

MINUTES

Calgary Duplicate Bridge Association

ACBL Unit 390 - Board Meeting February 26th, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 3:12 pm by Cynthia Clark present: 08

Present: Ed Lamb, Judy Gartaganis, Roger Bolton, Brad Bowyer, Delores Hedley, Cynthia Clark, Paulette McWilliam. Lois Matton arrived later.

Absent: John Sharpe

- 1) **Call to order and approval of the agenda** –proposed by Cynthia, seconded by Paulette - all approved.
- 2) **Approval of the Minutes from October 29th, 2024** – proposed by Cynthia, seconded by Delores and Judy – all approved.
- 3) **President - Cynthia Clark (comments from discussion in parentheses)**

Report on ACBL Unit Presidents' Meetings.

Maintaining and adding new members is still a concern for the ACBL. The ACBL reports an improvement in the overall loss of membership from 1300 to 1000 in 2024. National Tournament attendance is down 50% of pre-covid numbers.

The Bridge Bulletin will have a cover page on magazine copies of soon to expire members reminding them to maintain their membership. The Bridge Bulletin will no longer print the point accumulation of members on the back cover. The information can be accessed on-line and is more up to date.

A new Sectional Director position called Local Sectional Director has been established. The LSD can run tournaments **(If the table count is expected to have)** 25 tables or less. This is a certified Club Director or Tournament Assistant who becomes a Local Sectional Director by taking a course and being certified for the position. Posting results for games run by a Local Sectional Director will be done by the ACBL's head office

Tournament Director based on information provided by the LSD.

(Comments by Lois, the ACBL tournament director is on call when the LDS is running a tournament – there is an ACBL help line but only Monday - Friday 9 - 5. General discussion regarding staffing requirements and posting to ACBL live when it's a 299er tournament).

The Game Sponsor will receive information as to how this is done in the sanction paperwork they receive from the ACBL.

The ACBL Community Clubhouse, which runs on-line games where participants can earn gold points, will run F2F games simultaneously at the local clubs, giving F2F players access to the same chance for earning 25% in gold points with no extra charge to the club. No action is needed. If you play in a local F2F game on the designated Clubhouse Game Day the points will be awarded automatically. ***(Discussion of glitter points and how they are awarded)***

Personal, congratulatory letters were sent to winners Dee-Ann Clark and Gray Graves (tied) for the most Master Points for the 299er event of the New Year's Sectional.

4) Past President - John Sharpe - absent

5) Treasurer - Ed Lamb

- a) Ed sent out treasurer's report before the meeting no issues
- b) Roger had a question which was answered offline
- c) Judy had a few questions which were answered, some comments regarding new guidelines for regionals.

Motion to approve Treasurer's report – moved by Judy, seconded by Lois - all approved.

6) Tournament Chair - Lois Matton

- a) New Years' sectional was a great success
- b) Question for April tournament directors - Doug is director in charge and he has chosen Crystal to assist
- c) Suggestion that future flyers state that free coffee is provided by the Unit

- d) Discussion that the greeting of new players and helping them with convention cards, name tags and escorting to their table, was a huge success and to be continued
- e) Discussion regarding pens and ordering more
- f) Lois will be leaving the board after the June AGM – we are sorry to see you go Lois, and thank you for all your hard work!

7) Future Masters – Roger Bolton

- a) The 299er tournament is set for May 10th, the flyer is set and looks great! Roger thanked Judy for all her help in finalizing the flyer
- b) Pre-registration is required – table limit is approximately 22
- c) Draft budget was distributed – no questions
- d) Discussion regarding food and snacks
- e) Lots of people go home after 1 session, so table count is often lower for afternoon

8) Special Events – Brad Bowyer

- a) Rookie Master for 2025 – Delores received lots of positive comments
- b) It was a huge success
- c) Judy had some questions regarding financials
- d) Brad wondered if we want to continue with duplication of the boards – answer is yes
- e) Question about rookie/master pairings – decision to keep the format the same
- f) AGM is booked for June 1st, 2025. Brian & Joy will direct.

9) Secretary – Paulette McWilliam

- a) No new business

10) Membership – Judy Gartaganis

- a) Membership report - 38 new members for the year
- b) Website report and Just Host renewal discussion

- c) Some discussion regarding technical issues – which have since been resolved
- d) We've run out of new member brochures – Judy asked if we want to reprint them, with a few minor changes – feedback to Judy if you'd like more changes.
- e) Discussion regarding cost of brochures and how many should be ordered - 300 was the number decided.

Motion to order 300 new brochures – proposed by Delores, seconded by Cynthia – carried.

- f) Discussion of 5/5/5 changes. Ed received cheque for 4th quarter. No breakdown provided.

11) Public Relations – Delores Hedley

- a) 41 rookies under 75 points played in rookie master
- b) Tournament attendance by rookies was great
- c) Stratification discussion
- d) Supervised Bid 'n Play is continuing to be a success and a source of continued income for the Bridge Center

12) Old Business

- a) No old business

13) New Business

- a) Question regarding continuing the virtual trophies – decision was to continue with them as the work has been done
- b) Discussion with awarding Mini McKinney and Ace of Clubs at AGM. We will get the certificates printed by Lois' printer guy.
- c) Discussion regarding bridge supplies and clarification that the Unit owns these supplies. Unit 390 does own the supplies.
- d) There is a rental contract in place which Ed provided to Cynthia.
- e) Much discussion about supplies and trailer hauling and who/how the driver is paid.

NEXT MEETING -

Wednesday– June 4th, 2025

3:15 pm

Bridge Centre – Upper Level

Cynthia moved meeting be adjourned – seconded by Paulette – carried