



Unit 431 Regular Board Meeting

Date/Time: January 20, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom

Chair: Gail Richardson, President

Attendees: Gail Richardson, JP Weber, Tony Dason, Jill Plasteras, Maureen Trappe, Al Romanchuk, Gloria Dorrance, Madeleine Tremblay, Mark Raymond,

Call to order at 7:07 p.m.

1. **Approval of agenda:**

Moved by Jill; seconded by Al; that the agenda be approved. **Carried.**

2. **Approval of minutes:**

a) November 04, 2021, Regular Board Meeting:

Moved by Jill; seconded by Gloria; **Carried.**

3. **Matters arising from minutes:**

None.

4. **Reports:**

a) President: Nothing to report.

b) Financial: No report.

c) Membership: F2F does not seem to be working as well as we had hoped. ACBL is doing what it can to support both F2F and virtual games. It reports that a total of 1,370 F2F club games were played in November; 1,352 in December and 815 during the first 3 weeks of January. The numbers for our District during the same periods are 92, 91, and 48.

d) Tournament Coordinator: Mary Winspear Centre is asking for a decision regarding the Spring Sectional, scheduled for March 20/21. The board made a unanimous decision to cancel. We will consider a later date.

e) Awards: There were 13 new Life Masters in 2020/21. The Awards will be given to them as soon as possible.

- f) Assets/Inventory: The updated inventory list has been posted in the Tournaments folder in Dropbox.
- g) Webmaster: It's Your Call Victoria has experienced diminishing response and has now been cancelled.
- h) Communications: Madeleine suggested that most of the communication is coming via the Website, Webmaster communications and the Club owners and that makes the Bridge Buzz an unfortunate casualty. She suggested re-thinking its viability.
- i) Regional Liaison: Victoria Regional Tournament 2023 is still listed on ACBLs website and is considered a go at this time.
- j) Tournament Hand Coordinator: No report.

5. **New Business:**

- a) December 31, 2021, Financial Statements: These were review by Jim Alexander. JP **moved** and Maureen seconded that the statements be accepted and presented at the AGM. **Carried.**
- b) Update on F2F games: See membership report.
- c) Nominating Committee: A committee composed of JP, Holly Beaudreau and Maureen is recommending that the following people stand for election for the next board: Madeleine Tremblay, Gail Argatoff, Elaine Busch, Ruth Davies, Ele Gibson, Kay Kerr and Alexis Martfeld. **Moved** by Mark, seconded by Jill. **Carried**
- d) A by-law revision to remove 2 obsolete positions—Recording Officer and Unit charging officer—and to clarify the number of board members will be brought to the AGM. **Moved** by Mark, seconded by Madeleine. **Carried.**
- e) AGM plan: The proposed Agenda was modified to include a By-law amendment. The proposed amendment is to be sent via email to all members at least 21 days prior to the AGM.

6. **Next Meeting date:**

- a) Next meeting will be a zoom meeting, immediately following the AGM.
- b) AGM is set for February 27, 2022.
- c) Adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Maureen Trappe, Secretary

Approved by Gail Richardson, President

Nominating committee report

Introduction

At Unit 431's board president behest, a nominating committee for new board members was formed as specified in Article VI, Section 3a of our Unit bylaws:

3) NOMINATIONS:

a. A Nominating Committee consisting of three (3) members of the 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.

The three members include two current board members, Maureen Trappe and JP Weber, as well as Holly Boudreau.

Methodology

The Unit currently has 488 members with only a small fraction interested in serving on the board. Experience has shown that soliciting members via e-mail would be unlikely to yield any results. We opted instead to identify potential candidates who were currently actively participating in duplicate bridge, using YTD masterpoints as a proxy. From the November 2021 roster, we initially selected 123 names, eventually winnowing them down to 30. Each committee member was assigned 10 names to call. Several candidates were found. Additional calls and referrals elicited a few more. Some of the candidates expressed preferences for specific positions, others have not. The incoming board will decide attribution of specific position at its post-AGM meeting.

Results

The following candidates, listed in alphabetical order, have confirmed their interest in standing for the board for the 2022-2024 term.

- Gail Arbatoff
- Elaine Busch
- Ruth Davies
- Ele Gibson
- Kay Kerr
- Alexis Martfeld

Report submitted by Maureen Trappe, Holly Boudreau and JP Weber

January 18, 2022

Report of Communications Director

The position of Communication Director is new this year and its role remains ill-defined. During the pandemic, most communications to the membership were done via mass emails, generally by the webmaster.

This year the Bridgebuzz was published twice, in the spring and late summer. It was published electronically only and was added to the website as well as sent by email to all members.

Finding contributors has proven very challenging and there was no input from the readership, despite specific requests for feedback and submissions of questions to our contributing experts. Club directors/owners were invited to participate but opted to communicate directly to the membership via emails and notices on BBO, when necessary. One expert contributor opted out after the spring edition, and I was unsuccessful in finding a replacement.

A review of the relevance and/or format of the Bridgebuzz seems indicated at this time. This may need to be reassessed when F2F bridge restarts and, hopefully, members and clubs become more actively engaged again.

Respectfully

Madeleine/Madogirl