

TRENT VALLEY BRIDGE ASSOCIATION – UNIT 246
MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING #1-2011

Held: Sunday, March 27th, 2010
At: The Angus Glen Golf Club, 10080 Kennedy Rd, Markham, Ontario.

Present: Irfan Ashraf, Ian Coats, Greg Coles, David Harmer, Leigh Ives, Helen Johnston, Linda Lord, Don Lough, Graham Warren, Bing Wong, Nick Wong,
Regrets: None
Chair: Don Lough

Absent: None
Recording Secretary: Bing Wong

With the Directors present, the notice waived and holding of the meeting consented to the meeting was declared properly constituted for the carrying out of business of the Unit. The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

1. **Agenda:** The agenda was approved as amended, adding under Other Business the following: Reps at the District 2 meeting, and Slow Play.

2. **Minutes:** Motion by Greg, Seconded by Bing - Carried.

“That Minutes of the previous meeting held December 5th, 2010 was approved as presented.”

3. **Matters Arising:** Motion by Bing, Seconded by Nick – Carried

“That the Board adopt Organizational Bylaw No.1 as amended, and that the Secretary prepared a final draft for distribution to the Directors prior to the Board deciding whether to recommend the Bylaw to the members for approval.”

4. **Tournament Coordinators’ Report**

a) Bing reported some interest by some members in Cobourg to salvage the Cobourg sectional. It was discussed and generally agreed that it was too late to do anything about the Cobourg and Peterborough sectionals this year. Linda volunteered to call Al Smith, who organized earlier Peterborough sectionals to see whether he would or know of someone who might be interested in organizing a tournament there in 2012.

b) Linda proposed and it was agreed subject to availability of a suitable site in Bradford to convene a sectional there in May or June. This would fill a spring tournament void, resulting from the non-Cobourg and Peterborough sectionals. Another sectional in the Oshawa-Pickering area was also discussed briefly.

- c) Graham, Don and Nick (in his capacity as President of the District 2 Board) reported that there is a mix up concerning the distribution and allocation of 2012 regional tournaments after last year's District meetings. Our 2010 reps, Don, Nick and Graham, had thought that Winnipeg did not want to hold a regional in 2012, and accordingly Don on behalf of Unit 246 stepped up. Now, Winnipeg – Unit 181 said that was a misunderstanding. Instead of a possibility of having a 2011 and a 2012 regional, it is now looking like Unit 246 might not have an opportunity to hold another regional until 2014.

The next District meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2011 during the Toronto Regional. To address this issue, both Don and Graham recommended and the Board supported a proposal to relinquish our Unit's sole claim to the 2012 Regional, and call out to the northern units to work together with us on adopting a schedule, prepared by Graham, that would enable us to each hold a regional on alternating years.

Further, the Board supported a proposal that will request the northern Units and Winnipeg to hold split regionals with us in 2012 and 2013 until that new proposed allocation model calling for alternating year kicks in.

Don, Linda and Greg volunteered to be the Unit Reps at this meeting. Ian also showed an interest and will back up Don if he has to leave the meeting early.

- d) **Tournament Report:** Motion by Graham, seconded by Nick - Carried

“That the financial report submitted for the 29th Oshawa Swiss Team Tournament held February 19-20, 2011, showing a deficit of \$698.52, be approved and adopted by the Board.”

5. **Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer provided the Board with a written report that explained the measures he has taken since our previous meeting to:

- Transfer and effect Canadian and U.S. operating/saving accounts at BMO and the ING bank
- Invest the Unit's surplus funds
- Measures taken to register and open a HST account.
- Limits of signing authority was clarified and confirmed:
 - Up to \$500.00 – The Treasurer
 - Up to \$1,000 – Any two signing officers
 - Over \$5,000 – Board approval (clarification needed here from someone before my time)

6. **Hospitality Coordinator's Report**

The hospitality at the recent Oshawa Swiss Team tournament was very well received.

