

MINUTES

Calgary Duplicate Bridge Association ACBL Unit 390 - Board Meeting September 29th, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 am by Cynthia Clark present: 09

Present: Roger Bolton, Cynthia Clark, Judy Gartaganis, Delores Hedley, Ed Lamb, Terry Nazar, John Sharpe, Osama Elshafey, Paulette McWilliam

Absent: Brad Bowyer

We welcomed Osama to the board and he gave us a brief bio.

- 1) **Approval of the agenda** – Moved by Cynthia, seconded by Judy. Carried.
- 2) **Approval of the Minutes from July 30th, 2025** – Some questions about the minutes from Osama, all resolved. Minutes moved by Delores, seconded by Judy. Carried.
- 3) **President - Cynthia Clark** – written President's Report appended to these minutes.
 - a) Cynthia brought up questions regarding trailer and equipment rental. Discussion ensued and it was decided details will be worked out and documented in future meeting.
- 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.

Ed raised an issue regarding the equipment being moved to Lethbridge. Much to be resolved regarding equipment. Agreement was to discuss and resolve in later meeting.

He had follow up questions as to who to invoice, and how many tables to invoice for. Suggested to find table numbers from ACBL Live results and invoice tournament chair.

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

6) Tournaments – Terry Nazar

a) Decide when third Sectional will be and which of the sectionals will be NonLM regional:

Decision was June 5th - 7th for our unit's 3rd Sectional

b) Due to sectional decision, AGM 2026 needs to move to May 31st. Cynthia will let Brad know so he can arrange booking Bridge Center

c) The NonLM regional date will be included with the June 5th - 7th sectional.

Discussion about room size with NonLM's being included. To be determined at a later time

d) Regarding a 2026 Canmore tournament:

Cynthia voiced some concerns about going ahead with 2026 tournament.

Osama asked what was driving this potential decision.

Delores wants to go ahead, whether it's 2026 or 2027 is the concern.

Open dates are unfortunately winter dates. Best rates are between November and April 30th. The maximum number of tables is 35.

For this reason a survey may be required to see what the interest is.

Judy and Terry to create an online survey. Board to have input on the survey before it goes out to the members

7) Future Masters – Roger Bolton

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

b) The following 299er sectional will be May 9th, 2026. Roger will send Terry an email requesting a sanction.

c) There will also be a 299er tournament on the 24th of October 2026

8) Special Events – Brad Bowyer – absent

Cynthia spoke for Brad. Rookie Master is set and she will let Brad know of May 31st date change for AGM

9) Secretary – Paulette McWilliam

Paulette just alerted the board about forwarded emails being bogus, and to be aware.

10) Membership – Judy Gartaganis

a) Judy circulated the Membership report in advance of the meeting. Net of zero for the last 2 months.

b) Unit 390 5-5-5 Program: We will have a good Q3 score, getting our 100% on contacts thanks to Delores and Judy. Second part is the membership losses, and last category is new members.

c) We got a USD credit of 72 dollars on Constant Contact for our referral to Calgary Bridge Center

d) Judy still has certificates that need to be mailed, when the postal service is up and running. She just wanted to let us know of potential cost.

11) Public Relations – Delores Hedley

Nothing to report

12) Old Business

a) Job Descriptions have been updated and posted to the website.

b) Motion to maintain the domain name calgarybridge.com at the cost of \$22 per year. Approved and carried.

13) New Business

a) Judy brought up question of phone books. Last updated in 2023. Discussion regarding the need to update, decision is go ahead with updating, ready to be sold at January sectional.

b) Cynthia mentioned she was contacted by the district regarding filling the position of goodwill ambassador. She passed around the job description,

and if we wanted to put forward any one person's name. As it's the entire district, we can just let it be.

c) Trailer discussion is for a future meeting

d) Lois Matton has volunteered to be the zone 5 rep on the CBF board of directors

NEXT MEETING –

Monday – December 1st, 2025

10:15 am

Bridge Centre – lower Level

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT September 29, 2025

Growing the game and maintaining membership continues to be a concern for the ACBL. Overall, the total number of members as of July 2025 is 121,499. This is a decrease of 7,707 members over the previous year. Unit 390 currently has 941 members which is at or near membership of 938 in July of 2024. Calgary Bridge is remaining healthy as membership and participation are recovering from the lockdown era as well as other factors contributing to the decline in the growth of bridge. Many thanks to all of those behind the scenes keeping Calgary Bridge membership above other districts.

Currently, new players can register, for free, for a Guest Membership that does not expire. Players can join by providing their name, email and postal code on-line to the ACBL. They will receive a membership number and have access to the My ACBL portal. Guest members can earn up to 20 masterpoints. Once this limit is reached, a full membership is required to continue earning points and to participate in regional and national tournaments. They will receive the first-year at a discounted rate. This new policy may be adjusted to best serve existing and future members.

Due to rising costs, the First Year Dues for new members will be raised to \$39.00 beginning January 1, 2026. New members can still join for the remainder of this year for \$29.00.

This year the ACBL is celebrating 100 years of Contract Bridge. There will be Centennial Games at the clubs and on-line during the months of October, November and December of 2025. Gold, Red and Silver points will be awarded. More information and the game schedules can be found on ACBL's website at acbl.org.

The August Sectional saw an attendance of 203 tables, up 5 tables compared to the fall tournament of 2024. This can be attributed to the growth of the 299er attendance which had a table count of 41. This just about doubled the participation over 2024. The tournament ran very well thanks to our new Tournament Chairperson, Terry Nazar.

Three Calgary Sectionals have been scheduled for 2026. The dates are January 2-4, June 5-7 and September 4-6. It is the intent of the Unit to hold a Non-Life Master Regional Tournament simultaneously with the June 5-7 Sectional. Details of these coming events will be posted on the Unit 390 website.

Calgary will host a 299er Sectional on October 25, 2025 at the Calgary Bridge Centre. Check out the flyers available on-line at Unit 390's website or at the Bridge Centre. The 2026 dates for 299er Sectional events are May 9 and October 24. Stay tuned for details.

This concludes the President's Report.