

# MINUTES

## Calgary Duplicate Bridge Association ACBL Unit 390 - Board Meeting December 01, 2025

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

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

- 1) **Approval of the agenda** – Moved by Cynthia, seconded by Judy. Carried.
- 2) **Approval of the Minutes from September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025** – Corrected the number of attendees from 7 to 9. Delores moved to accept corrected minutes, seconded by Osama, motion carried
- 3) **President - Cynthia Clark**- no president's report. Cynthia has resigned from the board due to health issues. Thank you, Cynthia for all you've done for Unit390 while serving as president!
- 4) **Vice President – Osama Elshafey** – Questioned about miscellaneous items, will be addressed under new business.
- 5) **Past President - John Sharpe** – Nothing to report.
- 6) **Treasurer - Ed Lamb**

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

John raised a concern about the cost of paying a driver to move the trailer when required for sectionals. Cost keeps going up and we don't want to come to a point where it costs us money to send the trailer.

John also pointed out that we continue to make money and we need to spend it. There needs to be a healthy amount in the bank in case something happens to our trailer and equipment, but there is more than enough. He suggested we maybe decrease fees at an upcoming sectional to spend some of it. Discussion followed, tabled the for another meeting.

A discussion took place regarding donating money to the CCBL. We will come to a decision at a later meeting.

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

**7) Tournaments –Terry Nazar**

- a) Terry brought up a question from Banff/Canmore people as to why we don't have sectionals throughout the work week. We will look into it.
- b) All Sanctions have been approved for 2026. NonLM regional date will be included with the June 5th - 7th sectional.  
Discussion about room size with NonLM's being included. Decision was made to book the extra space to ensure there is sufficient room
- c) Regarding a 2026 Canmore tournament:  
Survey results were encouraging and seems that CSA Seniors Centre will work, and parking is a constraint that we would need to manage. Potential solution was private arrangement with a local cab company, to be decided. Osama raised the issue of weather, and we would lose our deposit of 2600 if we didn't re-schedule. Terry to confirm that we can move the date without losing the deposit, if weather were to be a reason to cancel. Before putting a motion forward, Terry just wanted to say, we could look into November timeframe instead. March was the chosen timeframe.

**Motion to hold a Banff/Canmore Sectional in March 2026,**  
seconded by Delores, carried. The dates are March 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> 2026.  
Terry to get directors and a sanction. Discussion as to whether or not 2 directors are required, Terry will confirm.

**8) Special Events – Brad Bowyer**

- a) Rookie Master: Clarende will be the director. Boards will be preset, with hand records provided. Maximum of 20 tables and pre-registration will be required.
- b) Discussion of who to ask to direct for AGM. Brad to ask Caroleigh Houghton to direct.
- c) Brad tendered his resignation from the Board, and will step down at the AGM or when replaced. Thanks to Brad for all his great work while serving on the board.

## **9) Future Masters – Roger Bolton**

- a) Financial statements provided for October Future Masters Sectional. Discussion regarding whether we actually needed both floors, and decision was yes.
- b) Roger mentioned help is required to setup and takedown for this day long tournament.
- c) Lessons learned.
  - Collected money too soon, too many snacks purchased, and discussion about a guest speaker
  - How long a break is actually needed between sessions
  - Results were posted very quickly to ACBL live which was a good thing

## **10) Secretary – Paulette McWilliam**

Nothing new

## **11) Membership – Judy Gartaganis**

- a) Judy circulated the Membership report in advance of the meeting. 36 new members. Largest group in our membership is NABC master over 200 points but not a life master.
- b) Osama asked what the source of the numbers is. Judy explained the process. The posted master point listing on the website is created from the monthly membership report and member roster. There are differences due to guest members and delay in removing people.
- c) Discussion of the 5/5/5 ACBL rebate program provided by Judy. The ACBL is proposing changes which Judy explained.
- d) Unit390 was mentioned at the president's meeting as one of the high performers on the retention part of the program. Thanks to the diligent work of Judy and Delores.
- e) The ACBL proposes spending money on lapsed and guest members to try to have them re-join the ACBL. We don't know the amount of money the ACBL would provide to help Units host social events for this sector.

## 12) Public Relations – Delores Hedley

- a) Boot Camps are something that is being planned again. Maybe our board should plan to do something to help with the cost
- b) \$9,606 has earned for the Bridge Centre due to BidnPlay attendance

## 13) Old Business

- a) Trailer costs continue to be an issue, further discussion occurred. Sectionals can be negotiated with the sponsoring Unit. Regionals need to be negotiated in advance with District 18. Ed will be involved with whomever wishes to rent tables, equipment and supplies, to agree as to who will haul the trailer and what is to be provided by the Unit.
- b) Phone books: Judy presented the costs per book based on number of copies ordered. Decision to purchase 600 books.

**Motion to purchase 600 phone books** - proposed by Roger, seconded by Paulette – Carried.

## 14) New Business

- a) Cynthia brought up the ACBL certificates for the annual masterpoint races. The ACBL will continue to print Ace of Clubs certificates (on nice heavy paper with embossing). It is unclear whether they will be mailing the certificates to the recipients or will bulk mail to the Unit for distribution. For the Ace of Virtual Clubs and Mini McKenney, the ACBL will be emailing digital certificates to winners (recipients to print themselves). Does the Unit want to print these certificates (on heavy glossy paper)? If yes, the Unit can order from the ACBL-recommended printer and have them shipped to us (cost?) or we could request the electronic files and arrange printing locally.

**MOTION** that we print the awards with our local printer – proposed by Cynthia, seconded by Ed. Carried

- b) Osama asked about the various ACBL handbooks that are referenced in the job descriptions. Judy will provide the links to each board member.

NEXT MEETING – Osama to book the Bridge Centre with Keith Falkenberg  
Monday – January 26th, 2026

10:15 am

Bridge Centre – lower Level

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.