

MINUTES OF UNIT BOARD MEETING
ACBL UNIT 430 – GREATER VANCOUVER

HELD: Thursday, March 5 2015, at the Vancouver Bridge Centre

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

NEXT MEETING DATES: **April 9**, May 7, and June 4 at the VBC at 7:00 pm

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM: 11 Board members in attendance constitute a quorum.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes January 8, 2015, were approved.
(Angela, John)

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: The agenda was approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Balance Sheet and Income Statement, as of Feb. 28, 2015 were submitted as well as the separate accounting for the Unit Games and the Mentor/Mentee Games. Board members reviewed the data.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- Tournaments: Future Stars Sectional:** Kathryn explained the pricing of the lessons, the games and the lunch. Stephanie Williams will work on the Partnership Desk.

May Sectional: It was decided that it would be a good idea to have a greeter at the entrance to the building, so Peter has agreed to take on that role.

Corrine is checking Quiznos and Subway in Queensborough Landing for the Monday lunch.

September Sectional: When the flyer is being printed the person responsible for partnerships will be unknown, so members will be asked to refer to the Unit website.
- Monthly Unit Games:** There were 10 tables for the February game. The low number might be explained by the Bellingham Sectional Tournament. It was decided that the Unit Board would make every effort in the future to avoid MUG on the weekend of the Bellingham Tournament. 2016 is not a problem.
- Mentor/Mentee Games:** These games are very successful and have gained widespread support. The next dates are May 9, Aug. 8 and Nov. 21, 2015.

4. **Matchpointer:** The next issue will come out a week before the May tournament.
5. **Supplies:** The new cards have arrived. These are smaller with rounded corners so they work much better in the machine. A new cork board is needed for the Partnership Desk.
6. **Unit 430 Website:** The website is well laid out and is very useful to users. In February, there were 12 524 hits!
7. **Unit 430 Trophies:** The Jean Turnbull trophy has not been found. Peter has spent a lot of time going through old Matchpointers looking for more information on the history of winners. Long time players will be asked for historical information.
8. **CBF:** Angela is now on the Board of Directors of the CBF. Their new website is CBF.com. She announced that May is Bridge month.
9. **STaC/Club Liaison:** Frances reported that STaC week will be the first week of June and 11 clubs have signed up so far.
10. **IMP League:** The A/X League is up to date. The B/C League has 7 teams and is doing well. Maryellen reported that having a set date and times posted has worked well because the organization part has been taken care of. It has also been useful that hand records are available on Sunday.
11. **Candidates for Next Year:** Peter, Fred, Corrine, John and Angela will remain. Frances will be leaving the Board. The names of Stephanie Williams and Ed L'Heureux were put forward as possible candidates. Peter will discuss this with them as the AGM approaches.
12. **Ace of Clubs Certificates:** The certificates will be distributed at the next Sectional.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. **ACBL Privacy Policy Revisions:** The ACBL has now limited the number of members who can access the list of members to the President and the Electronic Director. This poses serious problems for other Directors such as Kathryn who depend on this information in order to communicate with members in the area concerning Unit events. Peter will question this policy at the next meeting of the ACBL Board of Governors.
2. **Tournament Finances Process:** Fred will review these changes and report back to the Unit at the next meeting.
3. **ACBL Partnership Desk:** This is not working very well as the postal codes means of identifying local clubs has produced bizarre results. Peter has sent a letter to the ACBL outlining some of the problems.
4. **BC Seniors Games 2015:** Tom reported that the Games will be held in North Vancouver this year and that he and Amir Somji have agreed to be responsible for the finals in August.

NEXT MEETING: APRIL 9 at 7:00 at the VBC..

Respectfully submitted,
Rhoda Tafler