

**Unit 431 Board of Directors Meeting  
March 1, 2012 at Ted Eisner's home**

**Present:**

Ted Eisner  
Tony Farr  
Ele Gibson  
Gayle Good  
Danielle Goulet  
Diane Moffatt  
Gail Richardson  
Leslie Wood

**Regrets:**

Emrys Evans  
Karen Wood

**Call to order**

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m. and the agenda accepted as presented.

**Welcome to new members**

Ted welcomed new members and briefly explained the role of the board of directors

**Approval of minutes of 26 January 2012 meeting**

**Motion:**

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

moved, seconded, carried

**Approval of minutes of 12 February 2012 meeting**

**Motion:**

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

moved, seconded, carried

**Matters arising from previous meeting**

Ted to discuss the issue resolution panel with Doug Fraser – still pending

Gayle contacted club owners for material to display at Senior Expo; no material sent.

Gayle asked Delma if interested to participate in Senior Expo.

Gayle is arranging for bidding boxes, boards and bridge books for display at Senior Expo.

Leslie has provided copies of newcomer flyer for Senior Expo.

Ele produced free plays for Soroptimists, and provided Gayle with list of clubs and schedule for Senior Expo.

**President's Report**

AGM was held and five new members joined the board of directors.

The Ace of Hearts was a success and feedback has been very good.

**Financial Report**

As Gail has just received the material from the former treasurer she made no formal report other than to confirm the balance in the bank confirmed at the AGM.

Gail now has signing authority at the bank, Ele is going to sign the forms next week and Karen will complete the form when she returns from vacation.

Gail will start to track the use of free plays issued by the board at events to see which ones are used and at which clubs.

Gail will establish a petty cash fund in the amount of \$100 to pay small receipts (under 20) rather than write cheques for minor amounts.

**Motion:**

The financial report was approved as presented.

moved, seconded, carried

**Tournament Coordinator's Report**

Leslie tabled a request from Karen Billett that the Ace of Hearts and Ace of Spades be held the same day as the Monterey Rummage Sale (last Saturday in February and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in October) if possible. It was agreed to comply with her request if space available at St. Aidan's and there is no conflict with other tournaments.

We are still negotiating for space at Pearkes Arena in April and September 2013 for the sectionals. Ted suggested we try to avoid Sept. 13 – 15 as that is Yom Kippur.

**2012 AGM Debrief**

Ted summarized the summary of changes made to the planning document and a list of suggested changes for 2013 to be discussed when the AGM is organized.

**2012 Spring Tournament**

The planning document was reviewed thoroughly

The two guest speakers will be given free plays good for either the tournament or for use at clubs.

Ele reported she is adding non-ACBL members to her email distribution list.

Hospitality was discussed resulting in the following motion and a decision that free muffins, etc will be provided on Sunday morning rather than providing a Saturday supper. In addition, each player on Sunday will be given a token for a free coffee with their registration.

**Motion:**

Members are encouraged to bring, on Friday and Saturday, ready to serve snacks if the Coffee Lady approves.

moved, seconded, carried

**2012 Fall Tournament**

Ele will chair the Fall tournament and Tony has agreed take over the partnership desk.

The cost will remain at \$10 for ACBL members, with the Unit covering the extra dollar required for the Charity game on Friday night.

**Newcomer game**

**Motion:**

Non-ACBL players will be invited to play in the newcomer game for the full fee of \$8.00.

moved, seconded, carried

Diane, Leslie and Gayle volunteered to assist with phoning the players and acting as standby players for the game.

**Fall 2012 Ace of Spades**

Ted has agreed to chair the game.

**Senior Living Expo**

Gayle briefed the new members on the Unit's involvement for the first time at the Senior Expo and asked for volunteers to assist at the table.

**Building Bridge in Victoria**

The Senior Living Expo display is the only new initiative to date.

**ACBL Goodwill Member of the Year Nomination**

Gayle briefed the new members on the information received last year. It is anticipated nominations will again be due by October, and members were asked to bring suggestions to the next meeting.

A suggestion was made to have each club nominate a player to be honoured by the Unit. This will be added to the discussion at the next meeting.

**Confirmation of fees for junior players.**

**Motion:**

At all Unit 431 sponsored games, including sectionals, mentor games, Ace of Hearts, Ace of Spades and the Annual General Meeting, the entry fee for paid up ACBL members in good standing who have not yet reached their 16th birthday shall be \$1 per session and the entry fee for paid up ACBL members in good standing between the ages of 16 and 21 years of age (Have not yet reached their 22nd birthday) shall be no more than 50% of the regular entry fee.

moved, seconded, carried

It was agreed that for the next mentor game, all high school students would be able to play for \$1.00, whether or not they are members of the ACBL. Fees for students at mentor games will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

**Set dates for next meetings:**

The following dates were set for the board of director meetings for 2012. Unless otherwise indicated, all meetings will be at Ted Eisner's home, starting at 7:00 p.m:

- May 17,
- July 5,
- Aug. 11, Summer BBQ start time 3:00 pm
- Aug. 30,
- Oct. 11
- Nov 22.

**Other Business**

Unit phone book – to be placed on next agenda

Gail reported she is the treasurer for the next regional tournament in 2013 which Jan Galenza will chair. Delma Murray has agreed to handle hospitality again, but due to resignations they are looking for someone to organize the caddies and look after the partnership desk. Gail asked that this be placed on the next agenda.

The history of stratification for our tournaments was questioned. Leslie will get an answer from Matt Smith.

**The meeting adjourned at 9:10.**

**Summary of Action Items**

<b>Ted:</b> Ted to discuss the issue resolution panel with Doug Fraser
<b>Ele:</b> To get approval from Coffee Lady for members to bring read-to-serve snacks on Friday and Saturday.
<b>All:</b> Bring forward names to submit as Goodwill Ambassador of the Year.
<b>Leslie:</b> Ask Matt Smith for clarification of stratification for Victoria sectionals.
<b>Karen:</b> Agenda for next meeting to include: Preparation of Unit 431 phone book Junior fees to be paid at mentor games 2012 Regional – volunteer to oversee caddies and partnership desk ACBL Goodwill Member of the Year Nomination