

Unit 431 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: September 17, 2019

Place: 505-847 Dunsmuir Road

Chair: JP Weber

Present:

Ann Brydon

Shelley Burnham

Nev Hircock

Ernie Tradewell

Lionel Traverse

Jill Stainforth

Gail Richardson

Maureen Trappe

Gloria Dorrance

1. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

JP

Motion: Moved by Ernie/Seconded by Ann that the agenda be approved as presented
Approved

3. **Approval of minutes from June 4, 2019 Regular Board Meeting**

JP

Motion: Moved by Ernie/Seconded by Shelley that the minutes be approved as distributed.
Approved.

4. **Reports**

a. **President**

JP

Elé felt that there was a problem with how the mentor game had been handled and contacted JP who was in Europe at the time and couldn't really help with the issue. It was felt, however, that we need to have a protocol in place about handling similar situations. The protocol going forward will be to contact 1st, the game director; 2nd, a senior director; and 3rd, Matt Smith.

b. **Financial**

Gail

Cash balance as at September 1, 2019 is \$14,458.69.
Gail

Motion: Moved by Gail/Seconded by Lionel that the financial report be placed on file.
Approved

Gail is concerned about the direction being taken by the ACE Tournaments as regards to attendance and has asked for the situation to be reviewed. |

c. **Membership**

Jill

The D-Lite game with Roy directing, has been moved to Wednesday morning and there are currently 5 tables of enthusiastic newcomers. Jill and Catherine Mustapha are working to create increased visibility and readers of our Facebook page.

d. **Tournament Coordinator**

Shelley

The Fall Sectional attracted 266 tables. The Ace of Spades will be held October 5 and will include a Rookie game. Suggestions are being sought to convert players of this game to regular members. The ideas so far include follow-up call to the players and free tickets to the next ACE tournament.

e. **Awards:**

Gloria

Gloria would like to consider replacing silver life master awards because of the cost of these coins. She has asked us all to look for alternatives and report back.

f. **Inventory:**

Ann

Ann is suggesting less for sectionals tournaments. The amount left over is quite wasteful. Ann also has purchased new cards for team games.

g. **Webmaster:**

JP.

JP is reporting approximately 500 visitors per month to the website.

h. Tournament Hand Coordinator

Ernie

6. New Business

All

- a. Tournament Boards. Ernie has made 7 sets of 36 boards; 4 sets of 28 boards; 26 sets of 27 boards; he has also requested enough cards to make spare boards for tournaments.
- b. Christmas Party will be held at Monterrey as usual. We will offer ride sharing to encourage greater attendance. We will also advertise the event more fully and make a greater effort to “spark up” the program. JP will MC this year. A committee is being formed to design an entertainment program.
- c. Mentor games. Ernie and Nev will establish criteria for both mentors and mentees.
- d. New Unit game. Bill Wastle has asked us to revisit the question of a new unit game to be held one Sunday per month in addition to the mentor game already being held. It was felt that we are fully supplied with unit games at this time.
- e. Keepers. Gloria recommended a medal replace the current small trophy.
Motion: Gloria moved that keepers be medallions engraved with year, event and strata. Ann seconded. Approved. Renewal of Insurance, Gail will handle this.
- f. 50/50 tickets. Gloria suggested that the gaming license is getting prohibitive.
- g. Board members’ emails. Instead of each board member receiving emails regarding board matters, it was suggested that we have one email address for the board as a whole.
- h. Next meeting will be November 19, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m. At 2287 Windsor Road.

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Minutes prepared by *Maureen*
Approved by *JP*