

## MINUTES OF UNIT BOARD MEETING

### ACBL UNIT 430 – GREATER VANCOUVER

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**HELD:** Thursday, July 7th, 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 minutes of June 2nd, 2016 were approved. (Peter, Tom)

**NEXT MEETINGS:** The following dates for Board meetings were approved: **August 4, October 6** and **November 3** at the VBC at 7:00 pm.

**TOURNAMENT SITE STATUS:** the September Sectional will be at Engineers' Hall (no Friday sessions) and the November Sectional will be at Sunbury Hall in North Delta. The board agreed that it was necessary to do a cost comparison of the various site options. Preliminary work has been done by Fred. Angela provided an overview of current costs, although discussion suggested there were incidental costs that still need to be nailed down for any comparison. Any other suggested sites should be raised and reviewed and included in the cost comparison. Discussion ensued concerning travel issues for each of the sites, which is as important a factor as financial considerations. Saturday start times for the September Sectional will be 10:30 and 3:30 to see if they work better for members and attract greater participation. Discussion ensued concerning how to assess whether these new start times are a success or failure. The board then discussed whether participants will have difficulty finding a restaurant between sessions at Sunbury, but Maryellen suggest that there were a lot of options, and Tom will place a map with that information on the website. The board then considered the possibility of

arranging for food trucks for the Engineer's hall for between the Saturday sessions. Don has investigated this and will look into it further.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** the Unit Board still needs to find a new member who could fill the vacant Treasurer position on the Board. Tom will put a note up on the website. Peter discussed the subsidy fund and how it is allocated. Peter's done the calculations, which have been reviewed and approved by our retired Treasurer. Discussion ensued about increasing the subsidy awards.

#### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

1. **Sectional Tournaments:** the Unit Board will continue to provide expedited registration for players with physical limitations. Peter will get a reminder out to club owners. The Board reviewed the remainder of the 2016 Sectional Tournament Schedule. Priority will be given to finalizing the November flyer and having it printed. The 2017 tournaments are all booked, and sanction numbers have been obtained from ACBL. All are showing up on the ACBL Tournament List, with the exception of the November, 2017 tournament. Angela will e-mail Board members with the dates and sites. Pre-tournament liaison with directors continues to be an important item that needs to be pursued (for such things as ensuring that Zero tolerance is promoted, and to deal with other issues. For example, at a recent tournament, fewer boards were played in the B Sections as opposed to A sections, which could lead to discontent for players being charged the same for less play. It is important for the Board to be consulted on these types of issues).
2. **Non Life Master Sectionals:** the next Future Stars Sectional will take place October 22-23. The next 199er Sectional will be held Saturday, September, 24<sup>th</sup> (site still to be confirmed).
3. **Mentor/Mentee Games:** the next MM game will take place Saturday August 13. The final game in 2016 is scheduled for Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>. It was agreed that the upper limit to be a Mentee should be revised to less than 200 masterpoints.
4. **Monthly Unit Game:** the next MUG (pairs) is August 6, at 7:00 at the VBC. Bruce will be unable to direct this game and arrangements need to be made for someone to direct in his place.
5. **Unit 430 Website:** Tom summarized new additions to the website. Board member listings of duties and contact info have been updated (and Board members are requested to review for accuracy). The historical records of minutes and trophy information has been updated. In addition to regular maintenance of the website, time has been spent clearing spam, and setting up the MM game, the database and on-line registration. Calendars of events for August and September and been prepared and are now on-line. It would be possible to generate a questionnaire on the website for members to provide feedback about the new start

times being tested for the Saturday games at the September sectional. It was agreed that more use should be made of the website to publish information of interest to members, including articles.

6. **Matchpointer:** the next issue of the Matchpointer will be published before the September Sectional. Articles are welcome for future editions (and an invitation for contributions should be added to the website). Tom will check to see if ACBL can generate a Unit 430 winners list that we can celebrate in the Matchpointer. Discussion ensued concerning other things that might be included, such as pictures of the CBF Richmond winners. It was agreed that parts of the Matchpointer should be in colour, and Nick will find out about the cost implications of doing that.
7. **Supplies:** 4 new tables have been purchased already and all 8 will be available by September (the tables are being purchased over time to take advantage of sales and discounts. By doing this, Maryellen has got us great deals!) Discussion ensued about purchasing coffee makers that would be used to fill up carafes for distributing coffee at tournaments.
8. **CBF Update:** Angela advised that the Audrey Grant Canadian Tour is being promoted by the CBF. Dates have been set in October. Angela is looking for a site for the event. The Hollyburn Country Club is a possibility that is being explored. The Unit Board would be required to pay Ms. Grant's expenses, but not teaching fees. This will be a 2 day event. On the first day, a Teacher's workshop (free of charge), is scheduled in the morning and a multi-level bridge workshop (hands on play with Audrey) is scheduled for the afternoon. The following day is a course for beginners. Participants must have a 1 year membership in the CBF.
9. **STaC/Club Liaison:** the President's message re upcoming Unit events will be sent to club owners each month.
10. **IMP League:** Maryellen has produced a schedule. Peter needs to talk to Bruce about issues involved in running the League this year, and whether having a board member involved would be a good idea. The new schedule should go out by September to start getting the B players interested.
11. **Tournament Hospitality:** Corrine advised that Audrey will be not able to assist with food hospitality at future tournaments and a replacement has been hired. Corrine also advised that the current approach for food distribution (types of food and quantities) is being reviewed and will likely be cut back.
12. **Possible Hollyburn Sectional** - a member of the Hollyburn Club has suggested the possibility of holding a sectional at the Club, in discussions with Kathryn. However, because this is something the Club would do as something of interest to their members, it would not be possible to hold a limited field event there. This is highly tentative, and even if there is interest expressed by the Club, much needs to

be worked out (some examples: would the Club's food preparation facilities have to be used? to what extent could the Club accommodate parking for non-members). Kathryn will follow up and report back to the Board.

13. **Planning for the future:** Peter suggested that at future meetings the Board should consider blue sky ideas, such as common boards for all Swiss Team events, online registration, technical innovations for flyers (incorporating scanning codes, such as Don has suggested, for example, or ensuring that on-line flyers are fully linked) and contingency plans anticipating changes with the VBC. It was agreed that these types of topics should be part of the Boards future agendas.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Anderson