

MINUTES OF UNIT BOARD MEETING
ACBL UNIT 430 – GREATER VANCOUVER

HELD: Thursday, January 8th, 2015, at the Vancouver Bridge Centre

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM. Peter Morse presided.

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM: 9 Board members in attendance constituted a quorum.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes December 11th, 2014, were approved. (Angela, Gray)

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: The agenda was approved.

NEXT MEETINGS: The next board meeting dates are: March 5, April 9 and May 7 at the VBC at 7:00 pm. There will be no meeting in February.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

1. **Bridgemates:** As previously, the additional Bridgemates required for tournaments were rented from Surrey Duplicate-light for the Trophy Sectional.
2. **Matchpointer:** John advised that the most recent edition of the Matchpointer was distributed at the Sectional and it will be placed on the website shortly. It was agreed to allocate more funds to printing of the Matchpointer so that the printed cover could be in colour.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

1. **Generic Tournament Template:** the draft circulated by Angela was approved, subject to some reformatting that Tom will do.
2. **Queensborough:** Engineer's Hall is not making future commitments at this time. They are planning on renovations, and then will adjust rental rates accordingly. The Queensborough bookings are confirmed (with deposits). It was agreed that if the Engineer's Hall is at some future date booked as a tournament site, that the arrangements should be recorded in a formal contract. At this point no additional sites have been identified as appropriate for future tournaments.
3. **Financial Report:** Fred reviewed the current financial statements and advised that GST is payable this month. The Unit has a US dollar account that is necessary to pay ACBL their charges. At the January Trophy Sectional, we were down about 35 tables, but still earned a small profit (of about \$1600) mostly because of savings generated by having only 2 directors. Hospitality costs were also down slightly. The lunch cost \$589. We don't have a direct comparison with the previous tournament because this item was included with the other Hospitality costs for the Round Up Sectional, but this item is now being allocated to a separate budget heading so costs can be closely tracked.
4. **Trophy Sectional:** the 50/50 draw took place on Friday and on Saturday and was very successful, due to the great work of the volunteers. Because of the success of these two draws, it was decided not to have a third draw on the Sunday. Corrine did a wonderful job of coordinating the hospitality and the lunch. There were a few people who complained about various things, but the majority of the participants seemed to be happy with the coffee, hospitality items and the lunch. It

- was noted that the lunch line moved very quickly, compared to the experience at the previous Sectional. For the upcoming tournament, there is a Subway located near to the tournament site, and Corrine will confirm whether they will be open on the days of the tournament. The kitchen staff was concerned about the number of water cups being used, so extra cups should be made available for the next tournament. A formal letter was received complaining about the charges for the lunch on the basis that some participants would be purchasing lunch from other sources. While it would be nice if an approach could be adopted that would meet with universal approval, it was noted that other tournaments have adopted a similar approach to charging for lunch to ensure that participants can eat in the limited time available between the Team sessions. Angela received a request to correct a score from participants on Friday, but she advised them that scores can only be corrected within a limited time. E-mail was also received from a participant complaining that the results were not available through ACBL until Monday. Discussion ensued about the problems experienced with Bridge Results and ACBL, but Tom advised that most of the results were available within a reasonable time through the Unit 430 website. It was also noted that the team looking after the supplies, set up and clean up did a fantastic job. Purchase of a new easel to hold the partnership board was approved. An e-mail was received from ACBL setting out guidelines for tournament assistants and caddies, including pay arrangements. The guidelines also addressed the involvement of the Director in Charge in these matters. Discussion ensued on the amounts payable to caddies. It was noted that the caddies were very helpful throughout, including in packing up tables, chairs and equipment. Fred noted that the strataflighting was changed in accordance with the ACBL regulations, and Angela advised that the strataflighting for the May Sectional is in accordance with those regulations.
5. **May Sectional:** discussion ensued about planning for the May Sectional. Angela advised that everything is on track. Frances invited suggestions for encouraging more people to use the Partnership Desk. It was agreed to revise the next flyer to draw more attention to the on-line partnership desk. Tom will add a link on the home page to invite newer players to contact the Unit partnership desk for club games as well, as an experiment. No changes will be made to the lunch arrangements. Peter asked for board members who could not be available at the sectional to let him know in advance, but from the indications at the meeting, no staffing problems were anticipated.
 6. **Mentor - Mentee Games:** the next Mentor-Mentee Game takes place on January 31st, and people are already signing up on-line to participate. Eugene Chan would like to offer everyone who plays in the game a free play on the following Thursday night. The board gratefully accepted this offer and will announce it to participants. Tom will add this information to the website (and will clarify the wording with Eugene).
 7. **Supplies:** Gray reported that an additional volunteer has been added to the team for setting up and striking the tournament equipment, who was very helpful at the Trophy Sectional. New cards have been ordered (from a supplier in Scotland). Ordering new coverings for the tables is also in the works.
 8. **Future Stars:** the next Future Stars will be held on March 21-2. The lesson portion for the last Future Stars was structured to introduce a topic on the Saturday, which was then expanded upon on the Sunday, but indications are that this was not very popular. For the upcoming game, a lesson is planned for the Saturday, with 8 tables being able to play practice boards. A Q&A open forum is being considered for the Sunday. It was agreed to hold the Q&A on Sunday, and then survey participants after to see how they enjoyed it.
 9. **Trophies:** trophies were not available at the sectional, but Jim read out the list of winners. Next year, arrangements should be made in advance to ensure that the trophies can be handed out at the Trophy Tournament. It was noted that a few winners for previous years have not yet been inscribed on the trophies, and arrangements should be made to correct this. Peter will talk to Bruce about options for keeping the website records for the trophy races up to date, on a monthly basis if possible. Discussion ensued about replacing the lost trophy, but it was noted that there already is a replacement.
 10. **Unit 430 website:** Tom reported that Bruce provided updated Calendar information for 2015, in three formats, to provide information about local and regional events. It's quite comprehensive, so this is being posted on the home page on a monthly basis. Peter has made more progress on the historical trophy information and will provide that to Tom shortly to post on the website. There are still some gaps, but the hope is that those gaps can be filled in the future.

11. **IMP League:** Peter advised that he talked with Maryellen who reported that things are on track and games are being played.
12. **STaC/Club Liaison:** Frances advised that an e-mail will be sent out towards the end of January to clubs, although some have already signed up.
13. **50—50 Draw:** Angela requested more tickets for the next 50-50 Draw.
14. **ACBL Marketing:** Peter received e-mail from the ACBL concerning updating their privacy policies. It means that only the electronic contacts are given access to the information. Tom will verify the privacy policies, who is receiving the data and who should be receiving it, and how to ensure that ACBL is sending e-mail and confirmations to the correct contacts.

OTHER BUSINESS: none

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

NEXT MEETING: March 5th, 2015 at 7:00 at the VBC.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Anderson