

**TRENT VALLEY BRIDGE ASSOCIATION  
DIRECTORS MEETING - INITIAL DRAFT  
DECEMBER 1, 2013  
ANGUS GLEN COUNTRY CLUB**

**Call to order:** 10 am

**Attendance:** Linda Lord, Chris Chambers, Ian Coats, Graham Warren, Greg Coles, Ron Haney, Terri MacKinnon, Marilyn Maher, Dave Hamer

**Motion to accept the Minutes of the previous meeting:**

Moved by Ron, Seconded by Chris, Carried

**Business Arising out of the Minutes:**

1. As of Jan 1, 2014, the TVBA reluctantly will implement the new ACBL tournament policy of adding a surcharge for non-ACBL members who have more than 20 points. A new notice outlining the changes will be created for display at the registration desk. The upcoming Oshawa tournament will be exempt as the advertising for the tournament had been done prior to the notification of the change.
2. Learn Bridge in a Day – Marilyn met with Patty Tucker in Memphis regarding the mechanics of setting up the Learn Bridge in a day program. Details will be further discussed at the next meeting.

**President's Report**

Linda reported that there was a complaint from a club in Unit 166 regarding the opening of a newly sanctioned club nearby which falls within the boundary of Unit 246. As the sanctioning of games falls outside of the purview of the Unit Board, there is little that can be done.

**Treasurer's Report**

1. Tournament reports were presented.
  - Congratulations to Linda for a well-run tournament and substantial profit from the Barrie regional.
  - 2014 will be the last year that Fran will be the tournament manager in Trenton.
2. The audit is complete. Income tax has been filed but is still pending. The HST owing for 2013/2014 is \$5,464.38.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report: Moved by Terri, Seconded by Chris, Carried.

## **Budgets**

1. Ron reported on the search for a new venue for the Peterborough tournament. The best location is a lawn bowling club which will supply tables and chairs.
2. The budget for the Bradford tournament on April 5&6 was accepted.

## **Webmaster's Report**

Greg is waiting to hear back from the ACBL regarding the technical changes that he requested on the tournament listing pages.

## **Tournaments**

Graham reported that the turnaround time for sanctions have taken up to 5 business days. He encouraged early submissions for sanctions for 2015/2016.

The Peterborough tournament will be moving to the old Cobourg tournament slot on the first weekend of May.

The possibility of running a sectional in Barrie every year (as opposed to every other year) was discussed. June 13/14 2015 and June 11/12 2016 have been tentatively entered into the schedule.

## **Supplies**

Dave will order card supplies. Other supply inventories are sufficient.

Greg is going to take over the delivery of supplies to the northwestern tournament locations, while Dave will continue to deliver to the southeastern tournaments. The supply inventory will be divided between Greg and Dave.

## **Other Business**

Linda noted that, according to Rotation Schedule of Directors, the term a large number of directors expires in 2015. There are 2 vacancies on the board. Potential candidates from the eastern and northern areas of the Unit were discussed. Linda will contact Paul Thurston and Hans Jacobs to explore potential candidate options.

Ian will order medallions for the Unit Mini McKenney winners, and bring them to the next meeting.

## **Advertising**

1. Greg noted that the advertising rates on BBO are very reasonable. He recommended testing this source of advertising at an upcoming tournament.

2. Jed Drew of Unit 249 has formed a group to deliberate Kibitzer costs. The group consists of the treasurers from the 4 units that the Kibitzer serves, and John Carruthers. There have been no communiques since the formation of the group.

### **Subsidies**

Linda suggested removing the stipulation that \$15,000 advance be available to regional tournament managers. It was agreed that \$15,000 was excessive. Additionally, the approved motion by a previous board to maintain a reserve of \$40,000 was discussed.

Graham questioned the payment of subsidies in the interim from Sept 21 to Dec 1 in spite of the board's decision to curtail subsidy applications until the bank balance is in excess of \$40,000. While it was universally agreed that the subsidies should have been granted, Ian proposed that future subsidy applications be approved only during board meetings. Greg further recommended that subsidies only be paid AFTER the event has been attended.

The \$40,000 reserve was thoroughly debated. Chris made a motion that eliminates the Working Capital Minimum Limit, as passed by on May 8, 2010 (vote: 3 Yeas, 3 abstentions) be eliminated. Seconded by Greg, passed unanimously.

Ron suggested that those receiving subsidies be required to "give something back", perhaps some requirement to share their experiences with other members in the unit, either through club visits or some other means.

Terri will collect information on the subsidy policies of other units.

**Next meeting:** Sunday, March 9th, 2014, 10 am at Angus Glen.

**Motion to adjourn:** Moved by Ron, seconded by Graham, Carried