



- This schedule is subject to a final revision once London, Niagara Falls and Grand Island decides on the time of year to hold their regionals.
- It was discussed and agreed that Unit 246 would start discussion with Unit 181 (Winnipeg), to determine a mutual time of year to hold future split regionals starting 2012, if possible.

#### **4. Tournament Coordinators' Report**

- a) Linda reported lower attendance at the recent Bradford Victoria Day Sectional – 176 tables as compared with 245 tables last Labour Day. This resulted in a loss of about \$717.00, after expenses to the Unit for supplies.
- b) Graham reviewed the 2012 tournament schedule with the Directors and everyone saw a noticeable vacant period in April/May/June, 2012. After some discussion, the Board agreed to look at organizing new sectionals in Bradford (Linda), Durham (Bing/Irfan), and Barrie (Greg/Leigh). Linda also volunteered to look to setting a sectional in Markham in September, 2012.
- c) The Board approved the 2011 Thornhill Regional Budget as presented, except for a reduction to the hospitality portion – from \$15,000 to \$10,000.
- d) The Board supported a suggestion by the Tournament Manager to hold a Pot of Gold session for players with no more than 750 Master Points.

#### **5. Treasurer's Report:**

- a) The Treasurer reported financial position of the Unit as follows – about \$11k in cash; \$30k in GIC; \$8k in tournament advances; and \$2k cash in a U.S. Account.
- b) A decision was made not to reimburse directors for expenses until such amounts exceed \$100.00. This will save the Unit about \$30.00 annually since the Unit's new banks charge \$1.00 for each check issued.
- c) The Treasurer suggested a standard tournament financial reporting format that will address the issue of how to treat and account for vouchers that have been given as gifts and prizes at tournaments. The accountant/auditor recommended that new gift/prize vouchers for \$5 and \$10 be numbered and assigned expiry dates. Greg volunteered to help Ian to get these printed.
- d) Ian also suggested changes to the supplies co-ordinator line in the current report format to reflect actual costs (e.g., a \$140.00 set up cost plus mileage)
- e) Motion by Ian, Seconded by Greg – Carried  
 “That a recommendation by the Unit Accountant/Auditor not to count gift/prize vouchers as expenses when distributed, and count them only as expenses when redeemed at future tournaments be adopted and approved.”

#### **6. Hospitality Coordinator's Report - None**

#### **7. Webmaster's Report**

- a) Greg reported that he will add a Discussion Forum feature shortly, and a place and links on the current website to ACBL Documents/Reports.

- b) It was agreed that our Website will only list names of accredited ACBL teachers but without specific endorsement of any particular individual/school.
- c) Greg agreed look into whether a Partnership forum/board can be set up, and he confirmed that he would ask for additional resources when necessary to improve the site's graphics.

#### **8. Membership Coordinator's Report**

- a) Leigh reported that no one has requested the Unit 246 subsidy for 2<sup>nd</sup> year ACBL membership renewal since the previous reporting period.
- b) A new In – out report was received too late for analysis and report.

#### **9. Special Event Coordinator's Report**

- a) It was agreed that the Unit will notify clubs of the upcoming NAP club qualifiers in June/July/August. The Unit Final will be held on at the Thornhill Regional on September 11, 2011. A \$1 surcharge will be collected to help send finalists from Unit 246 to attend the National Finals.
- b) Ian volunteered to send notices and District 2 condition of contest to Unit clubs.

#### **10. Nominating Committee**

- a) Don, Bing & Leigh volunteered to serve on the Board Nominating Committee.
- b) Motion by Bing, Seconded by Leigh – Carried  
“ That Chris Chambers be appointed a Director to place Rob Hanly whose term is due to expire in 2013; that Daniel Lavee be appointed a Director to replace Helen Johnston, whose term is due to expire in 2012.”
- c) Don served notice that he will not re seeking another term in November 2011.
- d) Graham, Nick and Linda whose terms are expiring November 20011, indicated interest to stand again for another 3-year term.

#### **11. Supplies Coordinator**

- e) Ian mentioned Barclay as an alternative and more affordable supplier for cards.

#### **12. Other Business**

- Irfan agreed to research other special events such as the Grand National Team, Canadian Open Pairs Championship and Canadian National Team Championship and make recommendations to the Board about how we might structure and facilitate future events.

**13. Date of Next Meeting**      9:30 am, Sunday, August 28, 2011 at the Angus Glen Golf Club, Markham, Ontario

**14. Adjournment:**                      Meeting adjourned at 3:22 pm.