

**UNIT 431 Board of Directors Meeting
01 September 2011 at Ted Eisner's home**

Present:

Ted Eisner
Emrys Evans
Ele Gibson
Ev Goedhart
Gayle Good
Bryan Grover
Connie Settingington
Leslie Wood

Regrets:

Kirk Homis
Tom Pelton

Guest:

Ruth Cain
Don Mamula

Meeting was called to order at 7 pm and agenda accepted as presented.

Role of the recorder

Ruth Cain attended to provide information on her role as unit recorder. Although the recorder is a resource to club owners / directors, issues arising at club games are to be dealt with by club owners / directors. Recorder may be called upon to offer assistance and / or advice. Issues arising at unit events fall under the auspices of the recorder who gathers information and turns to the disciplinary chairman if further action is required. Recorder retains a permanent record and communicates with all parties involved in a dispute. Ruth was thanked for attending.

ACTION:

Ruth to email all local club owners / directors outlining her role and responsibilities.

Don added that the unit does not have jurisdiction over behavioural (conduct) issues occurring at the club level. However, for ethical issues, the unit does have jurisdiction, even at the club level. As well, the unit has jurisdiction over unit members playing elsewhere and jurisdiction over non-members playing at local unit events. For more information, please visit the ACBL site at <http://www.acbl.org/play/disciplinaryCode.html>.

It is the unit's responsibility to form a 'pool' of individuals prepared to sit on panels reviewing conduct and ethical issues. Since the recorder or the unit board may be the charging party, panel members may not include the recorder or board members. As well, lawyers are precluded from participating as these are not court of law legal hearings. It is important that panel members exhibit good judgement, have a strong sense of right and wrong, and good decorum. Anyone with a conflict of interest may not participate which translates into having a pool large enough from which two or three individuals may be drawn for any given case that arises.

ACTION:

Board members are to submit the names or at least 2 individuals who they believe may be qualified to participate in the pool. Candidates will be discussed at the next meeting, a short list created, individuals selected will be approached for final selection / presentation to disciplinary chairman.

District 19 business [<http://www.d19.org/>]

Don Mamula provided valuable input into district activities and its oversight of units. Victoria's April regional tournament was down ~120 tables and with very high venue costs there was a ~\$29,000 loss. Although the district wishes to hold a tournament on Vancouver Island, Cam Doner and Vivian Thickett (Vivian represents Island and Powell River units on the district board) are exploring venue options outside the downtown core which may prove to be more cost effective. No contracts currently signed for 2013; April date is traditional but not locked in stone. Smaller sized tournament may be viable assuming associated costs are reduced. Individuals are welcome to share tournament ideas with Vivian [tvthickett@yahoo.ca] and Cam [camdoner@hotmail.com].

It is possible to hold one or two sessions at sectional tournaments which award regionally rated silver points. At an additional cost of \$1 per player one of these may be designated as the beneficiary of the \$4 per table collected:

CBF International fund

CBF Junior fund

CBF Educational fund

CBF Charitable fund

If a decision is made to hold a special session, details should be discussed, in advance, with Matt Smith.

Grand National Team finals in District 18 were held over the Internet. This pilot was well received and is supported by the ACBL. If this approach appeals individuals may let the GNT coordinator, Pat Dunn [pjdunn@comcast.net], know. Don was thanked for attending.

Approval of minutes of 26 May 2011 meeting

Motion:

There being no errors or omissions the minutes were adopted as presented.

moved, seconded, carried

Matters arising from previous meeting

Gayle will determine requirement for Braille cards for the fall sectional shortly.

Emrys confirms no response from NPR to advertize fall sectional.

Ted, Bryan, Emrys have not yet met to discuss inventory.

Ted and Kirk have not yet met to discuss building bridge in Victoria.

Financial report

There is a cash balance of \$8,718 as at 31 August 2011. This cash balance remains after deposits for 2011 and 2012 event venues are paid. Spring / fall sectional tournaments and ACBL rebates generate the unit's main revenues.

MOTION:

Financial report was received as presented.

moved, seconded, carried

Tournament coordinator's report

Christmas Bridge Party [10 December 2011] Bar will open at 5:00 pm followed by dinner at 6:00 pm.

Tickets will be available mid October with a purchase deadline of 25 November.

MOTION:

Event tickets will be offered for sale at \$35 per ticket.

moved, seconded, carried

Ace of Hearts [11 February 2012]

Timing has been adjusted slightly to accommodate hall bookings for the evening.

Spring sectional [13 – 15 April 2012]

Ele offered to chair. Don offered to receive a PDF and print copies of the flyer for delivery to the Seattle NABC. As well, Matt Smith could be asked to take copies to the NABC. ACBL members with fewer than 5 MPs play for free at both the 1:00 and 7:00 pm Friday sessions. \$10 for ACBL / \$11 for non members.

MOTION:

Unit will hold a special session awarding regionally rated silver points at one of the two games Friday, 13 April 2012. \$4 per table will support the CBF Charity fund.

moved, seconded, carried

ACTION:

Leslie to chat with Matt as to which game (1:00 or 7:00 pm) should be considered for a special session awarding regionally rated silver points to support the CBF Charity fund.

Mentor games

Given that the Victoria Bridge Centre will remain a full time club after its move 01 November 2011, it was agreed to keep the mentor games at the VBC's new location.

Fall sectional tournament update [16 – 18 September 2011]

Details were reviewed; only a few last minute activities are pending completion. It was agreed that ACBL sign up will be available before both Friday sessions and before the Saturday afternoon session.

ACTION:

Ted will email a tournament reminder message to Kirk requesting general distribution asap.
Kirk to email tournament reminder message to general distribution asap.
Gayle will email Matt confirming his desired table count.
Kirk or Ele to 'man' the ACBL sign up on Friday and Saturday.

Fall 2011 199er Ace of Spades tournament update [15 October 2011]

Details in hand.

ACTION:

Leslie to confer with Loren Leader in terms of bridge tables / supplies required for Ace of Spades tournament.

Mentor games

Unit mentor game costs \$8.

ACTION:

Leslie to draft a flyer in time for Ace of Spade tournament which will help inform newer players of the monthly mentor game.
Kirk to email under 300 MP group reminding them of the monthly mentor game.

Tabled to next meeting

Newcomer games

Tabled to next meeting

Building bridge in Victoria update

There is a concerted effort by several unit members to introduce bridge into schools. There are free materials for this type of promotion accessible through the ACBL.

Tabled to next meeting

Other business

- Team Canada (Hargreaves) sponsorship request

ACTION:

Ted to contact Doug Fraser to discuss the Team Canada sponsorship request further.

- ACBL Goodwill Member of the Year nominations

Tabled to next meeting

- CBF zone elections

MOTION:

Members of unit 431 agree to have individual ballots mailed to their home addresses.

moved, seconded, carried

ACTION:

Ev to send board members' mailing addresses to the CBF in order that ballots may be received in time to vote in CBF zone elections this fall.

Next meeting

Thursday, 06 October 2011 at Ted Eisner's home. There being no further business the meeting terminated at 10:00 pm.

Tabled to next meeting

Issues resolution panel member selection

Mentor games

Newcomer games

Building bridge in Victoria

ACBL Goodwill Member of the Year nominations

Pre-duplication of boards for special events

Board of directors' job descriptions

Summary of action items

Leslie

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