Unit 431
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2026

PRESENT: Ernie Tradewell, Ruth Davies, Gina Curran, Maureen Trappe, Catherine Mustafa, Jill Stainforth, Peter Leitz, JP Weber, Bill Wastle

Regrets: Janice Closson

Call to Order: 1:38 pm

1) **Approval of Agenda:** Moved by Ruth and seconded by Jill. All approved.

2) **Approval of previous minutes:**
   a) AGM – Moved by Ruth and seconded by Jill. All approved.
   b) March 13 – Deferred. Action: Maureen
   c) June 5, 2026 – Moved by Peter and seconded by Ruth, with the following correction to the Webmaster's report— 'forwarding' replaces 'transferring'. All approved

3) **Reports:**
   a) **President**:
   Ernie was inexplicably dropped from the presidents' list so that has been sorted. He has spoken with Bronia (ACBL Executive Director) about Bridgemates. The executive is talking about using a cellphone app instead of Bridgmates in the future. More research is needed. Action: Ernie

   b) **Treasurer**:
   Current balances: Chequing Account, $19.388.19; etransfer Account, $456.32; Petty cash, $415. Gina has applied for a Unit Costco Mastercard. Ace of Hearts generated a modest profit of approximately $300.

c) **Membership**:
Jill has a proof copy of the directory. Janete Van der Veen is working with her to take over the Mentor Game coordination. The next Mentor Game is on July 24th and Maureen has arranged 15 full tables. There is a tub in our Mobox containing all the necessary equipment for a F2F game.

d) **Tournaments**:
Ruth reminded us that the Fall Sectional in Sidney will be held September 25-27 and the Ace of Spades is scheduled for October.

e) **Inventory**:
(i) Nothing New
(ii) Hardware: Ernie discussed the merits of various colour printers and plans to purchase one by the end of August.

f) **Webmaster**:
JP continues to update the 'In Memoriam', 'Milestones' and 'Players Roster'. Catherine will take responsibility for surveys and newsy communications going forward. JP is keen to help any board directors with using Dropbox and Unit emails effectively.

g) **Tournament Hand Sorter:**
Ernie will be renting his services and prepared boards to the Nanaimo Sectional in August.

h) **Awards:** Janice has discovered that merchandise with the former logo can be overprinted. At upcoming events, winners will pick their T-shirt prizes that can then be ordered in the correct size rather than keeping a stock in all sizes. Free plays have been reprinted with the new logo and will include expiry dates (one year later) going forward.

i) **Communications:** Catherine has recently prepared a poster for the F2F Mentor Game (sent out 5- and 1-weeks ahead of the game); a new cover for the upcoming directory; and an updated poster for the Fall Sectional which will be sent to Units 429, 430, 431and the Olympic peninsula. Catherine advised Nicole that she would not participate in a province-wide auction promotion next year, limiting the board's auction promotion to the Island and Vancouver at a cost of approximately $200. The board will consider this proposal in September and advise Nicole of its decision. Ruth suggested that a similar amount would be well spent promoting bridge in Victoria. Catherine raised the question of team games as one had not been considered since February 15th. Gina agreed to follow up with Mike regarding scheduling additional team games. The board also agreed that any outreach into other Units should require their permission first.

4) New and other Business:

a. A contribution to VBC led to a discussion of the Unit continuing with a team game. A group including Ernie, Gina and Mike Ainsley will work on this in consultation with Mike Roberts.
b. Jill proposed that Club owners/managers could be invited to board meetings twice a year so there is ongoing interaction at a better-than-informal level. No decision was made.
c. This led to a plan being made for the annual BBQ to be held at Ernie's on Friday, August 21st, 3-6:00 pm, with Club owners/managers and several active directors invited. Action: Jill
d. Gina proposed we have an event to celebrate the induction of Doug and Sandra Fraser and Michael Roche into the Canadia Bridge Hall of Fame. It was agreed to do this following the Friday games of the Fall Sectional. A committee to make this happen will include Ruth, Bill, Janice and Maureen. Action: Gina
e. Regarding the decision made at the previous board meeting to highlight an aspect of bridge table behavior, Ernie commented that a key one would

be to have players limit their chatter during bidding and play to the 21 allowed words.

f. There was a request for action items to be highlighted in the minutes

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5) Next meeting:

4247 Eastridge, September 4, 2026 at 1:30.

Adjournment: 3:35 pm

Notes taken by Jill Stainforth, Membership

Approved by Ernie Tradewell, President