

**TRENT VALLEY BRIDGE ASSOCIATION**

**INITIAL DRAFT - MINUTES of BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING**

**ANGUS GLEN COUNTRY CLUB**

**JUNE 8, 2014**

1. **Call to order:** 10:09 am
2. **Attendance:** Linda Lord, Ian Coats, Paul Campbell, Graham Warren (left @ 1:30), Greg Coles, Ron Haney, Terri MacKinnon, Marilyn Maher  
**Regrets:** Chris Chambers **Absent:** David Hamer
3. **Motion to accept the Agenda:** Moved by Terri, seconded by Ron, carried
4. **Motion to accept the Minutes of the previous meeting, March 9, 2014, as presented:**  
Moved by Greg, seconded by Ian, carried
5. **Business arising out of the Minutes:**
  - a) Local grassroots events  
Linda provided a copy of a hand-out that was provided to all clubs in the Unit containing information for NAP events and grassroots events.
  - b) The subsidy issue was deferred until the next meeting.
  - c) Unfilled Director position  
All Directors are to seriously investigate their local areas to build a list of potential candidates to move into vacant Directors positions or to manage tournaments. The skills candidates should possess are:
    - Communication and/or promotional abilities
    - Willingness to contribute in a constructive manner
    - Attends unit tournaments
    - ACBL member

Current Directors should provide Linda with their results within one month.
6. **President's Report**
  - a) District Meeting  
Linda has communicated with the District Board about the possibility of re-imbursing Units who have Regionals scheduled within two months of the Nationals. The rationale is that some Units are restricted to fewer Regionals, and those within the two-month period of Nationals experience reduced attendance and revenue.

- b) There has been communication with Sol Weinstein (ACBL) about the quality and number of appropriate local Directors and the use of TA's (Tournament Assistants) at tournaments.
- c) The ACBL would like to help Districts and Units develop their own Facebook page. We do not feel we are qualified to do this yet.

**7. Treasurer's Report**

The financial report of the Peterborough was presented, showing a profit. The budgets and flyers for Collingwood, Trenton, and Oshawa were presented. The financial situation was considerably improved in the past year.

**8. Tournament Chair Report**

Sanctions are in place through 2015 for Oshawa, Barrie, and Collingwood. Sanctions are pending for Peterborough, Markham, and Trenton. Consideration for an April 11/12 date for Brandord will be investigated.

**9. Assorted other reports**

**TAP (Marilyn)** – 14 people have currently paid, with an estimate of 20 registrants expected. Registration must be sent to ACBL at least one month prior to course.

**Learn bridge in a day (Marilyn)** – She was in touch with the Kitchener club that had much success with this program. Many signed up for additional lessons and several participants have joined the club and are playing regularly.

**The Longest Day (Marilyn)** – she presented a promotional flyer for distribution about the program running June 21<sup>st</sup> in Orillia.

**Unit membership (Chris in absentia)** – there are currently 1,426 ACBL members in our Unit, up very slightly from last year.

**10. NEW Business**

- a) Unit policy on stratification – the order of stratification is to first consider the points of each player (no-one can play in a lower strat than they have points for), and only then may points of the various members involved be averaged.
- b) The Board will revisit the issue of running KO's on Saturdays for upcoming Sectionals.
- c) Bridgemates – Greg will look into the costs of purchasing them.

**11. Next meeting:** Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> 2014, Angus Glen @ 10 am.

**12. Adjournment:** 2:47 pm – Moved by Paul, seconded by Marilyn, Carried