



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING—UNIT 431 VICTORIA MINUTES**

Strawberry Vale—Friday, February 21, 2025, 12:00 p.m.

**Board Members Present:**

JP Weber	Maureen Trappe	Susan Jobbins
Ruth Davies	Ernie Tradewell	
Farhad Rohani	Jill Stainforth	
Janice Closson	Jill Plasteras	

**Board Member Regrets:**

**Unit Members Present:**

Alan McNabb	Alice Miller	Barbara Stewart	Shelley Burnham
Jo Albinati	Christie Ulmer	Delma Murray	Doreen McOrmond
Susan Jobbins	Ele Gibson	Ethel Vincent	Gail Richardson
Deb Wastle	Gina Curran	Holly Boudreau	Jim Brackenbury
John Broderick	Judith Slimmon	Judy Littler	Leslie Wood
Lorna Jamieson	Lou Sandmaier	Mary Ellen Fisher	Mel Zimmerman
Peggy Pepper	Roxy Sandmaier	Sarah Burwell	Sindy Patterson
Yvonne Schmidhauser	Karen Turner	Tony Farr	

1. **Call to order and opening remarks** Ernie Tradewell  
 The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m.
2. **Approval of Agenda** Ernie Tradewell  
**Motion:** Doreen McOrmond moved that the agenda be approved, seconded by Gail Richardson.  
**Carried.**
3. **Approval of 2024 AGM minutes** Ernie Tradewell  
**Motion:** Karen Turner moved that the 2024 AGM Minutes be approved, seconded by Holly Boudreau. **Carried.**
4. **Business arising from minutes.** No business arising from the minutes. Ernie Tradewell
5. **Reports**
  - a. **President’s report** Ernie Tradewell  
 Ernie Tradewell thanked the Board for the work they have done over this last year. Membership currently stands at 429. A special thanks to Jill Plasteras retiring Treasurer. A very low attrition rate (8%) compared to ACBL average. Four successful sectional tournaments were held. Two open and two limited.

Protective travel cases were purchased for all sets of boards. This will reduce the loss of cards during transport.

The Duplicate-Light program continues to be successful with an average attendance from 8 to 9 tables per week.

Mary Winspear has been secured as a regular venue for Sectional tournaments.

This year's Seasonal Celebration was larger than pre-COVID.

ACBL is now holding a monthly ZOOM meeting with all Unit presidents. This has been crucial in keeping us informed and connected with the larger bridge community.

**Motion:** Janice Closson moved the president's report be added to the record, seconded by Jill Plasteras.

b. **Treasurer's Report**

Jill Plasteras

2024 Unit financial statements were presented as reviewed by Jim Alexander.

**Motion:** Gail Richardson moved that the financial statements as of December 31, 2024, reviewed by Jim Alexander be approved as presented, seconded by Tony Farr.

**Carried.**

c. **Membership report**

Jill Stainforth

Included in President's report.

d. **Tournament report**

Ruth Davies

Included in President's report

6. **Announcements and Awards**

Ernie Tradewell

7. We remember all those bridge friends we lost during the past year: May Croft, Deanna Beckett, Sylvia Fair, Brenda Cundill, Allison Weir, Bella Feldstein.

First place winners for Ace of Clubs (Unit events) and Mini-McKenney (any ACBL event).

<b>MP Range</b>	<b>Ace of Clubs</b>	<b>Mini-McKenney</b>
0-5	Chris Hildebrandt	Pieter Box
5-20	Alan Macnab	Alan Macnab
20-50	Rob Gillespie	Don Nemeth
50-100	Sarah Burwell	Sarah Burwell
100-200	Cindy Thom	Christie Ulmer
200-300	Jim Greening	Susan Jobbins
300-500	Jo Albinati	Dolores Johnson
500-1000	Marc Furnemont	Janette Magne

1000-1500	Jill Plasteras	Jill Plasteras
1500-2500	Ruth Davies	Ruth Davies
2500-3500	Glen Thornborough	Glen Thornborough
3500-5000	Ewa Zwicky	Michael Ainsley
5000-7500	Ernie Tradewell	Ernie Tradewell
7500-10000	Michael Hargreaves	Gordon McOrmond
10000 Plus	Doug Fraser	Michael Roche

New Life Masters this past year include Farhad Rohani, Eddie Crews, Janice Closson.

**8. Election of Board of Directors**

- a. Board members continuing for their 2-year term: Ernie Tradewell, Jill Stainforth, Ruth Davies, Susan Jobbins, JP Weber
- b. Board members standing for re-election: Maureen Trappe, Janice Closson.
- c. New nominations for election to Board of Directors: Gina Curran, Catherine Mustafa.  
There were no additional nominations after 2 calls for nominations from the floor.  
Ernie Tradewell welcomed all elected members to the Unit 431 Board of Directors for a 2-year term.

**8. New Business**

Ernie Tradewell

By-law change to Article VI Section 8 to read: A member of the Unit may be removed for cause by an affirmative vote of 2/3 or more of voting board members was unanimously approved.

**9. Adjournment**

Ernie Tradewell

**Motion:** Ernie Tradewell moved, and Lou Sandmaier seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 12:40 p.m. **Carried**

Minutes prepared by Maureen Trappe, Secretary  
Approved by Ernie Tradewell, President