

Unit 431 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: April 30, 2015

Place: Home of Leslie Wood

Chair: Ele Gibson

Board Members Present

Deb Carnes

Ele Gibson (chair)

Tony Farr

Gail Richardson

Judy Stewart

JP Weber

Leslie Wood

Regrets

Marnie Hueston

Peggy Pepper

Jill Stainforth

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Ele Gibson
2. **Approval of agenda**
Motion: Gail Richardson/JP Weber moved the agenda be approved with the addition of "Eligibility for the Ace of Hearts and Ace of Spades" added as Item (d) under New Business. MSC
3. **Approval of minutes for March 12, 2015 meeting**
Motion: Judy Stewart/JP Weber that the minutes be approved as distributed. MSC
4. **Matters arising from minutes:** Action items from previous meetings reviewed. Ele Gibson
5. **Reports**
 - a. **President:** No report Ele Gibson
 - b. **Financial** Gail Richardson
Available cash as of April 30, 2015 is \$13,349.01
Motion: Tony Farr/Deb Carnes that the financial statement be placed on file. MSC
 - c. **Membership** Jill Stainforth
Email addresses of the board members along with photos will be published on the website (Jill to take the photos). Written submission
Name for new award for under 20 initiative – deferred to June meeting
Formal process for nomination committee – deferred to June meeting
Second Rookie Game to be held Saturday, Sep. 19 at Shannon Oaks; Jill to chair
 - d. **Tournament Coordinator** Tony Farr
Pearkes will not be able to accommodate us on the weekend following Labour Day for the next few years. Tony will get more information about availability of venues and the possibility of moving the date to later in the year. It was suggested we wait until after the Fall tournament to make any final decisions regarding using Mary Winspear again.
 - e. **Awards** Judy Stewart
We have 42 medals, 30 keepers and 6 coins for NLM on hand. Laser etching is \$1.50 per sq. in.; we will ask the winner of the Under 20 initiative whether he/she would like a highball glass, a wine glass or a beer mug.
 - f. **Webmaster** JP Weber
It was suggested adding Bridge Bites (available free from ACBL) to the website.
It was agreed that rather than send additional emails regarding the website, any relevant new information will be added to the bottom of emails already being sent to the members (e.g. notice of tournaments, etc.)

g. Bridge Buzz

Leslie Wood

Although the ACBL policy is to not publish Big Games by non-active members in the *Bridge Bulletin*, we will continue to do so in the *Bridge Buzz*.

The next edition is due out in mid-June, and all submissions are required by June 2.

h. Regional Liaison

Gail Richardson

The table count was down but the final financial figures were not available. Opposition to the venue is seen as the reason for lack of attendance from visitors.

The Vancouver 2016 regional will be held Nov. 7 – 13 in Whistler.

6. New Business

a. Fall Sectional

Tony Farr

The games on Thursday and Friday will be at 1:00 and 7:00 to accommodate working people

The Saturday Swiss Teams will start at 10:00 (coffee and muffins at 9:30) to allow for the extra drive from Victoria.

Tony will update the flyer and the ACBL website.

b. Rookie Game

Leslie Wood

There are 174 eligible players.

An email has been sent to all inviting them to the game. Phone calls will follow closer to the date. Volunteers are needed to make the phone calls.

c. Mentor Game Survey

Leslie Wood

The response to the survey was overwhelmingly in support of maintaining the status quo. Ele will convey the results to Ruth Cain.

d. Eligibility for Ace of Hearts/Spades

Ele Gibson

Ele read an email received from a member expressing concern that non-members were playing (and winning) in a restricted tournament while they had the equivalent of points in excess of those allowed in the tournament. Leslie will review the results from the tournaments to see if this is the case. Deferred to June meeting.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m. Next meeting is June 11 at Deb Carnes' house.

Minutes prepared by Leslie Wood

Approved by Ele Gibson