

INITIAL DRAFT

Trent Valley Bridge Association Board of Directors Meeting September 21, 2013 ANAF Club, Barrie, Ontario

The meeting was called to order at 10 am by Chris Chambers acting as Chair. A quorum was declared present.

Attendance: Chris Chambers, Linda Lord, Ian Coats, Paul Campbell, Graham Warren, Ron Haney, Fran Beckingham, Irfan Ashraf, Terri McKinnon, Greg Coles, Marilyn Maher

Minutes of the previous meeting

Motion to approve as presented by Ian, seconded by Ron - Carried

President's Report – Linda

Several people in our Unit represent Canada at various events. A few years ago, a motion was passed that no subsidies will be given unless there is a financial base of \$40,000. Generally, that motion seems to have been ignored and forgotten over the years. Our current financial base is approximately \$27,000. Linda suggested our mandate is to support and promote bridge. The CBF was set up to provide some support, and we have no requirement to top funds up, but the suggestion is that we do something.

Motion – We will decide on or pay subsidies based on a 2-year budget. We will pay subsidies once funds in our bank account exceed \$40,000. Moved by Chris, seconded by Greg – Carried.

Linda left at 10:30.

Treasurer's Report – Ian

Assorted attachments were provided.

He raised his objections to the upcoming ACBL policy of surcharges for novices and new players. The official wording implies that anyone attending one of our tournaments and is not a member must pay the surcharge. He has no issues with doing this for previous members who have not renewed their memberships, but believes the policy is wrong for people that have never been members and this is contrary to the policy of wanting to get people started in tournament play. We know we are not the only Unit with this issue. Our decision on how to proceed was deferred to the next meeting.

Education Report – Marilyn

She has been working to prepare a list of names of current teachers in the Unit. She presented sample folders supplied by the ACBL, but admitted it will always be a struggle to get schools started on any program.

She also provided information about a program called Learn Bridge in a Day. 10 free programs are being offered across Canada between now and December 2014 to worthy projects using this program. Marilyn and Paul will investigate the program further and put a program together for our Unit and report to the Board at the next meeting.

Other Business

Fran inquired about where she could get Bridge Mates for the upcoming Trenton tournament. She was provided contact information about rentals.

An agenda item for our next meeting will be to investigate renting or purchasing Bridge Mates for our association.

Greg announced the ACBL is considering changes, particularly to the Tournament Tracks section, so that information can be organized and distributed in a more beneficial manner.

Graham requested information to determine if plans are still proceeding for Sectionals in 2014.

Future meetings:

Annual General Meeting: Sunday, November 3rd, 9:30 am, Oshawa sectional (brief Board meeting to follow)

Regular quarterly Board of Directors meeting: November 24th, 10 am, Angus Glen

Adjournment

Moved by Greg, seconded by Paul - Carried