

Minutes

Calgary Duplicate Bridge Association
ACBL Unit 390 - Annual General Meeting
June 02th., 2024 12:00 p.m.
Calgary Bridge Centre

1) Welcome and Introduction:

A) President John Sharpe called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. He welcomed the attendees, introduced the members of the 2023 - 2024 Board and thanked them for their continuous support.

B) John thanked retiring Board Member: Sandra Stewart (Future Masters)

2) Confirmation of Quorum: 60+ attendees

3) Approval of Agenda:

Moved by Jim Berglund, seconded by Barbara Webster that the agenda be approved. Carried.

4) Approval of the Minutes from the 2023 AGM:

Jim Berglund asked whether the survey regarding sectionals at the CBC was conducted and what the outcome was. Lois Matton spoke to the issue. The representatives of the Unit and the Calgary Bridge Centre could not come to a consensus as to the number and content of questions for the survey. Consequently, the survey was abandoned by mutual agreement.

Moved by Janet Galbraith , seconded by Gail Godwin that the minutes of the 2023 AGM be approved. Carried

5) President's Report:

John Sharpe presented the President's Report for the past year.

Moved by Clarende Duby, seconded by Rick Wolfe that the President's Report be accepted. Carried. The report is appended to these minutes.

6) Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Ed Lamb presented the audited Financial Statement for the fiscal year April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024.

Michael Farebrother wanted to note that the health of the unit's finances enables sectionals to be well run, and director's time is fully utilized on the floor ~~and not~~ rather than making up boards for upcoming sessions

Gordon Campbell had some question regarding the physical assets owned by the unit. Ed explained that the Unit does not amortize the value of those assets.

Barbara Webster agreed to provide a list of those assets for future AGMs as an appendix.

Gordon also asked whether any major costs are expected. No major expenditures are anticipated.

Moved by Gordon Campbell, seconded by Clarende Duby that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Carried. The report is appended to these minutes.

7) Appointment of Auditor for 2024-25:

Peter Weir has been appointed as Auditor for ACBL Unit 390.

8) Election of Directors:

President Sharpe explained that in accordance with Unit 390 bylaws, we are allowed to have 7 - 12 directors on the Board of ACBL Unit 390.

Three directors are continuing into the second year of their terms of office: Cynthia Clark, Roger Bolton and Paulette McWilliam.

The remaining six directors have agreed to stand for re-election:

John Sharpe, Ed Lamb, Delores Hedley, Lois Matton, Brad Bowyer and Judith Gartaganis.

The President called for nominations from the floor. There were no further nominations.

Moved by Pat Anderson, seconded by Margaret Cøøke Nielsen that nominations be closed. Carried.

The six candidates were declared elected by acclamation.

9) Presentation of 2023 Ace of Clubs, 2023 Ace of Virtual Clubs and 2023 Mini-McKenney Awards:

Judith Gartaganis presented the 2023 Ace of Clubs, 2023 Ace of Virtual Clubs and 2023 Mini-McKenney certificates to the past year's winners. The list is appended to these minutes.

Gerry Marshall was announced as the winner of the Ike Landon Trophy for 2023. This award goes to the Unit 390 member who wins the most masterpoints for the year.

Jack Murphy Memorial Trophy is awarded for life time service to Calgary Bridge Community. This year Barbara Webster was honoured with this award. Thank you Barbara for all you do for Unit 390!

10) Questions from the floor:

Steve Lawrence took the floor to update the unit members on his role as District 18 Alberta rep. In particular, he addressed the issue of the new ACBL 5-5-5 plan for membership fee rebates. He shared that the District is aware the smaller units may be impacted negatively and they are monitoring closely.

11) Termination of Meeting:

Moved by Clarende Duby, seconded by Rick Boyd that the 2024 AGM be terminated. Carried.

Unit 390 President's Annual Report 2024

I am pleased to report that the Membership of Unit 390 increased to 934 from 901 over the period April 1st 2023 to March 31st 2024. This should be compared with the overall ACBL, where membership declined by 2.1% in 2023 leaving 129,131 active members. Not long ago there were over 160,000. District 18, of which this Unit is a part, was virtually static with an increase of 0.09%. The ACBL are very concerned with their membership losses and have initiated a program to encourage units to actively engage in membership recruitment. If they do not do so there will be a reduction in the amount of membership rebates.

