

MINUTES OF UNIT Board MEETING

ACBL UNIT 430 – GREATER VANCOUVER

HELD: October 11th, 2018, at the Vancouver Bridge Centre

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- 1. Call to Order / Confirmation of Quorum:** Larry Pocock called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm. 10 Board members were present, confirming a quorum.
- 2. Approval of the Agenda:** The agenda was revised to Add under “Business Arising from Previous Minutes” the topic “Book Report” (Don) and the topic “Cost of renting facilities on the north shore” (Margaret). The Agenda, as revised, was approved (Gray, Don).
- 3. Previous Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of September 6th, 2018 were approved. (Angela,Don)
- 4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

Book Report: Don reported on Rhoda’s suggestion to review bridge books and provide recommendations to Unit 430 members. Don thought that since there are a very wide range of books on the topic and a wide range of needs, this might be quite difficult for Board Members to do, and still carry out all of the volunteer Unit work they are required to do.

North Shore Facilities: Margaret noted that the North Shore Recreation center is very busy on Sundays. Saturday is available from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m. This would

work for the Mentor/Mentee game but the cost is \$55.00 per hour. Angela will check out the North Shore Winter club.

Supplies: Gray said that the public storage at 12 and Rupert is okay, but there is storage at Knight and Marine near the U-hall rental site which would be convenient. The cost for a 5 by 10 unit is \$150.00 per month. Discussion ensued on storage availability at the new VBC site, shelving and timing the move of our supplies with the VBC move. Gray is concerned about logistical problems in transporting supplies if equipment is stored at multiple sites. Ken Lochang attended this portion of the meeting and advised that the last day of operation of VBC at the old site will be Fri Oct. 26th and the move will start Oct. 27th. Reay's Moving has been hired to do the move. It is expected that VBC will reopen Nov. 1st at the new site. There are areas earmarked for Unit storage and Ken thinks this space will accommodate all of the Unit supplies.

5. Financial Report

The financial statements circulated by Cia were reviewed. The final numbers for the last sectional show a \$731 profit, but with no adjustment for free plays. This is a substantial shortfall from last year's sectional held at the same time, caused primarily by increased director costs. This is our only source of revenue. If we have no, or only nominal, profit, we can't support the other events that traditionally run at a loss. Discussion ensued about how to track and allocate free plays for accounting purposes. The 199'er event showed a small profit of about \$50. Two sets of subsidy funds have now been handed out (totaling \$3500 for participants in the CBF Canadian Bridge Championships and for participants in the GNT's). There is \$1400 left in the subsidy fund for qualified participants in the NAP's. A new term deposit (of about \$5,000) has yet to be arranged. Current term deposits have been rolled over.. The Financial Report was approved (Nick, Gray).

6. Sectionals

Roundup Sectional - Engineers Hall

Nov 10 - 12 2018

Angela reported that doors will be open by 9 am for Gray to move in equipment. Just 2 directors will handle this tournament. Eda will look after hospitality.

2019:

Trophy Sectional - Ukrainian C C

Jan 25 - 27 2019

Victoria Day Sectional - Queensboro C C

May 17 - 20 2019

Evergreen Sectional - Engineers Hall

Aug 31 - Sep 2 2019

Roundup Sectional - - Engineers Hall

Nov 9 -11 2019

7. Future Stars

The next FS Sectional will be at the Engineers' Hall (\$800 for 2 days), on Oct. 13 – 14, 2018. Gray is planning on starting at 8 in the morning for set up. Paul Patterson has volunteered to help.

8. 0 – 199 Sectional

Bruce couldn't assist with this event and arrangements had to be made for a US director, which led to extra costs. Turn-out for this event was low. Discussion ensued concerning compensating the host for these events when we are using their equipment. The proposal for using Duplicate Lite's equipment is at a cost of \$75 per session (so 2 sessions in a day would cost \$150 for equipment). The Board approved this cost for future events where we need to use Duplicate Lite's equipment (Don, Margaret).

9. Mentor Mentee Games

The MM game that was held, Sept. 23, 2018 was a team game. It was run by Ed L'Heureux and another director from Duplicate Lite. There were 16 tables and the event went well and most participants were very much in favour of holding another team event. There were technical issues concerning reporting to ACBL for this event. It's run as a club event, but needs to be run under the Unit's sanction number for club events. Don will see if Bruce can provide this info.

