

TRENT VALLEY BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

BARRIE CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH
54 ROSS STREET, BARRIE, L4N 1G3

JANUARY 15, 2017

1.0 Call to order: 10:05 am

Attendance: Linda Lord, Graham Warren, Evelyn Caroline, Paul Campbell, Dave Hamer, Ron Haney

Guest: Greg Coles

2.0 Motion to Approve Agenda: Moved by Evelyn, Seconded by Paul. Carried.

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

4.0 Business arising out of the minutes:

- a) Tournament managers should evaluate the number of boards played at Swiss Teams events. At the Midland Sectional, an impromptu poll of the players indicated they would prefer to play 7 rounds of 7 boards.

Greg noted that although we have typically been using 7 rounds of 8 boards for Swiss events, there is significant increasing demand from players for 7 rounds of 7 or another alternative with fewer boards to reduce game time.

5.0 Reports:

- a) Tournament Coordinator: (Graham) We have some work to do to get a number of our tournaments sanctioned for 2017, including Peterborough, Thornhill and Collingwood. Graham will apply for the sanctions. There is some urgency to get the Peterborough sanction this month and for Ron to send a flyer to the Kibitzer because the deadline is Feb 1. Ron, Linda and Evelyn will send flyers and a request for email notification to the ACBL for their respective tournaments. Graham noted that in future we should approve Sectional budgets and sanction requests one year in advance (in practice, as soon as the current tournament had been completed).

Greg needs to work one tournament as a DIC in conjunction with another director with DIC experience so he can complete his qualification as a DIC. The Board agreed he should suggest to Ken Van Cleve (ACBL Field Supervisor) that he do so at our Oshawa Sectional in March. It will be a big benefit to the Unit to have Greg as a DIC.

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reduce game time.

Motion to approve the final Financial Reports for the Midland (Sept 2017), Collingwood (Oct 2017) and Oshawa (Nov 2017) Sectionals. Moved: Graham, Seconded: Ron. Carried.

- b) Oshawa Sectional: Darla Peterson is the tournament manager for Oshawa, March 4 - 5. A manager has not been identified for the tournament November 4 - 5. Dave Hamer has indicated that he could act as tournament manager in the fall if necessary.
- c) Peterborough Sectional: (Ron) There is some concern about attendance due to conflicts with the Arnprior Sectional and Canadian Bridge Championships in Winnipeg. These events could draw a few tables away from Peterborough. Therefore, we should budget accordingly.
- d) Treasurer's Report: Graham reviewed the unit finances showing that we are in relatively good shape. See the Treasurer's Report for details.
- e) Membership Coordinator: (Evelyn). We discussed a few ideas for keeping track and retaining members.
- f) Education Coordinator: (Marilyn). No Report.
- g) Supplies Coordinators: (Dave & Greg). We have supplies for our upcoming tournaments. However, neither coordinator has a reasonable supply of playing cards.

We own 40 Bridgemates and 1 controller. We decided not to order additional Bridgemates at this time. We can rent some from Unit 166 to cover any shortfall for the Regional Tournament.

Some years ago, we contributed to clocks which have been used, mainly at Unit 166 tournaments, to display the time remaining in a round. It is unlikely we will get any use out of these clocks because they are too heavy to transport to tournaments. There is a PC-based program that will serve the same function and make announcements.

- h) Special Events: (Paul). There are some events, such as Unit Championships and Inter-club competitions that may be of interest to clubs in our Unit. These events may require a small additional table fee to be paid to the ACBL, but they award more masterpoints for a relatively low increase. However, we don't know the level of interest or whether club managers are even aware of some of these events.

Greg will put together some information for club managers and when its ready, Paul can use it to gauge the level of interest among clubs in our unit.

Greg noted that STaCs are becoming expensive and fewer clubs are participating.

- i) Regional Chair: (Linda). It is likely the Regional in September will be held at the Orillia Curling Club. Some work has to be completed to make the facility tournament-ready. Linda is working with the city and the curling club to address our requirements. A

decision will be made this week.

Orillia is an attractive location due to the location of the facility (situated on the lake); the number of restaurants and hotels nearby; and the proximity to other attractions.

6.0 New Business:

- a) District 2 meeting. The next District meeting is on Saturday 15 April at the Sheraton Centre Hotel in downtown Toronto. We are allowed to have 3 voting representatives at the meeting, and if we have fewer attendees, we should arrange proxies. Non-voting attendees will be Graham, as District Tournament Coordinator, and Greg, who is working as a TD for the Toronto Regional. Linda and Evelyn may attend and Paul is considering attending.
- b) Subsidies. We agreed to provide a subsidy of \$300 each to Doug Brenner and Ron Haney who qualified for the NAP B event at the Kansas City NABC in March. Reference: The Board policy in the Board meeting minutes, 30 Aug 2015. Moved: Graham, Seconded: Evelyn. Carried.

7.0 Other Business

- a) ACBL Request for Code of Disciplinary Regulations: We felt that we had nothing additional to contribute at this time.
- b) Darla Petersen: Darla has declined a position on the Unit 246 board.
- c) HST Rebate: Some of the other units in our District (166 and 249) and some of the clubs in our Unit have decided to apply to the Canada Revenue Agency for HST rebates for fees paid to the ACBL for their services. Requests can be made for up to the immediate 4 previous years. Graham will continue to dialogue with Andy Risman (Unit 166 Treasurer) on claiming these rebates.
- d) PC screens & projector: Greg believes he can "borrow" a projection device to use for displaying information and results on the wall at tournaments. If this continues to work well, we can decide whether to purchase a unit of our own.

8.0 Next Meeting: Scheduled for April 23 at 10:00 am in Barrie.

Motion to adjourn at 1:40 moved by Paul, Seconded by Evelyn. Carried