

MINUTES OF UNIT BOARD MEETING
ACBL UNIT 430 – GREATER VANCOUVER

HELD: Thursday, January 14th, 2016 at the Vancouver Bridge Centre

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The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM. Peter Morse presided.

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM: 7 Board members in attendance constitute a quorum.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The December 10th, 2015 were approved as amended.
(Kathryn, John)

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: The agenda was approved.

NEXT MEETINGS: The following dates for Board meetings were approved:
February 4, March 3 and April 7 at the VBC at 7:00 pm.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

1. **Tournament Site Review:** Peter and Angela visited the Maritime Labour Centre, 1881 Triumph St., Vancouver, and found the facilities quite acceptable for our Sectional Tournaments. The playing area is spacious, with a couple of smaller rooms for presentations. Parking may be a problem on Friday afternoon, but there is lots of street parking (although well used) and there may be parking lots in the vicinity. With a few exceptions, we will not be able to bring food in to serve, but they have a capable catering service. A formal proposal is anticipated shortly.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Financial reports were not available for review by the Board. Discussions have commenced with the VBC to confirm in advance charges for our various events at the VBC.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

1. Sectional Tournaments:

Tournaments are scheduled for the following dates: January 29-31, May 20-23, September 2-4, and November 4-6. Because of a conflict with the November Sectional, the November MUG will be held October 29. Discussion ensued concerning the Whistler Regional, which is under the auspices of District 19 (not the Unit Board). Peter will discuss with District 19 representatives possible options for setting up a shuttle service from Vancouver to Whistler as well, possibly, as a shuttle from reasonably priced parking in Whistler to the tournament site.

2. Non-Life Master Sectionals:

Dates for the 2016 FS Sectionals have been tentatively set for March 5-6 and October 22-23. Plans are not yet finalized for a 0-199 Sectional, but it will likely be held if more help is available to put it on.

3. Monthly Unit Games:

The November game had 12 tables and the December game had 8 tables. The next MUG is February 6th (teams).

4. Mentor/Mentee Games:

The next MM game will be on February 20. Scheduling and location for the other MM games for 2016 are not yet confirmed. The 2015 events were very well attended, with great interest from Mentees and tremendous support from Mentors. Tom will open registration on the website for the next MM game in the next week.

5. Education Day:

Feedback suggests that members are interested in educational events. The Board continues to consider setting up an education day (separate from a tournament). Discussion ensued concerning the level at which education should be targeted, the costs for setting this up, and how much should be charged for participation. A problem at the moment is a lack of Board resources for putting on one, or more, educational events.

6. Matchpointer: John reported on articles in progress for the next edition of the Matchpointer, which will include the article on Zero Tolerance, which has also been posted on the website. John welcomed suggestions for other material that might be included in the upcoming publication, or in future issues.

7. Supplies:

Gray will be renting a truck for transporting the supplies to the tournament. Because the tournament is month end, the rental will be arranged in advance.

8. Unit 430 Website:

Discussion ensued about options for archiving tournament information on the website. One option would be to continue the subscription with Bridge Results. Peter will talk to Bruce about whether it is feasible to continue the subscription. There was limited response to the arrangements for expedited registration for people with disabilities at the last sectional, but those who did use it were very happy and so this service would be continued for the next sectional. An article on this will be prepared for the next Matchpointer, and further information will be posted on-line. Tom will touch base with Marv Norden about whether it would be possible to have the ACBL Live tournament results set up so that the url is created by a predictable formula, which could then be automatically referenced through the website, and whether it would be possible to

set up the ACBL calendar to create calendars consisting of local game and tournament information.

9. DINO/CBF: Angela will report on this next meeting.

10. STAC/Club Liaison: President's message re upcoming Unit events will be sent to club owners each month – the most recent one focused on expedited registration for Sectionals.

11. IMP Leagues: Entries are now closed for both Leagues and matches have commenced.

12. Fundraising: Edee and Bill will look after the 50-50 Draw for the next sectional.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Members incorrectly placed in Unit 429: Unit 430 members located along the Sea to Sky Highway have said that they are listed incorrectly as being in Unit 429, instead of Unit 430. Peter will look into this.

2. Projector: the projector is not working satisfactorily. Kathryn is talking to London Drugs about a possible warranty claim or, failing that, purchasing a new projector. Discussion ensued about repair options.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

NEXT MEETING: February 4th, 2016 at 7:00 at the VBC.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Anderson