

MINUTES

Calgary Duplicate Bridge Association ACBL Unit 390 - Board Meeting July 30th, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by Cynthia Clark present: 07

Present: Roger Bolton, Cynthia Clark, Judy Gartaganis, Delores Hedley, Ed Lamb, Terry Nazar, John Sharpe.

Absent: Brad Bowyer, Paulette McWilliam

- 1) **Approval of the agenda** – Moved by Cynthia, seconded by Judy. Carried.
- 2) **Approval of the Minutes from June 4th, 2025** – Moved by Delores, seconded by Ed. Carried.
- 3) **President - Cynthia Clark** – written President's Report appended to these minutes.
 - a) Cynthia sent a response regarding director pay scale to Lois and Clarende. It confirmed that the Board had approved an increase in compensation.
 - b) Regarding the possibility of holding a NLM Regional (under 750 mps):
District President, Dan Dover, clarified that if Unit 390 held such an event concurrently with a sectional, the financial agreement would be that the unit would be responsible for all expenses and would retain any and all profit.
Given this, the Board feels we ought to seriously consider holding such an event, depending on the projected additional cost for the venue and director, and availability of extra space at the venue.
- 4) **Past President - John Sharpe** – Nothing to report.
- 5) **Treasurer - Ed Lamb**

Ed circulated the Treasurer's report in advance of the meeting. No issues raised.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report – Moved by Roger, seconded by Judy. Carried.

6) Tournaments – Terry Nazar

a) Regarding upcoming sectional tournament:

Terry confirmed that the DoubleTree has been booked for the January 2026, September 2026 and January 2027 sectional tournaments.

b) Regarding the April 2026 tournament:

The Unit has not been able to secure either an April date nor a May date.

The possibility of holding this tournament in Banff or Canmore has been explored. Venues (Banff Park Lodge or Canmore Nordic Centre) are available March 20-21 as this date is considered "off season". Cynthia and Delores have visited the two sites and presented a comparison of them.

Parking availability/cost and the cost of hotel rooms are issues.

Another possibility is to seek an alternate date at the Doubletree.

Moved by Delores, seconded by Terry that the 2026 "Spring" sectional be held on July 3-5th, 2026 at the DoubleTree, contingent on venue availability and cost, room costs and ACBL approval.
Carried.

c) Regarding a 2026 Banff tournament:

Moved by Judy, seconded by Roger that we abandon the notion of holding a March 2026 Banff sectional and that we survey members attending the upcoming September sectional regarding interest in a 2027 Banff sectional in March or November.

Carried.

7) Future Masters – Roger Bolton

a) Everything is on track for the October 25th 299er sectional.

b) The following 299er sectional will be May 2026. Roger will investigate an early May date.

8) Special Events – Brad Bowyer – absent

9) Secretary – Paulette McWilliam – absent

10) Membership – Judy Gartaganis

- a) Judy circulated the Membership report in advance of the meeting. 17 new members so far this year (since April 1) but still a net decline in membership for the year of -8 members.
- b) Unit 390 5-5-5 Program scorecard for Quarter 2 (April - June) was 100% for Retention (Contact Activity), 80% for Retention (Member Losses) and 0% for Recruitment. Our average of 90% in the Retention category was third of all ACBL unit. Still, this resulted in a rebate from the ACBL of 9% (compared to previous 11% flat rate).
- c) Judy reported that the Unit website has been switched from http to https (important for site security)

11) Public Relations – Delores Hedley

- a) Bid'n'Play table count is down now that it is summer. So far, 179 different people have tried it out.

12) Old Business – Nothing new

13) New Business

- a) Job descriptions for Board positions were last updated in 2023. Judy will provide each Board member with a copy of their existing job description, to be revised as needed by next meeting (September)

NEXT MEETING –

Wednesday – September 17th, 2025

10:00 am

Bridge Centre – lower Level

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The 2025 AGM and bridge game were successful. There were 60+ members in attendance.

One issue raised was Unit involvement with Canmore and Banff members. The Unit Board is evaluating the feasibility of holding a sectional in Banff. A survey will be distributed at the Calgary Fall Sectional, August 29-31, 2025 to evaluate interest in a Banff Sectional.

It is confirmed that Calgary Unit 390 will maintain the current schedule, hosting three sectional tournaments per year. Holding a fourth sectional was considered. However scheduling conflicts, venue cost and availability, and potentially overtaxing volunteers were deterring factors.

The current Regional Tournaments for Calgary are in a three-year rotation. Red Deer is scheduled for August 2025, Edmonton for 2026 and Calgary for 2027. This rotation will be evaluated over the coming months. As well, the District President will be contacted to find out where Red Deer and Edmonton stand on the issue.

With the success of the 299er sectionals, the Unit will continue to sponsor two events for 299ers each year. The next scheduled event is October 25 at the Calgary Bridge Centre.

This concludes the President's Report.