The next MM game is scheduled for Nov. 25th, 2018 at the East Delta Hall. Bruce might be present for this tournament, but Ed L'Heureux will do the boards and set up the tables.

Don has also been looking for additional potential tournament sites. He checked out Ridge Meadows Senior Centre but, due to repairs required because of a flood, this site will not be available until the spring. It can provide 40 tables but the cost is probably prohibitive (The cost is \$100/hour and there is a 2 hour set-up fee. The custodian is scheduled to go home at 4:30, so we would have to pay extra if we go past that time).

A more attractive option is to continue to use the E. Delta Hall. It now looks like it will be possible to book Saturday events at the same price currently being charged for Sunday events (\$150/day).

For 2019, Don proposed the Unit hold 2 Mentor/Mentee games (one Swiss Teams, one pairs), 2 0-199 and 2 Future Stars (to be held at the Engineer's Hall or Duplicate Lite - because there will not be enough room at the new VBC location). The Board agreed to hold these events, with sites and dates still to be determined (Don, Margaret). Don recommended all of these events be held at the E. Delta Hall, if rental costs are \$150/day, which appears likely. Don will let Tim White

know that this is our current go to site, which Tim might want to consider for D19 GNT qualifying events.

10. Monthly Unit Games

The next MUGs are Nov.3 (pairs) and Dec.1 (pairs). It is likely that VBC will be open in time, so all looks good for holding these events at the new premises.

For future scheduling, the Board will review the Event Calendar, and the tentative scheduling currently in place, at the November meeting in order to finalize 2019 dates. Margaret and Don will obtain sanction numbers for the events they are running. Angela has already updated the Event Calendar with the 2019 sanction numbers.

11. CBF Bridge Week

Angela advised that CBF will contribute to the budget for the 2019 Canadian National Championship \$150 per team. Discussion ensued on budgeting, hospitality costs and fundraising options. The raffle raised \$1250. It was agreed that corporations wishing to donate to this event would be assisted by structuring categories (for example: Bronze \$50, Silver \$100, Gold \$300, Platinum \$500), and provide the categories with different rewards (like free attendance at the party). Angela has been encouraging local clubs to hold COPC and CNTC qualifiers. Discussion ensued about whether we can create a list of people who qualify, which can be published on the website or in the Matchpointer. This would assist people (to let them know if they qualified) and perhaps also encourage more participation.

12. Matchpointer

Nick advised that the next issue of the Matchpointer will be published in January. Articles are welcome! Tom is planning on circulating a bulk e-mail to ensure members have access to the last issue of the Matchpointer, as well as back issues, and to solicit input, but tries to space out the bulk e-mail so members don't feel spammed.

13. Website

Tom reported that the partnership desk is open for the Round Up sectional. Eda and Tom will draft the promised follow survey about Sectional start times for review by the Board. Discussion ensued concerning possible questions. Perhaps the survey might be used to advertised the 2019 CBC's by asking: "Do you know about the nationals? Are you planning on attending? Which events?"

14. IMP Leagues

Eda reported that 12 teams are entered for the A/X League. Eda will write out a summary of the process for playing at home.

Peter advised that 2 teams have registered for the B/C League with a possible 3rd about to send in an entry. There have also been single players expressing interest in playing who might be formed into a team. There is also a team from last year that is considering whether to compete again this year. So it is possible that 5 teams will be entered.

15. Trophies

Ken can house the trophies at the new VBC site, but there may not be sufficient room for the display case. The trophies need to be engraved with the 2018 winners. Gray suggested the Board consider replacing the trophies with plaques (tabled for discussion at a future meeting).

16. DINO

Nick advised that the next DINO meeting will take place at the end of October (in conjunction with the Leavenworth Regional). Nick invited suggestions for topics that should be brought before the D19 Board. Unit 430 Board members were reminded about the election for the position on the D19 Board and urged to vote before the deadline.

17. New Business

There was no new business.

18. Next Meetings

The next meeting of the Unit Board is scheduled for Nov 8, at 7 pm at the Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood pub. There will be no Unit Board meeting in December. Dates for 2019 will be determined at the November meeting.

19. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:00. (Nick, Margaret)

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Anderson