

MINUTES OF UNIT Board MEETING

ACBL UNIT 430 – GREATER VANCOUVER

HELD: Thursday, October 5, 2017, at the Vancouver Bridge Centre

PRESENT:

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REGRETS:

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- 1. Call to Order / Confirmation of Quorum:** Larry Pocock called the meeting to order at 7 pm and 12 Board members were present, confirming a quorum.
- 2. Approval of the Agenda:** The agenda was approved. (Angela, Margaret)
- 3. Previous Meeting Minutes:** The minutes of Sept. 7, 2017, were approved with the following amendments: correcting Lauren's surname ("Cockcroft"); correcting Gray's telephone number (604-801-2411). (Lauren, Nick)
- 4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes:** There was some discussion about the results of the poll re: Saturday starting times and hospitality. Tom reported that he created a Survey Monkey account and did the technical work to convert the draft survey about Sectional start times, so we could use the tools on Survey Monkey to collect responses and analyze the results. An e-mail notice was sent out to notify members in Unit 430 and adjacent units about the survey, and over 550 people responded. The information obtained was analyzed and graphs prepared for this meeting (and will be posted on line). We will cancel the Survey Monkey subscription.
 - a) It was decided that Saturday times would be 10:30 and 3:30 and Friday times would remain at 1:00 and 7:00. (Margaret, Eda)
 - b) Rhoda will find someone to be in the kitchen to arrange for tea and coffee.
 - c) Cia will do a budget before we make a decision on fees.There will be a follow-up Survey Monkey next year.

5. Financial Report: Brian & Cia: Cia submitted all the financial statements and we are in good shape re: profitability. (Rhoda, Gray)

6. Sectional Tournament: Angela: The Friday evening program for the January tournament should be made into a charity event – mixed pairs; board-a-match.

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| Roundup Sectional | St. Mary's Ukrainian Cultural Centre | Nov. 10 – 12, 2017 |
| | The Ev Hodge Charity Game Fri. evening | 10:30 start time |

Lauren agreed to

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| Winter Sectional | St. Mary's Ukrainian Cultural Centre | Jan. 26 – 28, 2017 |
| | Mixed Pairs Board-a-Match Fri. evening Charity game | 10:30 start time |

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| Victoria Day Sect. | Queensborough Cultural Centre | May 18 – 21, 2018 |
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| Evergreen Sectional | Queensborough Cultural Centre | Sept. 1 - 3, 2018 |
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| Roundup Sectional | Engineers' Hall | Nov. 10 - 12, 2017 |
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7. Future Stars Sectionals: Don/ Lauren/ Margaret

Margaret reported that all was under control.

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| Engineers' Hall | Oct. 14 – 15, 2017 |
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Oct. 15 will be a Swiss teams event but no caddies will be necessary.

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| *Engineers' Hall | 10am & 3pm | Mar. 3 – 4, 2017 |
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| *Engineers' Hall | Oct. 13 – 14, 2018 |
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Larry & Don will ask Ken if we can move the March & October games to the VBC.

8. 0 – 199: Don/Lauren/ Margaret

This game will be at the VBC, Apr. 14, 2018 at 10 & 3.

9. Mentor Mentee Games: Don/Lauren/Margaret

Don reported that more mentors are needed and asked that Board members who play in club games ask Directors to ask for mentors. This game will take place at the VBC. Registration closes a week before the event.

The 2018 games – Feb. 17, May 5, Sept. 22 and Nov. 24 – need to be sanctioned.

One of the above will be a Swiss Teams event with 1 mentor and 3 mentees.

10. Monthly Unit Games at the VBC

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| Sept. 9 | pairs | Oct. 7 | teams |
| Nov. 18 | pairs | Dec. 2 | pairs |
| Jan. 6 | pairs | Feb. 3 | teams |
| Mar. 3 | pairs | Apr. 14 | pairs |
| May 5 | pairs | June 2 | teams |
| July 7 | pairs | Aug. 4 | pairs |
| Sept. 8 | pairs | Oct. 6 | teams |
| Nov. 3 | pairs | Dec. 8 | pairs |

All the above can be found on the website.

11. Matchpointer: Nick

The next Matchpointer will come out in January and Nick is looking for articles.

12. Supplies: Gray

All is in order.

13. Unit 430 website: Tom

Tom reported that Trophy info was updated and placed on-line. We're almost up to date, but there are some events where we still need to track down the results. Larry has suggested the monthly calendar of events posted on the website be set up to always show the upcoming 4 future months. Tom said that he would do that.

The broken MUG page was fixed by Yue Su.

Work continues on the Sectional page to switch the automatic link to results from Bridge Results to ACBL Live thanks to Ryley Breiddal.

Jean Groome has loaned the Board bridge bulletins back to 1988, and Tom hopes it will be possible to scan the local information which was included in those publications (the "Bridge Buff") and perhaps we can locate a volunteer with a good scanner to assist with this. Gray suggested that gaps in the historical record might be filled out from resources at the Vancouver Public Library (donated by Aiden Ballantyne).

Discussion ensued about sending e-mail notices to members about Unit events. It was noted that more mentors are needed for the upcoming MM game. Tom will send out a notice to invite members to volunteer as mentors. It was agreed that it was important to not send out too many notices. But carefully targeted e-mail about upcoming Unit events would normally be the sort of notices that members want to receive.

14. Trophies: Tom is taking care of this.

15. CBF News: Angela

The Commonwealth Games will be in Montreal next year, May 26-June 3, and in Vancouver in 2019. Gray, Michael, Nick and Martin will represent Canada in February 2018. Angela informed the group that a player must be a CBF member by the end of 2017 in order to participate in the 2018 Games.

16. Preregistration Subcommittee: Nick/Brian

Brian spoke about this, but it is now back in Nick's hands.

17. IMP Leagues: Eda

Eda reported that we have 10 teams and that Bruce has helped her. We will continue to use Brad's template and he is charging the Board \$300.

18. DINO Rep Term: Larry

One of the rep's term is ending this year so we will elect a new rep.

Nick Stock spoke to the Board members and stressed the importance of two-way communication between District 19 and Unit 430.

Cam Doner will address the Board at our next meeting in November.

19. Next Meetings – Thursdays

Nov. 9

Dec. 7

Jan. 4

Feb. 1

Mar. 1

Apr. 5

20. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:05. (Gray, Cia)

Respectfully submitted,
Rhoda Tafler