

MINUTES

Calgary Duplicate Bridge Association ACBL Unit 390 - Board Meeting January 26th, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 am by Osama Elshafey.

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

- 1) **Approval of the agenda** – Moved by Osama, seconded by Judy. Carried.
- 2) **Approval of the Minutes from December 1st 2025** – Brad moved to accept minutes, seconded by Terry. Carried.
- 3) **President - Nothing**
- 4) **Vice President – Osama Elshafey –**

Questions were raised as to the process now that Cynthia has resigned. Ed discussed the issues with signatures for the bank account. We will leave as is till the AGM. Judy then asked if Osama had any problem with taking on the role of President. Osama agreed. Paulette to change the name of president on file at the ACBL. Judy will redirect email for the 390president@acblunit390.org address.

Osama discussed some of the topics covered in the Zoom meeting for Unit Presidents. The main concern is loss of members, and the changes to the 5/5/5 program. Osama raised with the meeting attendees, why we are still printing the Bridge Bulletin, and suggested to put it online, to save money for the ACBL

- 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. He also circulated the new contract for the trailer when it's used to go to Lethbridge in April

A discussion took place regarding what supplies will go with the trailer. Osama had a question regarding the charge for delivery and Ed answered his concerns

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

7) Tournaments –Terry Nazar

- a) Funny story regarding getting the trailer to the hotel for the January Sectional.
- b) We have been tracking who has registered for the Canmore Sectional - 80 people as of January 25th. The budget is still not finalized but based upon preliminary numbers we should not lose too much money. Bernie will be the driver for getting the trailer to Canmore.
- c) Terry has booked the additional room for the June NLM regional. We should advertise to other provinces that we are holding a NLM regional. Some discussion regarding the stratification of the NLM in June
- d) Terry is still waiting for the sanction of the October 299er sectional
- e) The January sectional profit was \$2,060.86

8) Special Events – Brad Bowyer

The Feb 21st Rookie Master event: There are 36 rookies and 21 masters registered as of now. Delores is doing most of the pairing and she is not worried about filling the room. This tournament we are offering complimentary snacks and beverages. We discussed providing lunch when we hold the next Rookie Master event. Clarende will be the director.

The bridge game which will follow the AGM on May 31st, 2026 will be directed by Caroleigh Houghton

9) Future Masters – Roger Bolton

Absent – report was emailed prior, no questions or concerns.

10) Secretary – Paulette McWilliam

Nothing new

11) Membership – Judy Gartaganis

- a) Judy circulated the Membership report in advance of the meeting. We are down 6 members for the fiscal year.
- b) We printed 600 phone books, Judy sold 97 at the sectional. Keith has bought 100 for a price of 2 dollars. Osama raised having them at other club games like the North and South ladies games.
- c) Discussion of the 5/5/5 ACBL rebate program provided by Judy. The end of 2025 was the end of the program as we knew it.
- d) In Quarter 4 of 2025, the Unit earned a rebate of 8% of all membership fees collected by the ACBL from Unit 390 members during that 3 month period
- e) The ACBL is strongly encouraging units to hold parties for lapsed members. Our Unit does not see the benefit of this effort.
- f) The quarterly report shows our membership over the last 12 months was down 2.4%. We've fallen to 10th out of 20 within District 18, and 54th out of 283 within the ACBL
- g) Judy mentioned she mailed the final copies of last year's certificates.

12) Public Relations – Delores Hedley

- a) Supervised Bid & Play is very successful. Osama asked about the finances and Delores explained she keeps \$1 per person for coffee and cookies, the CCBL gets \$4 per person
- b) Delores mentioned if the table count gets much higher at Supervised, some new chairs may be required.

13) Old Business

- a) Discussion as to what is actually going to happen for the Ace of Clubs certificates. ACBL is printing these and we are unsure if they are emailing to the individuals or to the Unit to distribute. Judy will email the

ACBL and try to find out the details of what is actually is happening with these certificates

14) New Business

- a) Osama raised the 2 vacant positions on the Unit board, we will work on filling the positions
- b) Discussion regarding how to best use the excess money that the Unit currently has.
- c) Ed will ask to see the financial statements for the CCBL.
- d) Questions about the CBF voting procedures. Some clarity was provided by Judy

NEXT MEETING

Monday – March 30th, 2026

10:15 am

Bridge Centre – lower Level

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.