

**TRENT VALLEY BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
DIRECTORS MEETING - INITIAL DRAFT
JUNE 9, 2013
ANGUS GLEN COUNTRY CLUB**

Call to order: 10 am

Attendance: Linda Lord, Chris Chambers, Ian Coats, Paul Campbell, Graham Warren, Greg Coles, David Hamer, Bing Wong, Irfan Ashraf (left at 12:30), Ron Haney, Fran Beckingham, Terri MacKinnon, Guest: Marilyn Maher

Paul introduced Marilyn as interested in joining the Board as the Education representative.

Motion to accept the Minutes of the previous meeting:

Moved by Greg, Seconded by Ron, Carried

Business Arising out of the Minutes:

1. Greg reported that a new version of ACBL Score was expected this summer. There still may be an issue with club qualifications and the date at which people become life masters with regards to qualifying for major events. The onus will still be on individual players to know which category they are eligible to compete in.
2. Linda had previously distributed a report concerning new charges for ACBL events which will be effective as of 2014. Effectively, people with over 20 points but who are no longer ACBL members, will face a surcharge or must immediately renew their membership with ACBL. The surcharge will be up to \$4 per event. Novices under 20 points will still be entitled to play with no surcharge. The big issue is making sure all Tournament Director's will be checking and collecting the required charge.

It remains the Tournament Manager's responsibility to make Tournament Directors aware of the proper charges and policies and that they must be collected. If there are any issues with this, Linda should be advised. Ian will be preparing TVBA's "official" document for zero tolerance and additional charges for all players, including novices and first-time players, which will be in effect for all Directors at our tournaments.

President's Report

Linda reported the District Meetings held prior to the Easter Regional were not well-organized and were very confusing. She also has some issues with budgets and financing from ACBL to certain districts involved in hosting and volunteering for Canadian National events which are held in Toronto every 6 years. She will be proposing a new policy for their consideration regarding the sharing of available funds.

Bing advised Linda he was a member of our Board but apparently not a member of CBF. It is up to all Board members to ensure they are current members of the CBF. Anyone under our jurisdiction should make certain when they pay their ACBL memberships that their membership to the CBF is also paid. This is necessary to play in any CBF events.

Treasurer's Report

Ian presented his report, highlighting that we currently owe approximately \$1700 for HST, and that we are anticipating a larger bill because of our upcoming Regional. Apparently we have been paying HST for years to Unit 166 for the Kibitzer without knowing it, but have not been getting nor will be getting any refund from this. Ian was asked to provide year-over-year comparisons to help us better understand the figures in future reports.

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

Secretary's Report

Paul advised he has contacted the Simcoe County Board of Education to inquire about the process for getting Board approval to approach schools about instituting a bridge program with the students. He has the appropriate contact information and procedures to present to the incoming Education representative. The Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board should also be contacted.

Canadian Open Pairs Championships

Irfan suggested the Board send a reminder to all clubs about COPC qualifying. People who don't qualify can apparently pay a fee of \$100 to play. Our Board should undertake to promote the information about this throughout our clubs.

Web Site

Greg reported our web site was now set up to provide results on a current monthly basis that is updated almost immediately from ACBL.

He also indicated that tournament promotional posters are not currently being successfully recorded on the ACBL web site. Many are edited resulting in confusing information. It should be up to Tournament Managers to dispense the information to clubs in our area. Greg has suggested information about our tournaments be sent directly to him for inclusion on our web site. This would at least reduce instances of poorly-presented information through ACBL's program. Greg will attempt to devise a form for our Tournament Managers to complete and return to him.

Tournaments

Graham presented the Tournament Schedule and reported that all Unit 2 tournaments are currently sanctioned through March 2014. It was indicated that the 6 major units will get a Regional every 2 years.

Markham: Linda reported everything was proceeding smoothly and presented flyers for distribution to our individual clubs.

Barrie: Linda presented flyers for distribution. Paul will work to provide caddies and look for some give-away ideas.

Ian and Terri presented financial reports and budgets for Cobourg, Peterborough, Trenton, Collingwood, and Oshawa.

Motion to accept all tournament information: Moved by Bing, seconded by Greg, Carried

Other Business

It was generally felt that upcoming HST issues would be unlikely to affect individual clubs as long as revenue stays below the \$30,000 per year threshold.

Next meeting: Saturday, September 21st, 10 am in Barrie (during the Regional)

Motion to adjourn: Moved by Bing, seconded by Paul, Carried