

**TRENT VALLEY BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH HALL
54 ROSS STREET, BARRIE, L4N 1G3
JULY 24, 2016**

1.0 **Call to order:** 10:05 am

Attendance: Linda Lord, Graham Warren, Paul Campbell, Dale MacKenzie, Ron Haney, Dave Hamer, Marilyn Maher.

Guest: none

Regrets: Doug Darnly, Evelyn Caroline, Irfan Ashraf

2.0 **Motion to Approve Agenda:** Moved by Paul, Seconded by Ron Haney, Carried.

3.0 **Motion to Accept the Minutes of the previous meeting as amended:**
Moved by Ron, Seconded by Paul, Carried.

4.0 **Business arising out of the minutes:** None

5.0 **Presidents Report/New Business:**

- 5.1. There will be a sectional in Midland this year on September 17th and 18th. We need to decide if we should hold the Regional in Midland next year or back in Barrie. The board members were asked to scout out places to hold the tournament next year. There was a request to have about 7500 sq. ft. Paul and Dale will look in the Barrie area.
- 5.2. There was a short discussion on the requirement or not regarding clubs paying HST. Most of the board members think that only large privately run clubs pay HST.
- 5.3. Linda sent a copy of new ACBL tournament fees and informed the board of the current US exchange rate. Regular club fees have also gone up.
- 5.4. Unit 246 is incorporated and is required to submit a tax form each year. It was noted that the first \$500 Honorarium is not taxable. In addition money for gas and meals to subsidize Unit Directors is also not taxable.
- 5.5. As the Kibitzer is now only available online, it would probably be advantageous for the Unit to develop its' own email list of players in our Unit as well as players that attend our tournaments. With this in mind, at the Thornhill tournament we asked players to record their email address on the entry form and this practice should take place at all of our tournaments in the coming year at least. We should also check to see if we can obtain from the ACBL the email addresses for our members that accept promotional emails from the ACBL. Dale agreed to help with this project.

5. 6. There was a discussion about honorariums for 2 and 3 day Sectionals. It was felt that to provide incentive to Tournament Managers to hold a 3 day event, and to recognize the extra work involved in a 3 day event, they should be different amounts. Paul moved that the honorariums be \$500 for 2 day events and \$600 for 3 day events. Seconded by Graham, carried.

6.0 Treasurer's Report: Graham presented a very expertly prepared spreadsheet for the upcoming tournaments and the past two (Peterborough and Thornhill). Attendance at the Thornhill tournament was less than previous years. The fact that this year we were not able to run the tournament on July 1st, the National holiday, probably had a negative effect as well as the proximity of the CBF and Kingston Regionals. Not as many people turned out for the Thornhill tournament as hoped. Graham was to leave a little early and his information was presented first. Moved by Graham, Seconded by Doug, **Carried**.

8.0 Secretary's Report: None

9.0 Membership Report: None.

10.0 Tournament Coordinator Report: Graham went through a cost evaluation of each of the scheduled sectional tournaments. A copy of all finances and reports for each tournament was sent by Graham to all Board Members.

There will be a Sectional in Collingwood on October 15th and 16th. Joel will be the sole TD and the tournament will be only 2 days long this year with the Friday sessions eliminated.

11.0 Regional Chair Report: (Linda) The 2017 Regional may be held in Midland if the fall Sectional is successful and if a more suitable site is not found in the very near future.

12.0 Special Events Report :(Paul) Paul is in the process of updating the Unit Board Executive information with the Government of Ontario and will complete this work by the end of August and will give the board an update when he is finished.

Paul is also working on intra club games.

13.0 Supplies Report: (Dave, Greg) Everything is fine.

14.0 Education Report: (Marilyn) Marilyn discussed that grades 5 and 6 seem to be the best age to teach the game. She also mentioned the Richard Garlic is teaching in Cookstown to a couple of classes. John Lamarre and Dale MacKenzie will be teaching a class of students at Codrington Public School. It is for a class of highly intelligent students.

Marilyn made a recommendation that Unit 246 compensate school bridge teachers who teach large classes. Unit 166 provides this incentive for their teachers. ACBL provides a stipend to

teachers for 16 hours of instruction to eight students. It was decided that the unit would give the teacher \$150.00 for a class of 16 or more students. It was moved by Dale and seconded by Paul and carried unanimously.

- 15.0 **Webmaster Report:** (Greg) Continuing to tweak Website.
- 16.0 **Communications Report:** (Evelyn) None.
- 17.0 **Kibitzer Report:**(Linda) Noted in President's Report.
- 18.0 **Judiciary Report:**(Linda) None.
- 19.0 Next meeting is scheduled for October 2, 2016 at the Barrie Bridge Club at 10:00am.
- 20.0 Motion to Adjourn (12:35pm): Moved by Dale, Seconded by Paul, **Carried.**