

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING—UNIT 431 VICTORIA MINUTES

Victoria Bridge Centre—Sunday, February 28, 2016—12:45 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Ele Gibson (Chairperson) Peggy Pepper JP Weber
Tony Farr Gail Richardson Leslie Wood
Marnie Hueston Jill Stainforth

Board Member Regrets:

Deb Carnes
Judy Stewart

Unit Members Present:

Nancy Adrian Catherine Campbell Tom Dodge Nev Hircock Harry Sadd
Helen Anglehart Doug Campbell Gloria Dorrance Ann Isaac Louise Smith
Rita Beny Janice Closson Paul d'Orban Delma Murray Debbie Wastle
Mike Black Heather Cozens Daphne Dunbar Wanda Nunan Esther Wiebe
Barb Boisvert Gina Curran Emrys Evans Christine Oliver Vilborg Wilson
Van Buchanan Dolf Daam Terry Foster Sindy Patterson Ewa Zwicky
Ruth Cain Joanna Daam Jan Galenza Andrea Pite
Alison Campbell Mike Dickie Tarek Gomma Jon Preston

1. Call to order and opening remarks Ele Gibson
The meeting was called to order at 12:45 p.m.
2. Approval of Agenda Ele Gibson
Motion: Leslie Wood/Andrea Pite that the following items be added to the agenda.
Reports 5. e. District 19 Comments (Representative Chris Cookson) ; Reports 5. f. Mentor Game (Alison Campbell) ; and New Business Regional Tournament (Jan Galenza) **MSC**

Motion: Wanda Nunan/Jan Galenza that the agenda be approved as amended. **MSC**
3. Approval of 2015 AGM minutes (February 22, 2015) Ele Gibson
Motion: Jill Stainforth/Gail Richardson that the table showing Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs winners be amended by changing category 20-25 to 20-50. **MSC**
4. Business arising from minutes. No business arising from the minutes. Ele Gibson
5. **Reports**
 - a. President's report Ele Gibson
As her last duty as President of Unit 431 Board of Directors Ele highlighted the following:
 - i. Unit is financially healthy and has the ability to invest in our community to improve our bridge experience and to encourage new players.
 - ii. Addition of Ace of Spades tournament, a second Rookie tournament in the fall, D-Light games, and the Dawn Hueston Memorial Award
 - iii. Bridgemates for use at clubs and tournaments
 - iv. Introduction of pre-duplicated boards to tournaments
 - v. Improvements to procedures with which the board operates resulting in everyone working together and pulling his/her own weight
 - b. Treasurer's Report Gail Richardson
2015 Unit financial statements were presented as reviewed and approved by Jim Alexander.
Motion: Nancy Adrian/Alison Campbell that the financial statements as of December 31, 2015 reviewed and approved by Jim Alexander be approved as presented. **MSC**

- c. Membership report Jill Stainforth
 - i. Current membership at 532 with 60% of the growth at the entry level. Over 50% of our members have fewer than 200 master points.
 - ii. D-Light games attracting four to five tables each week.
 - iii. New Life Masters: Nev Hircock, Ann Mazuruk, Reta Morrison, and Jill Stainforth.
 - iv. All members asked to promote ACBL zero tolerance policy and to wear name tags at bridge games.
- d. Tournament Coordinator's Report Tony Farr
Tournament dates and venues secured through 2017.
- e. District 19 Report Chris Cookson
Reno National Board looking at a proposal to address the costs of dealing in American funds.
- f. Unit Mentor Game Alison Campbell
Attendance at mentor games varies and suggestions for improving attendance invited. Discussion included the following areas:
 - i. Role of mentor game
 - ii. Mentor/mentee matches
 - iii. List of guidelines for mentors such as using mentee's convention card
 - iv. Pre-game lesson

6. Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws

- a. Amendment to Constitution to include the word Bylaws.
Motion: Harry Sadd/Janice Closson that the word *Bylaws* be added to the current title of Constitution so that the updated title would read *Constitution and Bylaws*. MSC
- b. Amendment to Article VI: 3) Nominations to include a Nominating Committee as shown below.
Motion: Harry Sadd/Andrea Pite that the Unit adopt the following bylaw. MSC (Opposed: Van Buchanan)

ARTICLE VI. THE UNIT BOARD

3) NOMINATIONS:

A Nominating Committee consisting of three (3) members of ACBL Unit 431, at least two (2) of whom are current Unit 431 board members, shall be appointed by the Unit Board of Directors by October 31. The Nominating Committee shall present a slate of candidates to Unit Board of Directors by mid January of the following year.

A call for nominations shall be issued by the Secretary at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

Nominations shall close at the Annual General Meeting.

- 7. **Announcements and awards** Ele Gibson
Awards: First place winners for Ace of Clubs (Unit events) and Mini-McKenney (any ACBL event).

MP Range	Ace of Clubs	Mini-McKenney
0-5	Denis Johnston	Gina Curran
5-20	Louise Smith	Susan Breiddal
20-50	Bob MacDonald	Bob MacDonald
50-100	Joanna Daam	Joanna Daam
100-200	Kathreen Este	JP Weber
200-300	Russ Etherington	Russ Page
300-500	Bob Cheeseman	Karen Wood
500-1000	David Reid	David Reid
1000-2500	Tony Farr	Tony Farr
2500-5000	Bela G Hirczy	Ernie H Tradewell
5000-7500	Brian Fraser	Brian Fraser
7500-10,000	Michael J Roche	Michael J Roche
Over 10,000	Duncan Smith	Gerry W McCully

In memoriam: Dawn Hueston and John Moynan

8. Thank you to outgoing Unit Board Directors: Deb Carnes, Tony Farr, Ele Gibson, and Judy Stewart. Leslie Wood

10. Election of Board of Directors Ele Gibson

Slate of Nominees

Nancy Adrian

Mike Black

Barb Boisvert

Gloria Dorrance

Gail Richardson (running for re-election)

Jill Stainforth (running for re-election)

Motion: Delma Murray/Jan Galenza that nominations cease.

MSC Slate accepted by acclamation

11. New Business Ele Gibson

2017 Victoria Regional Tournament

Jan Galenza

Announcement: That the 2017 Regional will be held at the Victoria Conference Centre. Volunteers needed and everyone asked to please promote the tournament especially when travelling to tournaments outside Victoria.

10. Adjournment Ele Gibson

Motion: Andrea Pite/Wanda Nunan that the meeting be adjourned.

MSC

Meeting followed by individual movement bridge session and pizza. Trophy earned by Terry Foster.

Minutes prepared by Peggy Pepper, Secretary
Approved by Ele Gibson, President