

**MINUTES OF UNIT BOARD MEETING**  
**ACBL UNIT 430 – GREATER VANCOUVER**

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**HELD:** Thursday, May 7, 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:** 8 Board members in attendance constitute a quorum.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** The minutes April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015, were approved.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** The agenda was approved.

**NEXT MEETINGS:** the following dates for Board meetings were approved: June 4, July 9 and August 6 at the VBC at 7:00 pm.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

1. **Tournament Template Review:** the Tournament Template was reviewed and approved. (John, Fred)
2. **Tournament Site Review:** Queensborough is booked for the next two sectionals. No other sites are currently under review. Location of future tournaments will be reviewed after we see how Queensborough works.
3. **Financial Report:** Fred circulated updated balance sheets (to April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015). Discussion ensued about various topics including: application of the subsidy funds in 2015, revenues from the Monthly Unit Game (net current profit about \$200), payment of ACBL accounts in US funds, the extent to which this can be done in Canadian funds (possibly at a savings), and the financial statements that will be presented at the AGM. Fred advised that his current plans are to remain on board for an additional year.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

1. **2016 Sectional Tournaments:** Angela advised that the 2016 tournaments have been booked with ACBL, but no sites have yet been booked. Discussion ensued concerning timing of the 2016 fall sectional and the 2016 Vancouver Regional (which is taking place at Whistler and scheduled for November 7-13, directly after our fall sectional). It was noted that the Unit board does not

control the dates for the Regional and cannot put on a Regional itself. This is determined by District 19. Although historically the annual Regional has alternated between Victoria and Vancouver, locating the Regional at Whistler, some 2.5 hours away from Vancouver did not seem to be consistent with this policy, and might disappoint many local players who could find it difficult to travel to Whistler. Peter will write District 19 to advise it about the board's view concerning these arrangements and the reasons why Vancouver should have an annual regional.

2. **May 15-18 Sectional:** discussion ensued concerning catering for the Monday lunch. Maryellen will look after partnerships Friday evening, and Frances will look after partnerships for the other days. Peter agreed to print out Partnership Cards for the sectional. Discussion ensued concerning the Ace of Clubs and presenting the awards Sunday at the sectional. Peter, Angela, Fred, Frances, Corrine, John and Fred are up for reelection. Frances has advised that she won't be able to run this year. Discussion ensued concerning possible replacements for the vacant board position.
3. **MUG:** the May Game was a great success, with 17 tables. The June game, set for Saturday, June 6, will be teams.
4. **Mentor-Mentee Game:** sign ups for the game have been wonderful (about 60 pairs at this point). The next MM games are scheduled for August 8 and November 2. Discussion ensued concerning scheduling, and the consensus was that the current number of games is appropriate.
5. **Matchpointer:** John advised that he has been working on thumbnail sketches of the players after whom the Trophy events are named, and summarized other items that will be included in the next publication.
6. **Supplies:** Fred advised that Gray has ordered more cards. Gray has done some repairs so that the existing boxes for storing the tables are serviceable for at least one more sectional. Rhoda has researched sources for replacing the protective boxes. Purchase of up to 30 new boxes, as necessary, to replace the existing boxes was approved. (Fred, John)
7. **Unit 430 Website:** discussion ensued about the website. Tom will purchase software (costing about \$20) to process and post the historical information that Peter has assembled. Kathryn and Tom will discuss changes for players registering on-line for the FS and MM games.
8. **Unit Trophies:** Peter will talk to Bruce and Rhoda about issuing the free plays to last years' trophy winners. Discussion ensued concerning how to record entitlement (by issuing game cards, for example, or providing the winner with a letter). Tom will talk to Bruce about taking over responsibility for current postings of the trophy leaders.
9. **CBF:** the women's team event was not played because not enough teams were entered. The target this year is to encourage at least 6 teams to enter the event. Angela noted that to play in the CBF championships (which are taking place in Toronto next year), you must be a member of the CBF (and it is not enough to join just before the event).
10. **STaC/Club Liaison:** correspondence has been received concerning problems club directors encountered in signing up for the last StaC. Part of the problem is that ACBL has not been diligent in responding to inquiries by e-mail or otherwise. Apparently some browsers do not work well with the ACBL

website. Peter will follow up with ACBL club owners about addressing these problems. Peter will prepare a note for posting on the website to explain to members about what is involved in a StaC.

11. **IMP League:** a chart for the league is posted at VBC. Playoffs in the BC league finals are currently underway. Maryellen wants to send out a survey of participants to see if any changes should be made for next year. Discussion ensued about options for structuring the league next year.
12. **50-50 Draw:** Angela advised that volunteers have been lined up for selling tickets for every day of the sectional except Saturday and is still looking for a volunteer for that day. Kathryn will ask for volunteers at the next MM game.
13. **ACBL privacy policy:** discussion ensued about reports that are being received from ACBL, and which board members should be receiving copies for further action (subject to the ACBL privacy policy). Tom will review the reports and see about posting information on the website that might be of interest to members. Discussion ensued about using the ACBL information to welcome new players and recognize personal achievement. Tom will take steps to try get ACBL to provide information in a spreadsheet format. Tom will send copies of the reports to Peter for his review.
14. **Tournament finances:** discussion ensued about changes ACBL is implementing for recording and reporting tournament finances. Fred will advise concerning whether there are any differences at the next sectional.
15. **ACBL Partnership Desk:** Peter has followed up to see if ACBL has made any revisions to the Partnership Desk. Things seemed to have improved, but there are still deficiencies concerning, among other matters, locating partners by location (specifying Vancouver, for example, can generate players in Vancouver, Washington, and overlook players in North Vancouver).

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. No other business.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

**NEXT MEETING:** June 4 at 7:00 at the VBC.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Anderson