The Sectional Tournaments over the past year had attendances of 200 tables in September 2023, 257 in January 2024 and 235.5 in May 2024. Although the May attendance was down from January, the Spring Sectional in 2023 had only 195.5 tables so the trend is still upward. The May Sectional was held at a new location, the Doubletree formerly the Clarion. I was not able to attend but I am told that the venue was accepted as a distinct improvement with plenty of space around the tables and an excellent lunch. Thanks to Lois Matton and her volunteers for organising.

Everything costs more these days and that certainly applies to the table money at the North American Bridge Championships in Toronto. The fees range from \$64 to \$34 per session. However, there is a Maple Leaf discount of \$14 per session if you are a Canadian resident, a member of the ACBL and the Canadian Bridge Federation (CBF). That discount easily pays for your membership in the CBF, which is \$25 per year.

There have been questions asked as to what exactly does the Unit do for the membership? It represents you, the Unit 390 members, and interfaces with the ACBL. The Unit 390 board is your voice. The Unit organises the Sectionals, both the three main ones and the two 299er ones. They are big events and take a lot of effort by the Unit and a host of volunteers. There is also the Rookie Master Swiss team event, the mentoring program and the Bid and Play hosted by Delores Hedley. The Kibitzer is a semi-annual newsletter reporting news and results and offering a variety of excellent articles written by volunteer contributors. Then there is the website, which is full of useful information to keep you up to date with what is happening in Unit 390. Clubs and teachers are able to request posts about their upcoming events and lesson programs. You also can send messages to the Unit membership. Thanks to Daniel Bertrand, Judy Gartaganis and Terri Bedard. There are travel subsidies available for the Grand National Teams, North American Pairs, Canadian Bridge Federation Championships and the World Championships. New members receive a welcome package that includes two free plays, a convention card cover and the telephone booklet. Thanks to Bob and Shirley Macleod for organising. The bottom line is that the Unit and the volunteers provide support and opportunities to all levels of bridge player.

The Unit recognises the work that the Calgary Community Bridge League (CCBL) has done in creating the Calgary Bridge Centre, which is the main venue for face-to-face bridge in Calgary. Consequently, the Unit is donating \$5,000 to the CCBL. This money can be spent in whatever direction is appropriate since no tax receipt is required.

This concludes the report.

CALGARY DUPLICATE BRIDGE ASSOCIATION UNIT 390

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

MARCH 31, 2024

CALGARY DUPLICATE BRIDGE ASSOCIATION UNIT 390

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND NET ASSETS


FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31

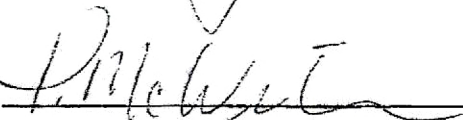
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REVENUE		
Sectionals	\$ 1,543	\$ (1,213)
ACBL rebates	5,302	5,083
Equipment rental	-	882
Donations received	200	-
Interest income	<u>1,304</u>	<u>480</u>
	8,349	5,232
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EXPENSES		
Special events	507	495
Meetings and hospitality	718	1,529
Office and general	1,530	1,214
Travel subsidies	-	300
Donation to District 18	500	-
New members and mentoring	443	904
Supplies for tournaments	538	252
Trailer repairs	401	-
Free plays	20	206
Phone book	-	920
Trophies	<u>28</u>	<u>216</u>
	4,685	6,036
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Excess (shortfall) of revenues over expenses	3,664	(804)
NET ASSETS - Beginning of the year	41,915	42,719
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NET ASSETS - End of the year	\$ 45,579	\$ 41,915
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CALGARY DUPLICATE BRIDGE ASSOCIATION UNIT 390

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT MARCH 31

	2024	2023
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash	\$ 15,534	\$ 12,670
Term deposits	32,896	32,300
Prepaid expenses	<u>818</u>	<u>1,000</u>
	\$ 49,248	\$ 45,970
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ 386
Funds held in trust	<u>3,669</u>	<u>3,669</u>
	3,669	4,055
NET ASSETS		
Members' equity	45,579	41,915
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 49,248	\$ 45,970

Approved by:  (Director)

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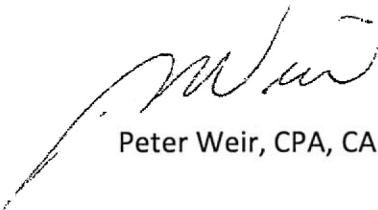
To the Members of the Calgary Duplicate Bridge Association, ACBL Unit 390

At the request of the Board of Directors of the Calgary Duplicate Bridge Association (the "Unit"), I have reviewed the Unit's Statement of Financial Position as at March 31, 2024 and the Statement of Operations and Net Assets for the year then ended.

