

MINUTES

Calgary Duplicate Bridge Association
ACBL Unit 390 - Board Meeting
Date: SEPTEMBER 10/2019 Inglewood Golf Club

The meeting was called to order by Lyman at 6:05 pm. Members present: Lyman Warner, Ed Lamb, Judith Gartaganis, Delores Hedley, Myron Achtman, Jo Peterson, Olga Williams, Carrie Stockman, Susan Korba, John Sharpe.

1) Approval of Agenda — Additions to the agenda: Update Unit policies: CCBL request to borrow trailer and supplies for Larry Cohen seminar; Bridgehaven request for contribution to October 4 game. Moved by Judith, seconded by Carrie that the agenda, as amended, be approved. Carried.

2) Approval of Minutes - of April 23, 2019
Carrie moved and Ed Lamb seconded that the minutes of April 23, 2019 be accepted. Carried.

3) Approval of minutes of - July 7, 2019
Delores moved and Carrie seconded that the minutes of July 7, 2019 be accepted. Carried.

4) Director Reports -

A) President's Report - (Lyman Warner)

Old Business arising from minutes of - April 23 meeting

a) The director's course that was considered earlier this year is off because several of the interested participants have taken the course on line. A director's course will be offered next year. It is recommended that the date be specified when the next notice goes out.

b) There is a bootcamp scheduled for October 5th and 6th 2019. John Sharpe reported the event is sold out and there is a substantial waiting list. Since there is a significant number of people on the waiting list we will try to run a repeat bootcamp in the Spring. John will investigate whether the instructors would consider capping participant enrolment at 32 rather than the current 40.

New Business:

a) The need for an additional board meeting was presented by Lyman Warner. We discussed the possibility of adding an additional meeting to occur shortly after the AGM each May, possibly in the summer.

b) Lyman presented an invitation for our unit to host an Audrey Grant teaching event. After group discussion we decided against hosting the event.

c) Another NLM Regional

Carrie raised the possibility that Unit 390 could host a NLM Regional in conjunction with a regular Sectional. She will investigate further, particularly to discover how the financial structure would work (e.g. would Unit 390 retain profits, if any).

d) Policy Updates

A number of the Unit 390 Policies need to be reviewed and updated. For example, the Bidding Box Policy was established in 2004 and has not been revised since that time. The Free Play Policy does not match current practice. Judith will review these policies and circulate proposed revisions.

e) CCBL Request to Borrow Trailer

The Unit received a request from the CCBL to borrow the trailer and supplies for next year's Larry Cohen seminar, June 27 - 28, 2020. Approved.

f) Martin McDonald Request for Contribution

Bridgheaven Bridge Club will hold their re-opening game on October 4 and it has been designated as a "send off" for Michael Farebrother. The Unit was approached to contribute toward the event. Respectfully declined.

B) Treasurer (Ed Lamb) -

Ed Lamb presented the Treasurer's Report. We still have not received payment from District 18 related to the Red Deer Regional. Lyman moved the report accepted and Delores seconded the motion. Carried.

C) Tournaments (Carrie Stockman/Jo Peterson) -

Carrie Stockman presented the financials for the recent Fall Sectional. The tournament was successful, netting a profit of roughly \$1,782, almost \$300 more than projected. The table count was up over 50 tables compared to last September with a total of 354.5 tables in play.

There is positive feedback regarding the popular Knockout games and game time changes implemented at this tournament. Carrie will use the same format in the October Winter tournament.

Dates and sanction applications for 2020 and 2021 tournaments have been submitted and approved with the exception of the 2020 Fall sectional, September 4 - 6, 2020.

D) Mentorship Program -

Brian Johns and Sandra Evans are the volunteers running the mentorship program.

Janet Sharpe is managing the distribution of Free Plays to mentors.

E) Special Events (Marvis Olson/Delores Hedley) -

Dates the the District 18 GNT Final (on line) will be May 8 - 9, 2020. We will try to book Westgate Community Centre for the event.

The date for the Rookie Master team game will be decided at a later meeting.

The preferred date for the 2020 AGM is Sunday May 24, 2020. Delores will try to book Haysborough Community Centre for the event. Feedback after last year's AGM suggests that we need to find a different caterer.

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F) Future masters (Susan Korba) -

Susan Korba presented a Future Masters report. There will be a 299'er tournament on Saturday November 9, 2019. Murray and Marilyn Haggins will direct the event. The Unit will pay \$135.00 per session for a total of \$540.00. Session times are set at 10:00 - 1:30 and 3:00 - 6:00. Card fees are set at \$12.00 per session (under 5 master points play free). Proposed stratification is 0 - 20, 20-100, 100-300. Having the 0-20 group play in a stand alone section was discussed. Other planning details to be finalized.

G) Secretary (Olga Williams) -

H) Membership (Judith Gartaganis) -

Judy advised us the new website is complete now and the old website material will be deleted.

Judy submitted the membership report showing impressive steady growth. Current membership as of August 2019 stands at 1033. Lyman moved to accept the report and Delores seconded. Carried.

Judy moved that we renew our ownership of the domain "calgarybridge.com" at a cost of \$19.99 for one year. Lyman seconded. Carried.

The Temporary Membership will be discontinued as soon as procedures are in place. It will be replaced with a free Guest Membership, which provides the applicant with an ACBL number and will allow the accumulation of up to 5 master points.

The ACBL Board of Directors has voted to eliminate the positions of Unit recorder and Unit Disciplinary Chair effective Jan 1, 2020. All disciplinary matters will be managed by Districts. A Unit may request to retain a local "Assistant Recorder".

I) Information Officer (Caroleigh Houghton)

J) Youth Education (Myron Achtman) -

Myron Achtman presented a report on the School Bridge Program which will begin again in October. The program is growing in the number of schools participating and is off to a good start. There are a number of Bridge teachers, mentors and helpers willing to help make this program grow. Myron mentioned the possibility of a tournament in March.

Next meeting: A meeting will be held November 11th. 6:00 pm Inglewood Golf and Country Club

Olga moved the meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm.