

MINUTES OF UNIT BOARD MEETING
ACBL UNIT 430 – GREATER VANCOUVER

HELD: Thursday, September 1, 2016, at the Vancouver Bridge Centre

PRESENT:

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REGRETS:

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

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of August 4, were approved. (Angela, Kathryn)

NEXT MEETINGS: The following dates for Board meetings were approved: **Oct. 6, November 3** and **Dec. 1** at the VBC.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

We have found a workable arrangement to replace Fred as Treasurer. It will involve sharing of the position between two competent individuals. They are Cia Van Horne and Brian Yager.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

1. Sectional Tournaments

a. Tournament site status:

The September tournament will take place at the Engineers' Hall with no Friday afternoon session. Jim will do the walk about and Christa and Edee will do the 50-50 draw on Saturday and Sunday. The November Sectional will be held at Sunbury Hall in North Delta.

b. Start times

For the September and January tournaments, the start times will be at 10:30 and 3:30, but in November and May, the start times will be at 12:30 and 6:30. A long term decision will be made after the May Sectional.

c. Possible new tournament site

We have (possibly) a new tournament site for the January tournament. It is at St. Mary's Ukrainian Cultural Centre in central Vancouver (near Cambie St. and 16th Ave.) It has a nice, large space. It was moved to try the new site. (Don, Jim)

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d. Zero Tolerance

The directors will make an announcement each day of the tournament.

e. Expedited Registration

This service will be communicated to the Club owners.

f. Round-Up Sectional

The flyer has been finalized and will be available at the tournament and then distributed to the local clubs.

2. Non Life Master Sectionals

- a. 0 – 200 Sectional will be on Sat. Sept. 24 at 10 and 3 at the Engineers' Hall.
- b. Future Stars Sectional will be on Oct. 22-23 at the VBC. The flyer is done.
- c. 2017 dates: Future Stars, March 17-18 and November 30 – Dec. 1.
0 – 200 Sectional, April 1. The venues are to be confirmed.

3. Monthly Unit Games

The next game, Sept. 10 is a pairs game and the following one on Oct. 1 is a team game. They are held at the VBC at 7pm.

Bruce will be asked to duplicate the boards for the team game. Club directors will be contacted and asked who might be interested in directing the Monthly Unit Games, a regular process every couple of years to see who might be interested in filling a backup role should Bruce be unavailable for some games.

4. Mentor Mentee Games

The final 2016 game will be held on Saturday, November 26. Registration opens online in October. Proposed 2017 dates are Feb. 18, Apr. 29, Aug. 12 and Oct. 21. Two games will be held at the VBC and 2 in Surrey.

5. Matchpointer

This edition, with a coloured cover, is very informative and attractive. Articles are always welcome for future editions.

6. Supplies

We have a new Bunn coffee brewing system. We will still need to keep 1 old one for hot water. Kathryn suggests we buy a new cold water cooler.

Leah, at the JCC, wants to rent our bridge scoring machines. Cost will be \$20 per week for 20 machines.

It was moved (Gray & Jim) that the Unit loan 20 bridge scoring machines to the JCC for \$20 per week.

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Gray will have them sign a contract.

7. Hospitality

We have a new caterer, Fatima, for the September tournament and sandwiches will be ordered from Quiznos.

For the 0-200 Sectional, the hospitality will be organized by Kathryn and Rhoda. Terie Grad has offered to help.

For the Future Stars Sectional, Oct. 22-23, refreshments and Subway lunches will be required for both days.

Upcoming events for hospitality: Nov. 4-6 and Nov. 26.

8. Unit 430 Website

Google docs is used for shared Unit information.

It was suggested that we ask Tom to simplify the Partnership Desk for tournaments, similar to the MM partnership desk.

9. DINO/CBF News

A letter was received by the CBF to object to the Victoria tournament conflicting with the CNTC's. For the future, a guarantee was given that this wouldn't happen again.

The information on the Audrey Grant sessions is presented in the Matchpointer.

There is no specific information available on the Whistler Regional other than the fact that over 600 rooms have been rented.

10. STAC/Club Liaison

Peter has communicated with club owners asking them to support our events.

11. IMP League

Announcements will be made at the tournament.

For the A/X League entries will be available at the tournament.

B/C League – An invitation was sent out, but no response yet.

NEW BUSINESS

1. VBC renovation – Ken will do the renovations for the club.
2. Hollyburn Sectional - Peter is waiting for them to respond to the list of requirements necessary to run a sectional.
3. Pre tournament liaison with the directors – This includes asking that the same number of boards be used in each section and reminding players that each partner must have a completed convention card on the table.
4. Start times – There was more feedback against the new times.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:05.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhoda Tafler

The following electronic motions were approved after the Board meeting:

MOTION 1:

That the Unit Board approves the addition of Brian Yager, ACBL Number 3231259, and Cia Van Horne, ACBL Number 6726984, to the Unit 430 Board to fill the current vacancies on the Board, effective immediately.

MOTION 2:

That both Brian Yager and Cia Van Horne shall be appointed to jointly fulfil the requirements of the position of Treasurer, effective immediately.

MOTION 3:

That the list of approved Signing Officers, for purposes of dealing with the Unit's Bank and for authority to Sign Cheques, be changed, effective immediately, subject to completing the necessary paperwork at the Bank,

from: Peter Morse, Rhoda Tafler and Fred Baldwin

to: Peter Morse, Rhoda Tafler, Brian Yager and Cia Van Horne.

Having received 8 positive votes and only two apparent abstentions/absences, I wish to advise that Cia Van Horne and Brian Yager are now members of the Unit 430 Board and will jointly occupy the position of Treasurer.