

MINUTES

Calgary Duplicate Bridge Association ACBL Unit 390 - Board Meeting March 30th, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 am by Osama Elshafey present: 07

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

Absent: Terry Nazar, Roger Bolton

1) Approval of the agenda – Moved by Osama, seconded by Brad. Carried.

2) Approval of the Minutes from January 26th 2026 – Judy moved to accept minutes, seconded by Osama. Carried

3) President - (position vacant)

4) Vice President - Osama Elshafey

a) Update from the online President's meetings:

- ACBL is proposing a regular zoom meeting with all the Tournament chairs
- Osama brought up the possibility of online-only Bridge Bulletins, but there was a lot of resistance

b) Discussion of the ACBL disciplinary guidelines:

- main question arising from discussion was who is responsible for ensuring that the club directors are aware of the ACBL's actions pertaining to player suspensions and/or probation.
- Osama suggested we verbally let the club directors know of the ACBL ruling.
- As a pilot, Osama has agreed to check with Brian Johns.
- We will determine next steps when knowing the results of that discussion.
- there is a process in place allowing suspended players to request permission to participate in club games (for no masterpoints). Players are required to inform club managers of their status if/when they request permission.

c) By-law discussion:

- Osama questioned some of the by-laws he read from the website. We will do some follow up to determine accuracy

5) Past President - John Sharpe – Nothing to report.

6) Treasurer - Ed Lamb

Ed circulated the Treasurer's report in advance of the meeting.

John raised the fact that we are still gaining money, and he suggested a way for us to spend some money. "We have to find a way of spending our money appropriately."

The discussion was focused on "treating" the 0 – 299ers (they are the biggest demographic of our membership). Question was raised as to why we don't "treat" the entire membership and several options were proposed. Terry will do some costing to determine the best option.

Osama asked who audits our annual financial statements. Answer is Peter Weir.

Osama asked Ed for an update regarding the financial statements for the Calgary Bridge Centre. Ed spoke with Keith Falkenberg and was informed they are published on the Bridge Centre's website. After reviewing the statements, Ed can see no evidence of financial difficulty.

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

7) Tournaments – Terry Nazar – Delores updated in his absence

- a) Canmore was very successful, weather made Saturday a bit difficult, but ultimately was a lot of fun, and excellent hospitality. We would probably do it again, most likely not every year. There was some discussion about making it a three day tournament with Sunday Swiss
- b) Judy raised the issue that masterpoints reported by ACBL Live and the points published under the ACBL Find a Tournament results are different.

c) NLM regional sub-committees was a good idea and Carolanne DeBasio and Sandra Stewart will handle hospitality for Non Life Masters, and Carmel with 1 other person will be out-of-town liaison.

d) We are not going to get the little stickers for our CC card holders

8) Special Events – Brad Bowyer

a) Rookie Master Swiss Teams

- event lost \$360
- Osama offered some feedback that the event was too long. There were some technical issues which caused a delay.
- Delores also offered that the rookies did not get enough hands to play
- Judy questioned why the listing of master points took so long to be posted – attributed to the technical issues that were experienced
- possibly play fewer boards to help with timeline

b) AGM - 12 pm on May 31st, 2026

- bridge game to follow the meeting.
- We will close registration approximately 1 week before.
- The game will be directed by Caroleigh Houghton

9) Future Masters – Roger Bolton – absent – report was emailed prior, no questions or concerns

Delores is not available for the next 299er tournament, Paulette volunteered to help. This event will be held May 9th.

10) Secretary – Paulette McWilliam – Nothing to report.

11) Membership – Judy Gartaganis

a) We discussed what to do with award certificates while talking about the AGM. Are we going to print the digital certificates that we have access to? We will post the winners list in the Kibitzer and post on the unit website. We will publicly congratulate all at the AGM. We will announce the overall winner. No printing.

b) Membership for the current year so far: gained 50 new members but our total membership is down 12 due to failures to renew.

- c) Discussion regarding the logo we use for flyers and on the website. The Unit has been informed by ACBL Head Office that we cannot continue to use the existing logo (too similar to official ACBL logos) Judy worked with Dan Bertrand and we now have a new logo.
- d) Judy raised a concern about events where we've asked for pre-registration. Her concern with this is around the unit holding events for which we know that the number of attendees must be limited.

12) Public Relations – Delores Hedley

- a) Osama asked about potential new recruits for the Unit Board. Delores talked about how difficult it is to find new people. She believes our future is the 299er group

13) Old Business – Nothing arising.

14) New Business

- a) email from Byron Lund
 - Byron Lund has written a bridge book which he is making available free of charge and he would like us to post on the website.
 - Judy reported that we have other author's documents published on the website. She will confirm with our webmaster, and post it to the website with a disclaimer.
- b) April Kibitzer will need some comments from the unit board. We will get some feedback regarding the Canmore Sectional and other comments will be submitted before April 10th

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

NEXT MEETING: Monday – June 8th, 2026
10:15 am, Bridge Centre – lower Level

Motion carried by email since last meeting

2026	Mar 20 th email	Judy moved that the Board renew the registration for the domain acblunit390.org through BlueHost at a cost of 20.99 USD. Seconded by Terry Nazar. Motion was carried
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