

MINUTES OF UNIT BOARD MEETING
ACBL UNIT 430 – GREATER VANCOUVER

HELD: Thursday, October 6, 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: 11 Board members in attendance constitute a quorum.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of Sept. 1, 2016 were approved. (Kathryn, Don)

NEXT MEETINGS: The following dates for Board meetings were approved:
November 3 and **Dec. 1** and **January 6** at the VBC. (likely no February meeting)

SUBCOMMITTEES FOR BOARD PROJECTS: The tournament sites spreadsheet needs updating from time to time and all UB members can do this.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Brian and Cia explained the basic changes that they propose for handling the financial affairs of the Unit. They will try to eliminate the use of cheques by using Paypal. Peter suggested that this not include paying the ACBL. Cia will move to project accounting so that all expenses related to an event are together. An overhead account will be used for miscellaneous expenses. They plan to use the Sage accounting system.

It was moved to approve the use of Paypal, the use of the project accounting system, the use of the Sage accounting program provided by Unit 430, and the use of project modules for reporting. (Jim, Don) (1 opposed) **CARRIED**

GST: We normally file quarterly GST reports with Cra, but it appears Fred combined the March 2016 and June 2016 reports into one filing. This makes it appear to CRA that we missed a filing. Cia will talk to the CRA and also become the main contact with them. It was moved that Unit 430 give Cia Van Horne the authority to deal with the CRA.

(Kathryn, Nick)

CARRIED

It was moved that free plays be given to all Unit Board members for all Open Sectionals. (Kathryn, Rhoda) This was tabled until Cia has had the opportunity to look into the financial ramifications of such a decision.

PRE-REGISTRATION: Peter discussed this with Matt Smith and Matt was favourable to the idea. Players would register online and would receive their table number prior to the game. This would eliminate line-ups. It has been a concern that Directors and Peter had to carry so much cash over tournament weekends. A subcommittee will work on the details: Tom, Brian, Peter, Kathryn, Don.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

1. Sectional Tournaments

a. Tournament site status:

The November Sectional will be held at Sunbury Hall in North Delta. There are some concerns about available space in the facility. The start times for this tournament will be 12:30 and 6:30. In January, early start times and in May 12:30 and 6:30. A long term decision will be made at the May Sectional.

Jim will be there at 10.

We have 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.)

Zero Tolerance

The directors will make an announcement at all Sectionals.

b. Expedited Registration

This service is to be communicated to the Club owners.

c. Round-Up Sectional - Nov. 4-6

January Sectional – Jan. 13 – 15. The flyer is being prepared.

2. Non Life Master Sectionals

a. **Future Stars Sectional** will be on Oct. 22-23 at the VBC. Corrine will do the catering and lunch will be provided by Subway.

b. 2017 dates: Future Stars, March 17-18 and November 30 – Dec. 1.
0 – 200 Sectional, April 1, 2017. Both venues are to be confirmed.

3. Monthly Unit Games

The next game, Nov. 19 is a pairs game as is the following one on Dec. 3. They will be held at the VBC at 7pm. The Feb., June and Oct events will be team games. Bruce will prepare the boards.

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, in Surrey, Aug. 12 and Oct. 21, in Surrey.

5. Matchpointer

The next issue will be in January. Tom will use the website to invite players to submit articles for the Matchpointer.

6. Supplies

We have a new Bunn coffee brewing system. We will still need to keep 1 old one for hot water. The idea of purchasing a dealing machine was discussed, (\$3000-\$5000) but no decision was reached. More information needs to be gathered.

7. Unit 430 Website (vancouverbridge.com)

Google docs is used for shared Unit information (event dates, tournament sites, table counts, job descriptions, etc.) Tom is trying to archive tournament results since 2015, but this is a long term project.

8. DINO/CBF News

Angela reported that the Audrey Grant sessions are doing well. So far, 9 teachers, 17 beginners, and 40 multi-level have registered. Audrey wants to use the Unit's coffee pot, the PA system and the bidding boxes.

CBF charity money should be given to the food bank.

The dates for the 2017 Canadian Bridge Championships have been set back a week, thus avoiding a conflict with the Victoria Regional.

Whistler – Cam reported that players have registered for 1000 room nights.

9. STAC/Club Liaison

In August, Peter communicated with club owners re: upcoming Unit events.

10. IMP League

A/X League - Peter will take charge of both the A/X and the B/C League.

Brad can give Peter a list of the team captains. The B/C games will be on Sunday, on a schedule.

Peter will give Tom information on the A/X League.

NEW BUSINESS

1. VBC renovations – The renovation dates are still uncertain.
2. Hollyburn Sectional - There has been no further communication from the Hollyburn Club on this issue.
3. Pre tournament liaison with the directors – Peter will talk to the tournament director before the tournament.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:25. (Nick, Corrine)

Respectfully submitted,
Rhoda Tafler

The following electronic motions were approved between the September and October Board meetings:

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.