

TRENT VALLEY BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING #3-2012

Held: Sunday, May 27, 20102

At: Angus Glen Golf Club, 10080 Kennedy Road., Markham, Ontario

Present: Irfan Ashraf (left at 12:51), Fran Beckingham, Paul Campbell, Ian Coates, Greg Coles, Ron Haney, Linda Lord, Terri MacKinnon, Graham Warren, Nick Wong

Absent: Chris Chambers, David Hamer, Daniel Lavee

With the Directors present, the notice waived and holding of the meeting consented to, the meeting was declared properly constituted for the carrying on of the business of the Unit. The Chair called the meeting to order at about 9.34 am.

1. Introductions: all members introduced themselves and Linda welcomed the following new members to the Board: Terri MacKinnon, Ron Haney, Paul Campbell

2. Agenda: Motion to approve Agenda: Mover – Nick, Seconder – Greg, Approved

3. Minutes of the previous meeting:

Corrections: 1. Meeting should be identified as the 2nd of the year, not the 1st.

2. Greg Coles name had been misspelled

Motion to accept the Minutes as corrected: Mover – Irfan, Seconder - Nick, Approved

4. Board membership issues:

Motion to accept resignation of Rob Hanly: Mover – Greg, Seconder – Ian, Approved

Motion to appoint Paul Campbell as Secretary: Mover – Nick, Seconder – Fran, Approved

Linda will advise Chris to send above Board and Officer changes to the Kibitzer, Unit 166, and the ACBL.

Paul will contact Bing to obtain form(s) for designating the current signing officers for the government and the bank.

5. 2013 Regional Tournament: Linda reported the results of the investigation of alternative dates and locations. July would have been preferred but the Buffalo tournament the week before would potentially affect our attendance. As well, the Soo has indicated they feel the July

date would negatively affect their tournament even though there is a 9 day gap between events and the travelling time is 8 hours. Agreement was reached that we would proceed to hold the 2013 Regional during the 3rd week of September. Linda will proceed to firm up such arrangements.

6. Status of Sectionals for 2013:

Cobourg: Terri presented current information and options on site location, costs, and availability to handle attendees. Board agreed to continue with plans to hold a Sectional in Cobourg, May 4-5. Terri will proceed to make firm arrangements and will keep Ian notified of new information and progress, particularly with regards to maintaining a given cap on rent.

Peterborough: Ron presented options for different sites and dates. Board agreed he should proceed to obtain firm quotes for a Sectional for the long weekend in May.

7. Future of Unit 246 web site: Greg informed the Board that the registration and responsibility for the current hosting package for District2.org had been transferred two weeks ago from David to Greg. The current package was also about to expire. One option was to continue with the same arrangements (at approx \$10 per year), and Greg could maintain this through his site in Midland. A major disadvantage of this arrangement would be that individual vanity addresses would not be available for Directors. An alternative was to switch to an alternative host, Bluehost.com, which would cost \$60 per year, but which would include our domain name, unlimited access and changes, and allow for vanity addresses which was expected to improve communications.

Motion: to change the host site to Bluehost at \$60 per year for the Unit web site .

Moved – Greg, Seconded – Terri, Approved

Greg will proceed with these changes. He went on to report that everything was up-to-date with the current site and he is looking at expanding to include some educational aspects and information from Units 246, 166, and 249.

Linda presented the following motion from Chris:

Motion: to reinstate that an honorarium, equivalent to the amount for the Secretary and Treasurer, be paid to the Webmaster on the condition that the website is updated as needed with upcoming tournaments, Board member changes and minutes, and as required with the results of sectionals/regionals in our Unit (link to results on ACBL website)

Moved – Terri, Seconded – Ron, Approved

8. Future tournament managers: In Collingwood, the 2012 tournament will be the last for John Lightfoot. A new manager has indicated an interest and will train with John this year for

the future. A new manager will be needed for Oshawa and Nick suggested that the Board should thank Graham for his past contributions and efforts to run the Oshawa tournaments remotely, though living in Newmarket.

9. Board contact information in the Kibitzer: The issue is what contact information Board members are willing to have printed. Each Board member will contact Chris (Kibitzer Coordinator) and identify which of the following pieces of information they are willing to have included with their name (phone, e-mail, mailing address). Chris will submit the appropriate information to the Kibitzer and liaison with Greg to update this information on the website.

10. Budgets for upcoming Sectional tournaments:

Collingwood (October 2012): Ian presented the budget submitted by John Lightfoot that predicted a break-even result. The budget was acceptable to the Board members.

Oshawa (November): the budget was presented by Ian and was also acceptable to the Board members.

11. NAP Unit final: an issue had arisen with player qualifications at the “C” level because of the requirements they be neither a Life Master as of a certain date or have over 500 master points. One pair competed in the wrong category based on instructions given them by the Tournament Manager. The issue was who has responsibility for officially knowing what grouping a player is in. The Board agreed they have a responsibility to promote both NAP and GNT programs to and through the club managers, but that individual players have the responsibility for making sure their status information is updated. Irfan and Ian will undertake to promote the issue. There will be no Unit final for Unit 246. All Board members should work to have individual players update their status, particularly with respect to Life Master status.

12. Operating issues and review: Graham still needs some updated information prior to obtaining official sanction for the Oshawa tournament. Ian stated that Doug Darnley has agreed to become the Tournament Manager and will provide Graham with the required information.

Greg indicated all arrangements for the Barrie Sectional are in place.

Linda reported that arrangements for the Markham Sectional are proceeding well.

Ian presented the most recent Treasurer’s Report which was discussed.

Motion to approve the Treasurer’s report: Moved – Nick, Seconded – Greg, Approved

13/14. New and other business: After a discussion on the amount of subsidy, if any, that could be approved to support Ina Demme and Hazel Wolpert with their participation in the Women's Canadian Teams event:

Motion: to approve a subsidy of \$400 for each of Ina Demme and Hazel Wolpert for the Women's Canadian Teams event: Moved – Greg, Seconded – Nick, Approved. *NOTE: It has subsequently been determined that Hazel is registered in Unit 166 and therefore will not be eligible for the subsidy.*

15. The next meeting will be held August 19, 1012 at Angus Glen Golf Club

16. Adjournment: Moved – Paul, Seconded – Greg, Approved