take this opportunity to introduce bridge into schools because the future of the game depends on getting the younger generation interested. Many thanks to you Myron, this is a major breakthrough.

Finally I wish to thank all the Unit Associates, club managers, directors and teachers without whom the Unit could not function successfully. Over the past year there have been several changes. The caddy

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master position has been taken over by Delores Hedley, thanks to Mike D'Aguiar; the mentorship has been taken over by Brian Johns and Sandra Evans, thanks to Nancy Stewart; the photographer position has been taken over by Milt and Sharon Mansell following the passing of Susan Julius, she will be greatly missed; Unit assets have been transferred to Barbara Webster in recognition of the fact that she has been doing the job for some time, but thanks are due to Steve Lawrence the nominal position holder; notices have been assigned to David Ho, thanks to Crystal Mann who has held the position for some years; and finally Jim Murphy who has taken over the new position of Unit trailer and maintenance.

This concludes the report.

John Sharpe, President ACBL Unit 390

***Addendum #2 to the Minutes: Award Winners*****Presentations: 2017 Ace of Clubs Certificates**

0 to 5 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race - Robert Stothers  
5 to 20 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race - Michael Serafini  
20 to 50 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race - ThomasTrafford  
50 to 100 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race - Katie Trafford  
100 to 200 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race - Brent Muir  
200 to 300 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race - Mary Anne Crookes  
300 to 500 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race - Pat Anderson  
500 to 1000 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race - Dale Bercov  
1000 to 1500 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race - Helen Dillen  
1500 to 2500 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race - Dave Adelman  
2500 to 3500 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race - Maged Wafa  
3500 to 5000 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race - Keith Moores  
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 - Gerry Marshall

**Presentations: 2017 Mini-McKenney Awards**

0 to 5 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race - Robert Stothers  
5 to 20 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race - Michael Serafini  
20 to 50 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race - Danuta Trafford  
50 to 100 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race - Devra Drysdale  
100 to 200 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race - Brent Muir  
200 to 300 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race - Mary Anne Crookes

300 to 500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race - Andy McKaig

500 to 1000 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race - Dorothy Mersereau

1000 to 1500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race - Helen Dillen

1500 to 2500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race - Dave Adelman

2500 to 3500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race - Jadwiga Polujan

3500 to 5000 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race - Perry Khakhar

5000 to 7500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race - Daniel Bertrand

7500 to 10,000 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race - Judith Gartaganis

Over 10,000 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race - Nicholas Gartaganis

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

CALGARY DUPLICATE BRIDGE ASSOCIATION ACBL UNIT 390

### TREASURER'S REPORT

MARCH 31, 2018

The Unit's financial transactions for the year ending March 31, 2018 generated an operating surplus of \$738. This outcome resulted from a combination of positive and negative items.

Noteworthy are increased revenues of \$4,092 from the four Sectional Tournaments held in the year. Our tournaments continue to generate record attendances, with 2017-2018 table counts exceeding the 2016-2017 counts at every tournament. In total, Unit revenues from all sources in 2017-2018 were up by \$2,249 or 15% compared to 2016-2017.

Offsetting the increased revenues, the Unit spent the following unbudgeted amounts: the net cost of the Novice (299'er) tournament in November 2017 was \$1,359; the special meeting of members on March 24, 2018 to approve our new bylaws cost \$1,790. In addition, our Rookie-Master event in February 2018 was cancelled due to heavy snowfall. Expenses of \$1,897 were incurred, with no offsetting table revenues. In the previous year, expenses of \$1,968 were offset by table revenues of \$1,490. Total expenses of the Unit in fiscal 2018 were \$16,833 and increase of \$4,879 or 41% compared to fiscal 2017.

All other items in the Statement of Operations were in line with the amounts budgeted. Members' Equity rose to \$40,212 as at March 31, 2018.

The budget for 2018-2019 was approved by the Board of Directors at the May 15, 2018 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 capitalized on our Balance Sheet.



Ed Lamb

Unit 390 Treasurer, Calgary Duplicate Bridge Association



## CALGARY DUPLICATE BRIDGE ASSOCIATION UNIT 390

## STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND NET ASSETS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31

	2018	2017
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Sectionals (see schedule)	\$ 8,864	\$ 4,772
ACBL rebates	4,712	4,235
Board duplicator revenue	1,495	800
Bridgemate lease payments	1,071	1,239
Equipment rental	800	4,276
Interest income	<u>629</u>	<u>-</u>
	17,571	15,322
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Special events	3,731	2,696
Meetings and hospitality	3,468	1,420
Office and general	3,125	1,639
Travel subsidies	1,700	1,000
New members & mentorship	1,552	1,124
New and replacement equipment	1,365	2,778
Free plays	728	157
Trailer and equipment	614	744
90+ club	210	216
Trophies	<u>340</u>	<u>180</u>
	16,833	11,954
Excess of revenues over expenses	738	3,368
NET ASSETS - Beginning of the year	39,474	36,106
<b>NET ASSETS - End of the year</b>	<b>\$ 40,212</b>	<b>\$ 39,474</b>

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

	2018	2017
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Cash	\$ 18,019	\$ 18,601
Term deposits	<u>31,417</u>	<u>25,729</u>
	\$ 49,436	\$ 44,330
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 5,439	\$ -
Deferred revenue	2,142	3,213
Funds held in trust	<u>1,643</u>	<u>1,643</u>
	9,224	4,856
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Members' equity	40,212	39,474
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 49,436</b>	<b>\$ 44,330</b>

**Sectional Revenues and Expenses - Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2018**

	<b>Sectional #1 Sept 2017</b>	<b>Sectional #2 Nov 2017</b>	<b>Sectional #3 Jan 2018</b>	<b>Sectional #4 March 2018</b>	<b>2017-2018 TOTAL</b>	<b>2016-2017 TOTAL</b>
Gross Tournament Fees Collected	\$ 13,057	\$ 12,257	\$ 12,403	\$ 12,364	\$ 50,081	\$ 43,589
Director's Deductions	(6,655)	(6,794)	(5,953)	(6,415)	(25,817)	(27,921)
Deposit to Unit	6,402	5,463	6,450	5,949	24,264	15,668
Expenses Paid by Unit	(3,859)	(4,057)	(3,807)	(3,677)	(15,400)	(10,896)
<b>Net Sectional Funds to the Unit</b>	<b>\$ 2,543</b>	<b>\$ 1,406</b>	<b>\$ 2,643</b>	<b>\$ 2,272</b>	<b>\$ 8,864</b>	<b>\$ 4,772</b>
Table Count	296.0	290.5	276.5	287.0	1,150.0	1,061.0