

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ACBL UNIT 431
Victoria Bridge Centre
Sunday, February 18, 2018, 12:45 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Barbara Boisvert, Chair	Gloria Dorrance, Acting Secretary	Nev Hircock
Gail Richardson	Nigel Williamson	

Board Member Regrets:

Nancy Adrian	Holly Boudreau	Shelley Burnham
Marnie Hueston		JP Weber

Unit Members Present:

Jo Albinati	Mike Black	Van Buchanan
Tom Braybrook	Ruth Cain	Gail Cleveland
Gina Curran	Mike Dickie	Heather Erskine
Mary Ellen Fisher	Terry Foster	Pat Fullerton
Betty Hubbard	Ian Kimmerly	Gillian Mouat
Delma Murray	Ed Patterson	Maureen Trappe
Bill Wastle	Leslie Wood	

Non-Voting Attendee:

Christine Seaville

1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks
The meeting was called to order at 12:45 with opening remarks by President Barb Boisvert. The quorum of 20 members was fulfilled.
2. Approval of the agenda
Motion: Van Buchanan/Maureen Trappe that the agenda be approved as distributed.
Barb Boisvert
MSC
3. Approval of 2017 AGM Minutes
Motion: Pat Fullerton/Leslie Wood that the minutes of the 2017 minutes be approved as distributed.
Barb Boisvert
MSC
4. Business arising from the minutes: No business arising from the minutes.
Barb Boisvert

5. Reports

- a. President's Report:
Barb Boisvert
 - A new sectional, Ace of Diamonds, for 99ers was established. This event was well attended and will continue. The Unit now has five sectionals.
 - Heather Erskine and Terry Foster have taken over the Sunday mentor games. Attendance has been favourable.
 - The Board purchased a Bridge Sorter and 25 sets of boards. Unit 431 will now feature web movements at their venues starting with the Spring Sectional in 2018. C
 - A new position on the Board has been created to handle the card sorting of boards at tournaments. Nigel Williamson has agreed to stand for this position.
 - The Board has voted to come under the Societies Act. Unit 431 is a not-for-profit organization and exists to promote and enrich bridge in Victoria.
 - Thanks to all the Board members for their work this past year.
- b. Treasurer's Report:
Gail Richardson
2017 financial statements were presented as reviewed and approved by Jim Alexander.

Motion: Van Buchanan/Maureen Trappe that the financial statements as of December 31, 2017 reviewed and approved by Jim Alexander be accepted as presented. MSC

c. Membership Report:

Unit 431 has 544 members.

Barb Boisvert, reporting for Nancy Adrian

Motion: Mike Black/Maureen Trappe that the report be accepted as presented.

MSC

d. Tournament Coordinator's Report:

Barb Boisvert

Barb Boisvert reported that tournaments for 2018 are fully scheduled including the new sectional for 99ers in June. This brings the number to 21 venues including the mentor games for which the Unit takes responsibility.

Shelley Burnham, currently on the Board, has agreed to accept the position of tournament coordinator from Barb Boisvert.

Motion: Terry Foster/Heather Erskine moved that the appointment of Shelly Burnham as tournament coordinator be accepted.

MSC

6. Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws to comply with the BC Societies Act

Barb Boisvert

In accordance with the BC Societies Act, the following revisions to the Constitution and ByLaws (highlighted in blue) were presented for discussion and approval, as follows:

- a. That Unit 431 Constitution and Bylaws title be amended into two documents.
 - CONSTITUTION
 - ACBL UNIT 431 BYLAWS
- b. That Unit 431 Constitution be amended as follows:
 - 1) To work with franchised **ACBL sanctioned** club owners and prospective franchised **ACBL sanctioned** club owners to increase the availability and enjoyment of duplicate bridge within the area.
- c. That Unit 431 By-Laws be amended as follows:

ARTICLE VI. THE UNIT BOARD

1) NUMBER AND ELIGIBILITY OF BOARD MEMBERS

- b. Franchised **ACBL sanctioned** club owners shall not be eligible for the Unit Board, and a board member shall cease to hold office upon his/her becoming a franchised **ACBL sanctioned** club owner.

4) ELECTIONS:

Each Unit **431** member present shall be entitled to one vote for each board member to be elected. All candidates are entitled to have witnesses at the counting.

ARTICLE VIII. UNIT FINANCES AND SIGNING AUTHORITY

4. MANAGEMENT OF UNIT FUNDS:

- b) All disbursements will require two (2) signatures. The Unit Board will designate a **minimum of three (3) signing officers**, one of whom will be the Treasurer.

6. REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES:

Directors' expenses, so long as they are reasonable, may be reimbursed upon receipt of the original invoice and to a maximum of \$70.00. Directors' expenses over this amount requires prior Board approval.

ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND/OR BYLAWS

1) PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION AND/OR BYLAWS

3) APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT:

The concurrence of seventy-five (75) percent of all members present and voting shall be required to pass any amendments to the **Constitution and/or** Bylaws.

ARTICLE XI – MEMBER-FUNDED SOCIETY

The Society is a member-funded society. It is funded primarily by its members to carry on activities for the benefit of its members. On its liquidation or dissolution, this society may distribute its money and other property to its members

Motion: Van Buchanan/Pat Fullerton to accept the amendments to the constitution necessary to comply with the BC Societies Act. MSC

7. Announcements and Awards

Barb Boisvert

Barb Boisvert read the results of the Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs results:

Range	Mini-McKenney Race	Ace of Clubs
0-5	Gillian Mouat	Helen Mustafa
5-20	Mark Raymond	Mark Raymond
20-50	Denis Johnston	Thomas Braybrook
50-100	Margaret Skinner	Ian Kimmerly
100-200	Gina Curran	Gina Curran
200-300	Daniel Lyder	Joanna Damm
300-500	JP Weber	JP Weber
500-1000	Donald Berry	Russell Page
1000-1500	David Reid	David Reid
1500-2500	Tony Farr	Tony Farr
2500-3500	Karen Turner	Ewa Zwicky
3500-5000	James Galand	Ernie Tradewell
5000-7500	Michael Hargraves	Sindy Patterson
7500-10,000	Michael Roche	Brian Fraser
10,000-Up	Gerry McCulley	Duncan Smith

8. A special thank you to outgoing Unit Board Directors: Marnie Hueston and Nancy Adrian.

Barb Boisvert

9. Election of Board of Directors

Ruth Cain

Ruth Cain, Nominations Chair, 2018, presented the slate of nominees:

Barb Boisvert
 Holly Boudreau
 Shelley Burnham
 Nev Hircock
 Nigel Williamson
 JP Weber
 Lionel Traverse (running for election)
 Ann Brydon (running for election)
 Gail Richardson (running for re-election)
 Gloria Dorrance (running for re-election)

No nominations from the floor. Slate accepted by acclamation.

10. New Business:

Barb Boisvert informed members of potential damage to the Bridge Sorter if the cards have any residue of food on them. With this in mind, the Board elected to not serve food when a web movement is used at tournaments. Barb will announce this at the clubs in advance of the spring tournament.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned on a motion by Delma Murray at 13:40.

Meeting followed with a bridge session and pizza. Trophy won by Terry Foster.

Minutes prepared by Gloria Dorrance, Awards Coordinator (Acting Secretary)
 Approved by Barb Boisvert, President

