

**TRENT VALLEY BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
DIRECTORS MEETING
MARCH 9, 2014
ANGUS GLEN COUNTRY CLUB**

Call to order: 10 am

Attendance: Linda Lord, Chris Chambers, Ian Coats, Graham Warren, Greg Coles, Ron Haney, Terri MacKinnon, Marilyn Maher, Dave Hamer

Regrets: Paul Campbell

Absent: Bing Wong

Motion to accept the Minutes of the previous meeting:

Moved by Chris, Seconded by Ron, Carried

Business Arising out of the Minutes:

1. Learn Bridge in a Day – Marilyn noted that she did not actually meet with Patty Tucker in Memphis regarding the mechanics of setting up the Learn Bridge in a day program, but rather she attended a well done presentation given by Patty regarding the program. Details:
 - a) 24 or more people required, up to 150 attendees
 - b) \$20 to \$30 per person suggested
 - c) Designed for beginners, resulting in the ability to play bridge by the end of the day
 - d) The ACBL will match up to \$500 in expenses for promoters. The grant application on the ACBL website.
2. Terri gave a report on the current policies of other Units regarding player subsidies. She will create a draft policy for discussion at the next meeting.

President's Report

Linda noted that there is a lack of information regarding Grassroots Events at the club level. Ways to increase knowledge were discussed. Information was published in the Spring Kibitzer, and Linda will send an edited copy to our clubs. Linda will check with Unit 166 regarding their experience with Regionally-rated games at Sectionals.

Ian noted that there is a problem with the clarity of ranking NAP players into A ,B and C flights. Players sometimes do not know their flight and/or what the requirements are to play at a specific flight (eg. If

he/she is a Life Master with 400 points, they should be in B flight). More clarification of the requirements for players is necessary.

The Mini McKenney medallions have arrived. They, as well as the Ace of Clubs certificates will be distributed. Hearty congratulations to all of the winners.

Treasurer's Report

1. There will be a large HST bill coming due to the success of the Regional.
2. The Oshawa tournament report was presented. The tournament was well run and made money. US dollar payments are becoming more expensive (therefore putting pressure on the bottom line) as the value of the CDN dollar has dropped steeply recently.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report: Moved by Greg, Seconded by Ron, Carried.

Supplies

A second set of table markers is needed.

Tournaments

A tournament manager for Trenton/Belleville has yet to be found. Fran will handle the Trenton tournament this calendar year. Doug Darnley has expressed some interest, but it is far from his base. Potential managers from the area were discussed. Linda is still pursuing this issue.

Tournament Sanctions Report

1. The Oshawa sanction for November 2014 has yet to be submitted.
2. The first choice for the Oshawa spring 2015 tournament would be Feb 28/March 1, however the LVIV Hall is tentatively booked. The second choice is Mar 7 & 8 2015.
3. The first choice for the Oshawa autumn 2015 tournament would be Nov 7 & 8 2015, however there is a conflict with the Niagara Regional. The second choice is Nov 14 & 15 2015.
4. The Bradford/Barrie Sectional is tentatively scheduled for May 30 & 31 2015.
5. All tournament booking enquiries, even from event location staff, should be forwarded to Graham.

Future Tournaments Report

The budget and flyer for Barrie tournament August 2 & 3 was accepted. The possibility of having an ACBL Teacher Training (TAP) course was discussed as there has not been such a course in this area for the past several years. The cost is \$1700 USD, a bit more when hospitality costs are added. This includes the cost of the teacher and materials. About 20 potential teacher candidates are required in order to break even. Marilyn will check with the ACBL for background information, including the cancellation policy. The deadline for advertising in the next Kibitzer is March 15. The Board approved the TAP course on condition it could be cancelled if the number of participants was not sufficient to cover the costs.

Motion to accept: Ian, Seconded by Ron, Carried.

Webmaster's Report

The technical changes that Greg requested from ACBL have been approved.

Other Business

1. Unfilled Director Vacancies - Linda is continuing talks with potential candidates in the Eastern Section of the Unit.
2. Terri asked to have the expiry date of her term moved to 2014. The Board agreed unanimously.
3. Update on potential Kibitzer changes – Ian reported that the committee proposed by Unit 249 has been dissolved. Unit 166 is looking into the matter. Linda will follow up on this issue.
4. Update on Easter Regional – There will be free parking this year.
5. ACBL surcharges at Sectionals and Regionals – No complaints were received at the Oshawa tournament regarding the \$3 per session surcharge for non-ACBL members, although there was an element of surprise.

Next meeting: Sunday, June 8th, 2014, 10 am at Angus Glen.

Motion to adjourn: Moved by Terri, seconded by Marilyn, Carried

Addendum re: TAP Course: The ACBL has guaranteed that they will compensate our Unit in the event of a loss based on insufficient participants.