

MINUTES

Calgary Duplicate Bridge Association ACBL Unit 390 - Board Meeting April 27th. 2023

The meeting was called to order by President John Sharpe at 2:02 pm.
Members present 09.

Present: John Sharpe, Delores Hedley, Lois Matton, Judy Gartaganis, Richard Cripps, Sandra Stewart, Ed Lamb, Olga Williams, Brad Bowyer via Zoom.

1) Approval of the Agenda - Delores moved the agenda approved, Richard seconded, carried.

2) Approval of the Minutes - Judy moved the minutes approved, Sandra seconded, carried.

3) President - John Sharpe

Old Business

a) Tournament Chair -

John welcomed Lois Matton to the Board and thanked her for taking on the role of Tournament Chair.

b) Defibrillator -

The training session for the operation of our defibrillator was successful.
Another training session for interested members will be offered later this year.

c) New Thursday evening game -

EndsInY, with Lois Matton directing, has taken over operation of the new Thursday evening 0-750 MP and Open MP game. It was decided to always run the two games separately so the 0-750 members are guaranteed to be playing with their peers. Pre-registration is requested for the Open game to insure there

are sufficient tables to run it. Lois stressed that participant support for this new game is critical or it will be closed.

d) Gold Rush Regional -

Our Unit will contribute \$500.00 support for this event if a formal request is forthcoming.

New Business

Sectional Tournaments -

a) The cost of Unit 390 hosting Sectional Tournaments was discussed. Rising venue rates, other fee increases and fewer participants attending our games are contribution factors in monetary losses at these events. John moved that we cancel the July/August summer tournament, Lois seconded, carried. We will now host three Sectional Tournaments instead of four.

Richard advised that we need to encourage people to pre-register online for tournament games. We will continue to accept cash on game day as well.

If a pair in any game is asked to move to an advanced game to prevent a sit out in both games, it was suggested that their money should be refunded.

b) Local Directors -

The ACBL is promoting a new certification level called Local Director. To earn this certification, participants must complete a series of on-line lessons and pass an exam. Once certified, a Local Director can direct a "Local Sectional" which is a regular sectional expecting fewer than 25 tables per session. Unit 390 sectionals will not come under this classification.

In contrast, a Tournament Assistant also has to pass an exam and may then work as an Assistant to the Director in Charge of a regular sectional (now called "Championship Sectional"). Per the President's Report, our Unit 390 cannot afford have two Directors working at any sectional if it can possibly be avoided. Currently, there is just one practicing Tournament Assistant in our area (Doug Mann). Thus it would be advantageous to the Unit if Club Directors in our area are encouraged to take the examination.

4) Vice President Richard Cripps

New Business

a) Calgary Bridge Centre-

In his role as liaison with the Bridge Centre, Richard reported that he had attended the latest meeting of the CBC Management Board. He wondered whether it might be appropriate for the CBC to have a reciprocal representative attend our Board meetings. The general feeling was that there was no need at this time.

5) Treasurer - Ed Lamb

New Business

a) Ed presented the April 14-18 Sectional financial report. The event incurred a net loss of \$1,123.00.

b) The rookie master game on February 25th incurred a loss of \$495.00.

c) Year end finances were presented. John moved the budget for 2023-24 be approved as circulated. Delores seconded, carried.

6) Tournaments - Lois Matton/Delores Hedley

New Business

a) Future Sectionals

Tournament directors requested a longer break time between games. Morning games will begin at 10:00 am and the afternoon games will begin at 2:30 pm.

Lois will investigate possible dates for the three 2024 Sectionals and will email the Board prior to applying for sanctions from the ACBL.

Lois moved that we discontinue Covid requirements for the September Sectional. Olga seconded, carried.

The September Sectional Tournament will be held at the Royal Windham Hotel.

There was discussion about the appropriate master-point cut-offs for the various Flights in our tournament games. It was decided to try the following changes:

299'ers - remain as "no one over 300 MP"

Flight F: 0-50

Flight E: 50-150

Flight D: 150-300

Flight B/C: - remain as "no one with over 1250 MP"

Flight C: 0-500

Flight B: 500-1250

b) Trophies -

Richard suggested we might display the trophies in an appropriate case at the Calgary Bridge Centre. Many of the trophies are damaged and in need of repair. It would be costly to update the list of winners.

Delores moved that we retire all Bridge trophies with the exception of the Jack Murphy trophy. Judy seconded, carried.

We will continue to maintain the virtual Trophy Room on the unit website. Winners of the various "trophies" will still be acknowledged at the AGM if possible.

c) Microphone -

Judy suggested that at future tournaments our microphone needs to be set up in the middle section of the room rather than at the front of the room.

d) Unit Games -

Sanction requests for Unit Championship games should be made through Lois. The complete Unit Game policy is available on the Unit website.

e) Other Matters -

The possibility of using a timer at sectionals was discussed.

One person of each pair should keep a personal scorecard of results. This makes it possible for the Director to check back should a problem occur (e.g. Bridgmate crash, incorrectly entered score, etc.). It is especially important for the 299'ers to be made aware of this practice.

7) Future Masters - Sandra Stewart

a) Next 299'er Tournament

Sandra announced the date of the next 299'er Tournament will be on May 13th at the Bridge Centre. We need a minimum of 24 tables to break even financially. Flyers advertising this event have gone out on line and are posted at the Bridge Centre.

b) Mentorship Program -

Sandra Stewart, Janet Sharpe and Nancy Stewart have finished the mentorship program. The wrap up game celebrating this event will be on Thursday. April 27th.

8) Special Events - Brad Bowyer

Brad will help with set up and assistance in the upcoming 299'er tournament.

Brad will be participating with registration and the setup of our Annual General Meeting, June 4th. 2023 at the Bridge Centre. AGM particulars regarding time, cost and lunch will be available on line and mailed to those members who do not have email.

9) Membership - Judy Gartaganis

Old Business

a) Phone books are available through Judy or the Calgary Bridge Centre.

b) Judy has mailed the 2021 Mini-McKenny and Ace of Clubs awards to those who earned them. The cost was just under \$100.00.

c) New Member Packages

Supplies that go into the New Member Packages have been updated and replenished as necessary, e.g. ("Welcome" letter, convention card holders, pamphlets "Bridge in Calgary", phone booklets. etc.) Two Unit free play coupons are also included, along with any club free plays provided by the clubs. These have been delivered to Bob and Shirley McLeod, who mail out the packages.

New Business

a) Medallions for the 2022-23 winners have been purchased (to be handed out at the AGM)

b) Travel Subsidy Policy

The Unit 390 Travel Subsidy Policy was reviewed. Judy moved that the Canadian Mixed Team Championship (CMTc) be added to the list of CBF events that are eligible for subsidy. Richard seconded, carried. The policy will be updated with the following changes:

- add the CMTc to the list
- emphasize that each player may receive subsidy for at most one event at the Canadian Championships.
- \$1,000.00 for team attending Grand National Teams national final (prorated).
- \$100.00 per person attending Canadian National event.
- \$200.00 per person on a team reaching the semi-final or final of a CBF Team event at the national final.
- Judy moved the amendment moved, Richard seconded, carried.

10) Public Relations - Delores Hedley

There was discussion regarding how we could publicly congratulate achievement and milestones of our beginner members. We decided it would be appropriate to make these announcements by posting that kind of information on the boards at the Bridge Club.

We will try posting a monthly update of Master Point Milestones on the website at the same time as the Monthly Master Point List is posted.

Next meeting will be a mini-meeting after the AGM game on June 4th. 2023.

John terminated the meeting at 4:14 pm.

