



Unit 431 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: October 28, 2025, 4:00 p.m.
Location: 2287 Windsor
Chair: Ernie Tradewell, President
Attendees: Ruth Davies, , Maureen Trappe, Ernie Tradewell, Janice Closson, Susan Jobbins, Jill Stainforth (by phone), Gina Curran, Catherine Mustafa,
Regrets: Farhad Rohani, JP Weber

Call to order at 4:05 p.m.

1. Approval of agenda:

Moved by Janice; seconded by Ruth that the agenda be approved with an amendment items 5.a and 5.b. be combined as 5.a. Strategic Planning Session. **Carried.**

2. Reports:

- a) President: The ACBL Board has decided that non-members will not be allowed to play in Regional, National and International tournaments.
We will continue to receive printed Awards for Mini-MacKinney winners. All other yearly points race winners will be mentioned at the AGM and have their names posted on the website.
We have determined that Swiss Team games at sectional tournaments should be bracketed in an effort to increase participation by newer players.
- b) Financial: There is currently \$19,530 in the unit accounts plus \$523 in petty cash.
We would like to establish a Capital Reserve Fund or Contingency Fund to make funds available to replace worn out, broken or obsolete inventory as needed. Ernie and Gina will further investigate similar funds to recommend a suitable dollar amount and how it should be handled.
Ace of Spades remained static in terms of numbers and generated \$500.
- c) Membership: Jill is continuing to follow up on all lapsed and at-risk members. Jill is recommending that we use posters in various community centres to attract new members to duplicate bridge and to duplicate light.
- d) Tournament Coordinator: Ruth has posted tournament dates to the end of 2029.
- e) Inventory: Susan has completed the inventory and will be posting it to the Dropbox pending some adjustments. This has been put forward to the next meeting..
- f) Regional Liaison: No report.

- g) Webmaster: No report.
- h) Tournament Hand coordinator: Ernie is recommending we start a gradual replacement of tournament boards.
- i) Awards: Janice is recommending that we use totes and t-shirts going forward due to their popularity among recipients.
The Historic records in Binders are very well received.
- j) Communications: Five @bridgevictoria.ca email address are included with our provider package and they will be assigned to: President, Tournaments; Secretary, Webmaster and Communications.

3. **New Business**

- a) Strategic Planning Session: This will take shape at a planning session scheduled for Jan 7, 2026.
- b) Education Initiative: We have decided this is of enough importance to add a board position, Bridge Education, and we will look in the bridge community for someone to spearhead this initiative.
- c) The 100th Anniversary of the founding of Contract Bridge will be marked by a special game to be held at Strawberry Vale in January.
- d) Unit Logo: Catherine will look at ways of rebranding our unit and updating the logo.
- e) AGM: date is February 27, 2026 at Strawberry Vale. There will be Pizza and an individual movement game.

4. **Next Meeting date:** Dec 5, 2025, 2:00 at 929 Falaise Cr.

Adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Maureen Trappe, Secretary

Approved by Ernie Tradewell, President