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Board of Directors. My responsibility is to ensure that the financial statements are presented in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for non-profit organizations and are not materially misstated. To that end, I:

1. Reviewed a selection of bank statements and related bank reconciliations;
2. Reviewed a selection of revenue items and agreed the related receipts to bank statements;
3. Reviewed a selection of other disbursements for supporting documentation and approvals.

Based on these procedures I believe that, with the exception of the policy of not capitalizing and amortizing certain fixed assets, these financial statements are fairly stated in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for non-profit organizations.



Peter Weir, CPA, CA

Calgary, Alberta

April 26, 2024

Unit 390 Awards for 2023

Many of the Unit trophies had seen better days, having suffered over the years from their stay in cardboard boxes in various people's garages. Some had gone missing and for others, the engraving was out-of-date. There was no feasible place to display the trophies.

So this past year, the Unit Board decided to retire most of the physical trophies and instead, keep a record of award winners in the Virtual Trophy Room on the Unit website.

You are encouraged to follow the link on the Unit website to view the Trophy Room, read about the history of the various trophies and see the list of winners.

2023 Ace of Clubs Races

Awarded for points won playing at face-to-face clubs

0 to 5	Joyce Melnyk	Calgary AB
5 to 20	Lois Clapperton	Calgary AB
20 to 50	Steve Eastes	Calgary AB
50 to 100	Eric Gutland	Calgary AB
100 to 200	Ray Nance	Calgary AB
200 to 300	Inge French	Okotoks AB
300 to 500	JoAnn Hanson	Calgary AB
500 to 1000	Richard Weinberger	Calgary AB
1000 to 1500	Dave Armstrong	Calgary AB
1500 to 2500	Mike D Aguiar	Calgary AB
2500 to 3500	Michael Covey	Calgary AB
3500 to 5000	Jim Berglund	Calgary AB
5000 to 7500	Abdul Fakih	Calgary AB
7500 to 10,000	Daniel Bertrand	Calgary AB
Over 10,000	Steven Lawrence	Calgary AB

2023 Ace of Virtual Clubs Races

Awarded for points won playing online in ACBL virtual clubs

0 to 5 (<i>tie</i>)	Linda Vowell	Calgary AB
	Linda Rogers	Calgary AB
5 to 20	Barbara McNeil	Banff AB
20 to 50	Carl Whicher	Calgary AB
50 to 100	Christine Stephure	Calgary AB
100 to 200	Nadarajah Paskaran	Calgary AB
200 to 300	Bhavany Paskaran	Calgary AB
300 to 500	Philip Coppard	Calgary AB
500 to 1000	Hailong Yu	Calgary AB
1000 to 1500	Brent Muir	Calgary AB
1500 to 2500	Brigitte Tetzner	Calgary AB
2500 to 3500	Helen Dillen	Calgary AB
3500 to 5000	Stephanie McAdam	Calgary AB
5000 to 7500	Martin McDonald	Calgary AB
7500 to 10,000	Daniel Bertrand	Calgary AB
Over 10,000	Gerry Marshall	Calgary AB

2023 Mini-McKenney Races

Awarded for total points won playing in all ACBL events

0 to 5	Joyce Melnyk	Calgary AB
5 to 20	Linda Prenioslo	Canmore AB
20 to 50	Betty Lees	Calgary AB
50 to 100	Eric Gutland	Calgary AB
100 to 200	Ray Nance	Calgary AB
200 to 300	David Stephure	Calgary AB
300 to 500	Thomas To	Scottsdale AZ
500 to 1000	Dennis Ooms	Calgary AB
1000 to 1500	Howard Coren	Calgary AB
1500 to 2500	Mike D Aguiar	Calgary AB
2500 to 3500	Christopher Galbraith	Calgary AB
3500 to 5000	Jadwiga Polujan	Calgary AB
5000 to 7500	Janet Galbraith	Calgary AB
7500 to 10,000	Daniel Bertrand	Calgary AB
Over 10,000	Gerry Marshall	Calgary AB

2023 Ike Landon Trophy Recipient

Goes to the Unit 390 player who won the most points for the calendar year

The winner for 2023 was Gerry Marshall of Calgary AB.