

UNIT 246 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

SUNDAY 2 DECEMBER 2012 ANGUS GLEN GOLF CLUB, UNIONVILLE

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1. Call To Order

- The meeting was called to order at 9:45am on Sunday 2 December 2012 by the President, Linda Lord.
- **Present (9):** Irfan Ashraf, Fran Beckingham, Chris Chambers, Ian Coats, David Hamer, Ron Haney, Linda Lord, Terri MacKinnon, Graham Warren.
- **Absent (4):** Paul Campbell, Greg Coles, Don Lough, Bing Wong.

2. Agenda

- The agenda for the meeting was tabled.
- Motion to accept the agenda: Proposed Ron, Seconded Fran. Unanimous.

3. Minutes

- The minutes for the Board meeting on Sunday 19 August 2012 were tabled.
- Motion to accept the minutes: Proposed Chris, Seconded Irfan. Unanimous.
- There were no minutes available for the AGM and the special Board meetings that were held on Sunday 4 November 2012 in Oshawa.

4. Tournament Reports

- **Trenton Sectional: 14-16 Sept 2012 [Fran]**
 - The Financial Report was presented.
 - Entry fees were \$11, and there was a slight deficit of \$112.31.
 - The tournament went really well, with 101.5 tables, for an average of about 20 tables/session (25 tables were set up at the site).
 - There were about 8 newcomers who were all given one free session of play.
 - Fran asked for opinions on whether the Friday night session should be retained or not.
 - Given the demographics of the ACBL, Linda wondered whether a Friday afternoon session, or even a midweek Sectional would work. She noted that Hans Jacobs had commented that Wednesdays and Thursdays were often the best attended days at Regionals. However, it was noted that a midweek sectional may affect club games. Fran suggested that such a Sectional may work between Christmas and the New Year.
- **Collingwood Sectional: 12-14 Oct 2012 [Ian for John Lightfoot]**
 - The Financial Report was presented. Caddy fees were included in the TD Deductions.
 - Entry fees were \$11, and there was a surplus of \$458.82.
 - There were 183.5 tables, up almost 40 tables from 2011, when the Buffalo Regional was held over the same weekend (it had been moved from the summer due to the Toronto NABC).
 - Prizes were awarded (pens rather than Unit coupons).
 - This was John's last tournament, and he is handing over to Christine Blake. He is also no longer managing the Owen Sound Sectional for Unit 249.

- **Oshawa Sectional: 3-4 Nov 2012 [Ian for Doug Darnley]**
 - The Financial Report was presented.
 - Entry fees were \$11, and there was a surplus of \$2,388.84.
 - The TD Fees were reduced by the use of a Tournament Assistant (Trevor Dundas) rather than a second TD.
 - A \$100 honorarium was given to the
 - This was Doug's first tournament, and it was a learning process for him. He obtained \$1,500 in sponsorship from Lucas Automotive).
 - The table count was good (156.5 compared with 146 last year), especially on Sunday. There was no Niagara Regional this year, whereas last year it was held during the following week.
 - The hospitality was excellent, and a \$100 honorarium was given to the Hospitality Lead (Nancy Gilmore).
 - Linda asked if a written report could be produced similar to that produced by John Lightfoot for Collingwood. Graham noted that he used to produce a similar written report for Oshawa until February 2008, and he will distribute them to the Board.
 - Chris noted that the cost for table rental and delivery looked high, whilst the cost of supplies looked low. However, the latter is due to the cost being the actual cost for David, who lives quite close to Oshawa.
 - Graham noted that the Lviv Hall did not appear to have charged us tax this time.
 - It was noted that "After Game Hospitality" should be renamed "Hospitality".

5. Treasurer's Report [Ian]

- The Treasurer's Report was tabled.
- Ian noted that we have a cash flow problem until our \$10,000 GIC matures on 31 Jan 2013, and he won't invest in a GIC again.
- The ACBL membership cheque should have been included in the report (about \$1,100US credit).
- Ian thought that we gave free plays at the AGM for that day. However, Graham noted that this practice was stopped several years ago.
- Motion: Proposed Irfan, Seconded Ron. That free plays be given to Board members for the day of the AGM. Defeated (2 for, 4 against, 3 abstain).
- For HST, Ian had spoken with Revenue Canada to clarify what constituted our revenue. The late Leo Upenieks (Unit 166) had noted that the tournament "Net To Sponsor" is our revenue, and that is what Unit 166 uses.

6. Tournament Plans

- **Cobourg Sectional: 4-5 May 2013 [Terri]**
 - The tournament budget was tabled.
 - Entry fees will be \$11.
 - The budget assumes a Tournament Assistant rather than a second TD.
 - Terri gave copies of the tournament flyer to the Board.
 - Graham reminded tournament managers that a softcopy of the flyer should be sent to the ACBL for posting on the ACBL web-site and that some weeks before the tournament an e-mail flyer should be sent to the ACBL for distribution.
 - There was discussion of the number of caddies required, and the recommendation was one for Saturday (pairs) and two for Sunday (teams).
 - Motion: Proposed Chris, Seconded David. To accept the budget for the Cobourg Sectional. Unanimous.

