

MINUTES

Calgary Duplicate Bridge Association ACBL Unit 390 - Board Meeting June 8th, 2026

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

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

Absent: Sylvia Nazar, Brad Bowyer

- 1) **Approval of the agenda** – Moved by Osama, seconded by Terry. Carried.
- 2) **Approval of the Minutes from March 30th 2026** – Judy moved to accept minutes with noted change to the Email Motion of \$20.99 instead of \$200.99. Seconded by Delores. Carried.
- 3) **President** - (position vacant)
- 4) **Vice President – Osama Elshafey**

Welcome to Sylvia in absentia

a) Election of Officers

- We discussed that only the officers of the Unit need to be elected by the Board members. Judy proposed that Osama be nominated for President, Paulette as Secretary and Ed as Treasurer. Nominees accepted. Formally moved by Judy. Carried.
- There was confirmation that the other Unit members were happy with their current role.

b) AGM follow-up

- Judy mentioned how pleased John Sharpe was to receive the Jack Murphy award.
- the CCBL is giving us a break on our meeting costs which was noted and appreciated.

c) Osama briefly discussed his two Zoom president's meeting since our last meeting. Mostly talked about their new computer system upgrade which is on track. The other item was they are warning that members may be susceptible to scam emails. Discussion followed as to how we

as a Unit can mitigate that. Suggestions were to post something on the unit website and possibly something in the Kibitzer

- d) Osama has questioned the ACBL board to explain how the algorithm which detects cheating online works. Bronia has agreed to do this at next meeting. Judy has some material she will share with us.
- e) Osama talked about the ACBL's zero tolerance policy. He and Judy received an email asking what is the Board's role in terms of resolving Zero Tolerance issues at clubs. The Unit has no involvement in how clubs handle such matters.

5) Treasurer - Ed Lamb

Ed circulated the Treasurer's report shortly in advance of the meeting. We talked about the profit/loss of the 299er and June sectionals. Some questions by Osama that Ed answered.

Ed to book appointment with TD bank for signature change from Cynthia to Osama

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

6) Tournaments – Terry Nazar

- a) June sectional
 - We needed about 250 tables to break even and we got 236. As the tournament just ended yesterday, all the numbers are not in. The number of out-of-town attendees was lower than expected.
 - Terry talked about how helpful Barbara Webster, Sandra Stewart and Carolanne DeBiasio were with all that was going on.
 - There was discussion about the need for a third director.
- b) Terry put forth some dates for future tournaments in 2027.
 - Sectional dates are set for January 8th - 10th and September 3rd - 5th 2027.
 - We had some discussion about the spring sectional and Terry will try to book April 2nd - 4th 2027.
 - Terry asked if we'd like this tournament to be another NLM regional as well as a sectional. Decision was no, maybe in 2028.

- c) There was some suggestion to look into Bearspaw Golf and Country Club for a special event. Terry will investigate.
- d) It is an ACBL regulation that if you want to play more than 24 boards, there must be five hours between start times of sessions. Terry will announce this regulation before sessions at the next Sectional.
- e) There was a suggestion that the hotel order in Timbits on our behalf, or the hotel serve something other than donuts. Terry will ask.
- f) Delores suggested we talk to the hotel about having the staff help with setting up the room. Terry will investigate.

7) Special Events – Brad Bowyer - absent

- a) Brad sent in updated financials for the AGM. Lost some money, but no major concerns. Delores suggested we look into having different food next year, just for a change.
- b) Judy raised the ongoing issue of difficulties encountered when trying to upload results of Unit events to ACBL Live. The issue has been that the designated "Unit 390 club manager" must authorize the director of the game to enable them to do the upload. Previously, Lois Matton was the Unit club manger; Brad has worked with the ACBL and is now on file as the manager of the "Unit 390 club". We need to document who is on file as the manager of the "Unit 390 Club" going forward, so this issue can be handled.

8) Future Masters – Roger Bolton – report was emailed prior

- a) No questions regarding May 9th financials. Proposed budget for October 24th basically the same. Judy asked who directors are for that event. John & Clarende.
- b) Dan Dover and Caroleigh Houghton will direct the 299er sectional on May 8th 2027. The event has been sanctioned. Sylvia will shadow Roger for October which should be sufficient for her to learn everything. Roger reviewed the typical dates for the twice yearly tournaments, everyone agreed they work.

9) Secretary – Paulette McWilliam – Nothing to report

10) Membership – Judy Gartaganis

- a) There were 46 new members for our last fiscal year, 7 new life masters but our net loss for the year was 22 members.
- b) So far this fiscal year we have 17 new members
- c) Guest members do nothing for us in terms of contributing to revenue. They need to transition into regular members
- d) Judy talked about the changes the ACBL made to our revenue sharing plan. Prior to 5-5-5 Program, units received 11% and ACBL kept 89% of membership dues. The current program changed that 11% to 5% with an opportunity to earn an additional 10% if the unit achieves specific goals in terms of recruitment and retention. Judy pointed out this new program has actually enabled the ACBL to pay out only 75% of prior payouts, enabling them to retain additional funds over and above the 89%
- e) One good thing Judy mentioned, the new membership in-and-out report contains all the information needed to keep proper Unit records.

11) Public Relations – Delores Hedley

- a) Delores sent updates before the meeting.
- b) Delores talked about how to best thank the volunteers who help at the Bid and Play each week. Some discussion ensued. Judy moved that we provide Delores with 30 free plays to be used as she wishes with the Bid and Play program, seconded by Roger. Carried.

12) Old Business

- a) If we publish an event at a location and we don't ask for pre-registration, then we must be able to accommodate all attendees.
- b) Some discussion about how to "reward" our membership. Terry to cost out possible scenarios.

- c) Ed has suggested that we have 1/2 price Swiss teams. Judy pointed out it should be a unit cost, not a Sectional cost. Free plays to be used at Sectionals, might be better.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

NEXT MEETING

Monday – September 14th, 2026

10:15am Bridge Centre – Lower Level

Motion carried by email since last meeting

2026	April 10th (Email)	Delores proposed that the Board buy a Double Sided Magnetic Whiteboard at a cost of 168.00 Cdn for the Supervised Bid And Play program. Seconded by Judy Gartaganis. Motion was carried.
2026	May 7th (Email)	Judy received notice the cost of Constant Contact will increase to US 64.60 (up from US 53.20). Judy moved that the Unit continue its subscription to Constant Contact at the price of US\$ 64.60 per month. Motion was seconded by John Sharpe and carried.