



Unit 431 Regular Board Meeting

Date/Time: January 9, 2024 @ 4:00 p.m.

Location: 2437 Estevan Ave.

Chair: Ernie Tradewell, President

Attendees: JP Weber, Ruth Davies, Farhad Rohani, Maureen Trappe, Janice Closson, Ernie Tradewell, Jill Plasteras, Madeleine Tremblay

Regrets: Jill Stainforth

Call to order at 4:15 p.m.

1. **Approval of agenda:**

Moved by JP; seconded by Janice that the agenda be approved. **Carried.**

2. **Approval of minutes:**

a) November 14, 2023, Regular Board Meeting:

Moved by Janice; seconded by Ruth; **Carried.**

3. **Matters arising from minutes:**

None.

4. **Reports:**

a) President: ACBL board is now holding a monthly ZOOM meeting with all Unit presidents. This month's topic was a change in reimbursements to encourage all Units to work towards re-membering and recruitment of new members.

b) Financial: Jill P will change how the Duplicate-Light grant is shown on the financial reports. Additionally, she will reach out to Elle about the duration of the extension that was negotiated and to get a copy of the written agreement regarding retro-active funding.

c) Membership: Duplicate Light is attracting new members and is going well. Our annual increase in membership is 21 people.

- d) **Tournament Coordinator:** The Spring Sectional will be chaired by Shelley Burnham at Mary Winspear in Sidney, April 5-7. Director is Bruce. After considering the rising cost of holding this event and fees charged by other sectionals, we decided to raise session charges to \$15. For ACBL members and \$19. For non-members. The Friday games will be free for those players with fewer than 25 mps with the funds coming from the new-player recruitment grant.
- e) **Awards:** The Rose bowl is the only remaining trophy. It is given to the individual movement game winner which traditionally follows the AGM. It will be given after the first in-person AGM we can hold.
- f) **Inventory:** Mobox storage costs have increased almost 40%. Madeleine is looking into alternate storage possibilities.
- g) **Regional Liaison:** The 2024 Vancouver Regional has been cancelled due to the sale of the Croation Centre. JP will once again take charge of the Victoria Regional in 2025. The district financials are showing a strong uptick in funds, They are now breaking even. There is a new sectional in the district-Ocean Shores in Washington state in December 2024. Whistler 2025 is in the discussion stage.
- h) **Webmaster:** All job description updates except for Membership have been posted. Membership JD has been received and is being reviewed.
- i) **Tournament Hand Coordinator:** 41 complete sets of boards are now ready for any upcoming tournaments.

5. **New Business:**

- a) **Nominations for 2024:**

Board members continuing for their 2-year term: Maureen Trappe, Jill Plasteras, Farhad Rohani, Janice Closson. Members standing for re-election: JP Weber, Ernie Tradewell, Ruth Davies, Jill Stainforth. New nominations: Susan Jobbins.
- b) **BridgeMates rentals:**

Some of the local directors are branching out as Cruise ship directors and they have requested BridgeMates to take for the cruises. Ernie provisionally agreed with the existing fee structure (\$0.50 per table use). We felt that this was inadequate because they would be unavailable in case of need and also subjected to rougher treatment than normal causing a greater need for repair. It was agreed that the fees should be raised to \$1.00 per sea-day for each BridgeMate.

Additionally, there has been a request from Nicole Dupuis to reduce the table fees to \$0.10 per table use or even no charge. There will be no change in the per table fee for local clubs.

c) Changes to bylaws:

Ernie recommended bylaw 6) Meetings be amended to show "Board decisions will be considered valid when approved by 75% of board members.

d) AGM:

AGM will be held February 16, 2024, at 12:30 on ZOOM.

e) Liaison with clubs was held over.

6. Next Meeting date:

a) AGM February 16, 2024, 12:00 on ZOOM

b) Next meeting : February 20, 2024, 4:00 at Monterey.

c) Adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Maureen Trappe, Secretary

Approved by Ernie Tradewell, President