- **Peterborough Sectional: 18-19 May 2013 [Ron]**
 - The tournament budget and tournament flyer were tabled.
 - Entry fees will be \$12/session on Saturday and \$120/team on Sunday (including the cost of lunch).
 - The budget assumes a Tournament Assistant rather than a second TD.
 - Ron noted that the tournament is being held at the Peterborough Curling Club, and that we cannot bring our own food in.
 - Motion: Proposed Graham, Seconded Chris. To accept the budget for the Peterborough Sectional. Unanimous.
- **Barrie Sectional: 15-16 June 2013 [Linda for Greg]**
 - Linda noted that this was the Father's Day weekend, and that the last Unit 246 tournament held over Father's Day was poor.
 - Therefore the tournament was not going to be held.

7. 2013 Regional [Linda]

- Our Split-Regional with Thunder Bay is sanctioned for 17-22 September 2013.
- However, our site, the Army Navy and Air Force Club in Barrie, is up for sale for about \$4,000,000.
- Although they say that bookings will be honored, there could be a problem if the sale goes through in the near future. However, it is not likely to sell at the asking price.
- A \$1,000 deposit is due for the site booking (total site cost is \$6,000).
- An event schedule has been sent to Francis Gaudino, who is the Tournament Manager for Thunder Day.

8. Tournament Coordinator Report [Graham]

- The current District 2 Tournament Schedule was tabled.
- All planned Unit 246 tournaments for 2013 are sanctioned except Barrie (cancelled) and Markham.
- The Barrie Sectional is not going to be held in 2013.
- Terri proposed 3-4 May 2014 for the Cobourg Sectional. Graham will check with Unit 249, as they have the Sarnia Sectional on that weekend. It should not be a problem given the distance between the 2 sites.
- Graham will add the Peterborough Sectional to the 2014 plan.

9. Supplies Coordinator Report [David]

- A couple of boards and some cards were damaged in Oshawa.

10. Secretary's Report

- No report, as Paul was absent due to illness.

11. Other Business

- **Tournament Assistants**
 - We would like to increase the number of Tournament Assistants in our Unit.
 - We will all watch for potential TA's in our Club Directors.
 - The pay is \$75/session, but there is no mileage or per diem.

- **CBF Championship Support**
 - Nader Hanna has requested our support the CBF Championship in Toronto 25 May to 1 June by providing supplies.
 - We agreed that we'll provide the supplies free of charge but that the CBF should pay for the cost of delivery and pickup.
 - Nader would like the boards one month so that the boards can be made up. However, David can only provide 13 sets of boards (of our total of 19 sets) half a month early, due to the Cobourg and Peterborough Sectionals.
 - It was not clear if we are being asked to provide bidding boxes. Linda will check with Nader. We have 192 tables of bidding boxes.
- **Marty Bergen Offer**
 - Marty Bergen is offering his 28 24-page booklets to Units at half-price (see Chris's e-mail of 8 Oct 2012).
 - It was felt that this was a really good deal.
 - Ian noted that he is an excellent author for "table" bridge rather than "book" bridge.
 - Should our Unit buy them?
 - Chris will send the flyer to clubs, and based on the response, the Unit will order the required number.
- **CNTC**
 - Ian noted that there are no local qualifying games.
- **E-mail Addresses for Clubs**
 - Ian noted that 2 new clubs in our Unit have no e-mail address (e.g. Picton).
 - There was a brief discussion of the boundaries of Unit 246.
- **New Education Director [Linda]**
 - This Board position is vacant, as Daniel Lavee has resigned from the Board.
 - Linda met Michael Hebbert (from Clarksburg, near Collingwood) at the Collingwood Sectional and thought that he may be a candidate.
 - Marilyn Kalbfleisch, a bridge teacher and former Board member from Orillia, is a possibility. Paul will contact her.
 - Chris suggested that they be contacted and asked to submit their biographies.
 - Linda noted that we need someone to "sell" bridge to schools.
 - Do we know all the bridge teachers in Unit 246? Some are listed on the ACBL web-site.
 - It was thought that the Education position could be two positions or a committee.
 - Linda noted that the Aurora Bridge Club runs two weekly novice games (0-50, 0-300).
- **Director's Exam [Fran]**
 - Fran asked if there was a Unit policy for the Director's Exam.
 - Linda noted that Paul is assembling a list of our Unit policies.
 - A request to take the Director's Exam should go to the Unit Secretary and then to the ACBL.

12. Business Arising From Minutes

- **Nick Wong**
 - Ian noted that a donation from the Unit was made to Nick's church in his memory.
- **ACBL Grass Roots Fund**
 - Chris noted that at our last meeting we agreed to promote the ACBL Grass Roots Fund in December, but this had not been done.
- **Supplies Dolly**
 - David has acquired a dolly to aid the delivery and pickup of supplies.

- **Event Subsidies**

- At our last meeting, we agreed to investigate subsidies for events, but no action has been taken to-date.

13. Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be held at Angus Glen Golf Club, Unionville at 9:30am on Sunday 10 March 2012.

14. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn: Proposed Ian, Seconded Ron. Unanimous.
- The meeting was adjourned at 2:45pm.

15. Attachments

- Agenda.
- Minutes of the Board meeting held Sun 19 Aug 2012.
- Treasurer's Report.
- District 2 Tournament Schedule.
- Trenton Sectional Sept 2012: Financial Report
- Collingwood Sectional Oct 2012: Financial Report
- Oshawa Sectional Nov 2012: Financial Report
- Cobourg Sectional May 2013: Budget
- Cobourg Sectional May 2013: Advert
- Peterborough Sectional May 2013: Budget
- Peterborough Sectional May 2013: Advert