7. Webmaster's Report

- Greg reported on a number of improvements and indicated that the new website is nearly ready to be flipped over and to go live.
- A suggestion was made and Greg agreed to look into whether the reports that the ACBL gives us can be stored and accessed by Directors through the web site.

8. Membership Coordinator's Report

- Leigh with help from Ian will contact club directors to let them and players know of the Unit's \$20.00 reimbursement policy for 2nd year ACBL membership fees.
- It was confirmed that the addresses and phone numbers of individual Unit 246 Directors will be listed and published in the Kibitzer only with their consent. Those wanting theirs published are asked to confirm with Leigh.

9. Special Event Coordinator's Report

- It was clarified and confirmed the Coordinator's role and functions could be related to planning, educating members and promoting Intermediate and Novice (IN), NAOP, STAC, GNT, COPC, and Canadian Teams events.

10. Resignation by Rob Hanly, Filling Vacancy, Recruiting new Education Coordinator, and appointing new Signing Officer

- The Board acknowledged contribution by Rob Hanly to the Unit 246 Board and accepts his resignation with regrets and thanks.
- The Board agreed to focus recruitments in the east, in Cobourg and Peterborough in particular. Bing agreed to contact Terri McKinnon of Cobourg to find out more about her and to see if she might be interested.
- Linda and (Don?) agreed to contact Daniel Lavee to see if he might be interested in joining the Unit 246 Board and serve as the new Education Coordinator
- Motion by Linda, Seconded by Leigh – Carried

“That the Board appoint David Harmer as the 4th Signing Officer replacing Rob Hanly.”

11. Oshawa Tournament Incident & Zero Tolerance (ZT) Policy

An incident between players at the recent Oshawa Swiss tournament resulted in the Board receiving a report from one of the players involved. The tournament manger and the Judiciary Chair investigated the incident and obtained written reports from the tournament directors in charge. After reviewing the reports and discussing the issues at hand, the Board resolved as follows:

- Unit 246 wants the Director in Charge to announce the ACBL's Zero Tolerance Policy at the beginning of each tournament session. The Unit wants the DIC to advise players that the Unit wants them to assess and hand out appropriate penalties as permitted by the ACBL.
- Linda and Leigh volunteered to write a letter to Sol Weinstein at the ACBL to ask him to give his Tournament Directors such instructions. (All the Directors present supported this except for Ian Coats who wanted his exception recorded).
- Linda and Leigh also agreed to write a letter to the player who initiated the report in question that gave rise to this investigation and resolution.
- Graham indicated that as a Tournament Manager that he is going to put up Zero Tolerance reminders at future tournaments, and include an announcement of the ZT Policy to his list of things to do before play starts at a tournament.

12. Filing HST & Initial Notice of Change

- The Secretary reported that he has filed an Initial Notice of Change with the Province, and that he's ready to file and register the Unit for the Harmonized Sales Tax.

13. Distribution of Medallions and Certificates to Mini-McKinney and Ace of Clubs Winners in Unit 246

- Congratulatory letters signed by the President along with certificates from the ACBL for Ace of Club winners and medallions for Mini-McKinney winners purchased by the Unit will be hand-delivered or mailed shortly.

14. Other Business

- **Slow Play** – Linda volunteered to contact Hans Jacobs and ask him if he knows where the two time clocks that Unit 246 had purchased are stored.
- **Update on 2011 Regional** – Linda reported that she had moved the Unit 246 Regional planned for September from the Holiday Inn on Woodbine Ave., to Le Parc, a banquet hall on Leslie Street, south of Highway 7, in Markham. She reported that she was concerned that the Holiday Inn might be too small and unable to accommodate an expected larger turnout. She was concerned that we might have to turn players away. Don explained that he and Linda had to move quickly and booked the new place because it would be very difficult to find another suitable venue on such short notice.

15. Date of Next Meeting 9:30 am, Sunday, June 5th, 2011 at the Angus Glen Golf Club, Markham, Ontario

16. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.