

# MINUTES

## Calgary Duplicate Bridge Association ACBL Unit 390 - Board Meeting

*Date:* November 11/2019 Inglewood Golf Club

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*The meeting was called to order by Lyman at : 6:06 pm Members present: Lyman Warner, Jo Peterson, Myron Achtman, Olga Williams, Delores Hedley, Judith Gartaganis, Caroleigh Houghton, John Sharpe, Marvis Olson, Ed Lamb. Guest: Barbara Webster*

- 1) Approval of Agenda - Delores moved and Caroleigh seconded that the agenda be approved. Carried.*
- 2) Approval of Minutes - Caroleigh moved and Judith seconded that the minutes of the September 10th meeting be approved. Carried.*

*A) President's Report (Lyman Warner):*

*Old Business arising from minutes of - September 10, 2019 meeting: -*

- 1. A director's course was organized by Keith Falkenberg. It ran November 8 - 10, with 13 attendees. Unit 390 contributed \$500.00 for facility rental.*
- 2. November 2nd and 3rd Boot Camp which John Sharpe organized was very successful.*
- 3. The New Unit Bidding Box Policy is in effect. Jo Peterson noted that we need to update the signage displayed at our Sectionals.*
- 4. New Unit Free Play Policy now in effect. A small number of these free plays were sold to Jane Lamont. This was treated as a one-off request. The matter will be revisited by the Board should further requests to purchase free plays be received.*

*New Business -*

- 1. There is some club confusion regarding Unit 390 Unit Games and Unit Policy. Judith will update the policy and submit the information to the Board for approval via email.*
- 2. Barbara Webster submitted a suggestion for the Unit 390 Website. Most clubs are now using ACBL Live for Clubs to submit game results to the ACBL, and this practice will become mandatory in 2020. The website currently has a Quick Link to ACBL Live for Clubs on the home page. Barbara suggested that the link be moved to the Club Results page, with a separate link for each club. Judith will discuss her proposal with the Webmaster, Daniel Bertrand.*

*Director Reports:*

*B) Treasurer - (Ed Lamb): -*

*Ed Lamb presented the Treasurer's Report. The Fall Sectional was a huge success. We still have not received payment from District 18 related to the Red Deer Regional. Lyman moved and Judith seconded Ed's report approved. Carried.*

*C) Tournaments - (Carrie Stockman/Jo Peterson):*

*The Winter Sectional (October 25 - 27) resulted in a loss of \$819.56.*

*Jo Peterson addressed the issue of the very cold temperature in the Bridge Room Saturday morning during the Fall Sectional. It was unfortunate the Clarion staff could not get the issue under control in a timely fashion. There were many complaints from Bridge players. Attendance was down for the afternoon event. We determined that the cold room was a major contributing factor for the low attendance.*

*Carrie suggested we raise the point level to 1500 from 1250 for flight B. This would cater to those players who would prefer to stay in the B/C game rather than move up to the A/X game.*

*The Knockout events will be discontinued, as interest has declined. Discussion ensued regarding changes to the event schedule, particularly for Friday. It was generally agreed to continue to run two single-session games.*

*The form of scoring for the A/X afternoon pairs games was discussed (match points versus IMPs). We decided to do an online survey of A/X (and possibly B/C) players to see whether there is a strong preference for one over the other. Judith will investigate whether we can send a survey via Constant Contact.*

*Delores and Jo are in the challenging process of trying to secure a date in January at the Clarion for our next scheduled tournament. Securing an appropriate venue for our Bridge Tournaments is a critical issue for our Unit. We need 7000 square feet of space with adequate appropriate facilities and suitable amenities for our Bridge Player's needs and comfort during our tournaments. Board members are working very hard to find and secure a venue with the criteria we require.*

*We require volunteers from our membership to replace Elsie and Gerry who have managed the Welcome Table. These ladies have done a wonderful job but plan to retire from that duty. We will do an online notice call for volunteers to our general membership for this position.*

*D) Mentorship Program - -*

*Brian Johns and Sandra Evans are the volunteers running the mentorship program. This program is scheduled to terminate at the end of February 2020.*

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

*Marvis announced the Westgate Community Centre is booked for GNT on Friday evening and Saturday May 8th and 9th. Possible dates for the 2020 Rookie/Master event were discussed. Suggestions: March 7, February 8 or February 29. Delores will check the availability of Haysboro Community Centre. Delores has booked Haysboro Community Centre for the ACBL Unit 390 AGM on May 24/20.*

*F) Future Masters - (Susan Korba):*

*Susan reported the recent 299'er was a success. More people arrived than expected. There were delays due to long lineups waiting to register and because extra tables needed to be set up. An additional section had to be organized as well. Judith suggested having greeters tell people that only one member of their team needed to get in line to register and to have the correct amount of money required. A suggestion was also made to have two people taking money and doing registrations at the next 299'er event.*

*G) Secretary - (Olga Williams):*

*Report shared regarding motions and correspondence.*

*H) Membership - (Judith Gartaganis):*

*The domain [calgarybridge.com](http://calgarybridge.com) was renewed (through Telus) for 1 year at a cost of \$20.99.*

*Judith reported the old website is closed down and the new site is up and running well. Many positive comments from members regarding the new website.*

*Judith reported that as of November 1st/19 we currently have 1,047 members.*

*Delores moved and Jo seconded that Judith's report be accepted. Carried.*

*I) Information Officer - (Caroleigh Houghton):*

*J) Youth Education - (Myron Achtman): -*

*Myron presented a report regarding the successful Bridge in Calgary Schools Program. There are currently 9 schools in all quadrants of the city participating with approximately 150 children learning how to play Bridge. There are now 33 mentors volunteering an hour at lunch time one or two days a month to make this program work. More mentors are required for the expanded School Bridge Program to continue.*

*Next meeting: 6:00 pm Monday, January 13/20, Inglewood Golf Club*

*Ed moved the meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.*