

## MINUTES OF UNIT BOARD MEETING

### ACBL UNIT 430 – GREATER VANCOUVER

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**HELD:** Thursday, December 15, 2016, at the Vancouver Bridge Centre

**PRESENT:**

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

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

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** The amended minutes of Nov. 3, 2016 were approved. (Kathryn, Nick)

**NEXT MEETINGS:** The following dates for Board meetings were approved: **January 5**, and **February 2** and **March 2** at the VBC.

**SUBCOMMITTEES FOR BOARD PROJECTS:**

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Cia distributed financial reports up to and including the Round Up Sectional. Discussion ensued on allocating rent to the FS sectional costs. The Round Up Sectional showed a loss of about \$1400, and perhaps will end up as much as \$1700, when all costs are factored in. Cia raised questions respecting a \$300 deposit which does not show up as being recovered, (but which may have been netted out as part of the final rent total) and will follow up with Angela. The MM game also showed a small loss. Cia then reviewed the balance sheet for Unit 430. CRA has been dealt with on all of the GST issues. Cia emphasized the importance of implementing a good receipt program. Anyone receiving a cheque should make sure that the cheque records what the expense is for, so Cia can follow up. Discussion ensued concerning information Cia requires when an expense request is made. Don suggested that anyone responsible for an event should review the costs at the end, to advise Cia and Brian if they see anything that is missing or mis-allocated. With respect to free plays for board members, Cia produced a table

showing the expenses to the Unit based on the number of board members, and possible increases in the number of free plays per board member, so that any decision on this question can be made knowing the cost to the Unit. Discussion ensued concerning problems of providing subsidy cheques to players. Peter had two to deliver, but the players were not playing regularly, and one of the cheques may now be stale-dated. Cia and Peter will deal with this. Discussion ensued concerning the current subsidy policies.

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

### **1. Sectional Tournaments:**

**November Sectional:** attendance was down for various reasons. The site should not be used for future events, but it is unlikely that the condition of the site itself was responsible for the lower table count. Location might have been a factor. Also, the Whistler tournament may have had an impact (in some cases, drawing more players from outside the lower mainland, but in other cases players had to make choices about whether they would take part in the Sectional or play at the Regional).

**January Sectional** – Jan. 13 – 15. St. Mary's Ukrainian Cultural Centre looks like it will be an excellent playing site. The Saturday events will be held at 10:30 am and 3:30 pm, as part of the ongoing assessment concerning best start times for Unit 430 events.

**Task force on pre-registration** - discussion ensued on the two options for implementing a trial preregistration program for sectionals. One approach is based on essentially the same format we are using for the MM and FS games. If on-line payments are included, this could be done as a separate transaction (1<sup>st</sup> step would be to register, and get a statement concerning the cost of the events. The player(s) could then choose to go to paypal and pay this amount, or pay at the event). The other approach would be a much more professional job, involving payment on-line, with automated features (to include master point totals, for example). At this point, we have no real feel for what kind of demand there might be for pre-registration. Don has received positive comments from players who think this sounds like a great idea (to avoid, at a minimum, the line ups at the tournaments that are the current norm). More details are needed about the kind of information available from Paypal concerning who has paid in advance, and the time line involved in getting that information before the tournament (since we do not want to be chasing members to pay after the tournament). Brian may be able to advise, since he uses Paypal for other ventures. The matter was tabled for further discussion when Brian returns.

### **2. Non Life Master Sectionals: (please note, dates in the November minutes were in error and are corrected below)**

**2017 dates:** the Future Stars dates are March 4-5 and September 30-Oct. 1, (both events at the Engineer's Hall).

**0 – 200 Sectional,** April 1, 2017 will be held at VBC.

### **3. Monthly Unit Games**

The next game, on January 7, is pairs. February 4 is teams (as are the MUGs scheduled for June and October). March 4 is pairs. All will be held at the VBC at 7 pm.

**4. Mentor-Mentee Games**

The table count for all of the MM games held in 2016 was 120 (the largest annual total so far). Proposed 2017 dates are Feb. 18 (to be held at VBC), Apr. 29 (Surrey), Aug. 12 (VBC) and Oct. 21 (Surrey). Discussion ensued over whether it would be possible to structure a similar event or program for players with, say, 200 to 400 master points, who would benefit from playing with an advanced mentor.

5. **Unit Board Assistance with Unit Event Cleanup:** we've had at least one situation where an event was concluded with cleanup still required. We don't hire extra janitorial staff for these events. It is greatly appreciated if board members could help if they see anything that needs to be done (kitchen clean up, picking up empty cups, and so on). It was agreed that putting together a checklist could help a great deal in making sure that things are not missed.

**6. Matchpointer:**

The next issue will be sometime in January. Nick is looking for pictures for the front page, which need to be a fairly high resolution for printing purposes.

**7. Supplies:**

There will be a report next meeting, when Gray can attend. We have a number of arrangements where we loan equipment to clubs, but concern was expressed concerning loan arrangements which are not recorded (and the possibility that this might lead to loss of equipment). It was agreed that a register should be set up so that all future loans are recorded and the location of all equipment is known.

**8. Unit 430 Website ([vancouverbridge.com](http://vancouverbridge.com))**

Tom reported that regular updating continues on the website. Discussion ensued concerning correspondence for the board that is received informally (through the website, for example, or where members communicate directly with board members) and best practices for passing along that information to the board, and responding to the member. Discussion then turned to updating the trophy winner information, and correcting any mistakes. Board members should direct this information to Tom and he will update the on-line information. Kathryn reminded board members about the google doc's on-line, for compiling Unit information. All board members are free to contribute. The information is important for current Unit business, but also a resource that will be extremely helpful for future Unit boards, who will not have to relearn or recompile this information.

**9. DINO/CBF News:**

Peter advised that he understood that District 19 viewed the Whistler Regional as a success, which may encourage District 19 to book more regionals for that site. Discussion ensued concerning how this might affect scheduling future Regionals in Vancouver and the different members each location serves (and would attract). One possibility is that, with the success of the Whistler Regional, District 19 might decide that this justifies scheduling an additional 5th Regional (which could continue the past arrangement of annually alternating it between Victoria and Vancouver). Representations have been made to our District representative concerning the Unit 430 Board concerns, and the concerns of our members, about the need to continue to have a Regional located in the lower mainland.

A CBF update will be available next meeting, when Angela can attend.

**10. STAC/Club Liaison**

Peter will prepare another President's message. He will discuss, among other topics, the A/X and the B/C IMP Leagues, and invited suggestions for other matters that should be included.

**11. IMP League**

The A/X League has gotten under way and there are 9 teams. Team captains schedule the games.

The B/C League games are scheduled. There are 7 match days, 1 a month until April, with two 12-board matches each match day. There are 6 teams (3 B and 3 C). Help is needed for the March B/C League match.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. *VBC renovations:* there is no additional information, but it was noted that there has been a major clean up of boxes and other stored items.
2. *Possible Hollyburn Sectional:* there is no additional information, but the Unit Board is still open to pursuing this idea if Hollyburn is interested.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Anderson,  
Acting Secretary