

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ACBL UNIT 430 – GREATER VANCOUVER

HELD: Saturday, May 16, 2015, at the Spring Sectional at the Queensborough Community Centre

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 PM Peter Morse presided.
25 players constitute a quorum.

1. **Approval of the minutes of the May 11, 2014 Annual General Meeting.**
(John, Fred)
2. **President's Report:** Peter began his report by stating that we have had a very successful year due to the excellent participation at the Mentor/Mentee Games and the Future Stars Tournaments. Kathryn Shannon and Maryellen Gallo were largely responsible for the excellent attendance. There were four Sectional Tournaments and three did very well. The January tournament numbers were down due to the time of year.
He went on to thank Tom Anderson for the much improved website, the additional information provided as well as the numerous links. The website has also been used as a signup for the Mentee/Mentor Games and this has greatly decreased the amount of work for the organizers. In the future, there will be a history of the people for whom trophies have been established. Peter thanked the Board members who have helped with this task.
Peter also thanked John Teschke for all the work he has done on the Matchpointer.
He thanked Frances Corney for all her work on partnerships and on the STac Games.
Peter mentioned that thought was being given to having a 5th Sectional or to adding a day to the other tournament.
3. **Financial Report:** The Financial Statements were presented by Fred Baldwin and were approved. (Fred, John).
Fred Baldwin presented the financial report
He made special mention of the money that the Unit Board has spent, over \$5000, to support players to go to National Championship events.
The financial statements are attached.
4. **District 19 Report:** David Schmidt reported that there would be no Regional in the spring of 2016. It was noted that between 1200 and 1500 tables were needed for a tournament to break even. The stated reasons were: We were remiss in getting a date and the NA Championships in March in Reno would affect our numbers; the tournament in Spokane will hopefully break even as costs are low; District 19 decided to try a November tournament in Whistler as the rates are good. District 19 supports players for various events and \$5000 of the \$8000 went to Unit 430 this year. The District took a \$13 000 loss (paper loss) due to the US dollar.
David's term expires at the end of this year and he invited interested members to take over his position.
5. **Issues raised by Members:** It was pointed out that Whistler is not a commuter tournament site and that Vancouver should be a Regional site as often as possible.

It was stated that we should write to District 19 and to Cam stating our opposition to the 10 and 3 start times. It was suggested that the Unit ask members whether they would favour a 5th tournament or an additional day added on to a present tournament. It was noted that we are limited as to venues for our tournaments and that any suggestions would be welcomed.

6. **Canadian Bridge Federation Report:** Angela Fenton, our CBF representative, stated that she was going to Montreal for a meeting at the time of the CNTC. She pointed out that the CBF website is very good, cbf.ca. The CBF is looking for more ladies' teams for next year.
7. **Election of Unit Board Members:** Nominees: Angela Fenton, James Harris, Peter Morse, Corrine Tapley and John Teschke. As there were no other names presented, the slate was approved (Rhoda, Jim).

Continuing Unit Board Members: Tom Anderson, Maryellen Gallo, Jim McKenzie, Gray McMullin, Kathryn Shannon, Rhoda Tafler

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 4:40

Respectfully submitted,
Rhoda Tafler