

MINUTES OF UNIT Board MEETING

ACBL UNIT 430 – GREATER VANCOUVER

HELD: Thursday, July 4th, 2019,
At the Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood Pub

PRESENT:

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- 1. Call to Order / Confirmation of Quorum:** Larry Pocock called the meeting to order at 7:08pm, and 8 Board members were present, confirming a quorum.
- 2. Approval of the Agenda:** The amended agenda was approved. (Don, Cia)
- 3. Previous Meeting Minutes:** The minutes of June 6th, 2019, were approved with a correction for the date of the June MM game. (Tom, Margaret)

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 4. Election of Officers:** Members were elected to the following positions:

President: Larry Pocock

Vice-president: Nick Stock

Secretary, Caddies: Rhoda Tafler Secretary and caddies is no longer hospitality.

Treasurer: Cia Van Horne

Webmaster, electronic contact: Tom Anderson

Membership chair: Julie Smith

Recorder: June Keith

Discipline: Patti Adams

Tournament Coordinators: Nick Stock, Cam Doner

Hospitality: vacant

Charity chair: Larry Pocock

Business Manager, Supplies: Gray M

Education liaison: Don Guichon
GNT/NAP coordinator: Don Guichon
STaC Coordinator: Margaret Pattison
Publicity Chair: Cam Doner
B/C IMP League Commissioner: Peter Morse

4. Hospitality: the Hospitality chair position is vacant and priority must be given to filling this position. Discussion ensued about current budget allocations to hire assistance (up to \$300/day, depending on duties) and for purchasing goods.

Eda will look after this for the next tournament to give the board time to fill this position.

4. Financial Report: Cia report that finances are stable as compared to last year and the year before. STaC games have been a strong contributor. Revenues are up to about \$6K and expenses are around \$5K. A large portion of this for US trainee director expenses, but otherwise expenses are comparable to recent years. . The purchase of the dealing machine will be amortized over it's useful life (10% the first year). Cia transferred some money from the US account to the Can account (which reduced expenses by about \$1900 because of the gain in exchange). We increased the tournament fees last year with the expectation that we were going to have increased rental costs and hospitality costs for our sectionals. To date, those increases have not been as feared, but it is expected that costs will be more substantial in the coming fiscal year. Discussion ensued concerning budget allocations and whether some budget headings could be combined. Cia explained that it was typical to keep these separate (for example, keeping “furniture and equipment” separate from supplies allows these costs to be more closely monitored).

With respect to STaC events, not all money has yet been collected (from the June events). About \$500 is still outstanding (but not yet shown as a receivable on the financial statements). We also owe about \$1200 in ACBL fees that are yet to be paid (and again not yet recorded in the financials). The profit from the last STaC was about \$1300 and this one will be about \$1100. The financial report was approved (Tom, Don).

A lengthy discussion then ensued concerning the subsidy fund, which events are allocated to which fiscal years, and whether the fact that no subsidy money was payable for the 2019 CNTC's (because they took place in Vancouver) should affect the amount of the board's current contribution to the subsidy fund. It was noted that the Subsidy Policy determines how much of the total subsidy is allocated to each event, so reducing the contribution because no CNTC subsidies would be paid in 2019 would result in unfairly reducing the subsidies available for other events. It was agreed to allocate \$4200 this year. (Margaret, Nick). Tom was asked to review the Subsidy Policy and report back next meeting to consider whether it needs to be updated.

Tom advised that inquiries had been made by a club owner whether the board would consider contributing to advertising aimed at bringing new members into their club. The club owner should be requested to outline the advertising under consideration and the likely costs so this question can be further considered by the board.

5. Sectional Tournaments:

2019 Tournaments:

			<u>Sanc</u>	<u>Flyer</u>
Evergreen Sectional	Engineers' Hall	Aug. 31 – Sept. 2, 2019	y	sent to ACBL
Roundup Sectional	Engineers' Hall	Nov. 9 – 11, 2019	y	sent to ACBL

2020:

Trophy Sectional	St. Mary's Ukrainian*	Jan. 24 – 26, 2020	y	ready to send
Victoria Day Sect	Queensborough	May 15 - 18, 2020	y	ready to send
Evergreen Sectional	Engineers' Hall	Sept. 5 – 7, 2020	n	ready to send
Roundup Sectional	St. Mary's Ukrainian CC*	Nov. 13 – 15, 2020	n	ready to send

2021

Trophy	St. Mary's Ukrainian CC*	Jan. 22 - 24, 2021	n	n
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In doubt. Prohibitive rent increase.

Nick reported concerning contract negotiations with St. Mary's Ukrainian Centre for future tournaments. They have decided that their charges should be increased to \$1200/day (\$3600 for the entire sectional). This is a significant increase. In contrast, our last event there cost us \$2400 for the 3 days. It was noted that, although this is a popular site with our members, there were various problems, such as: problems with breaker switches; bathrooms were not clean; no toilet paper). It was also noted that the dates we wish to rent the facilities are likely to be times of little interest by other groups. Larry and Nick will meet with Father Seraphim to further discuss future arrangements with the Centre.

6. Future Stars Sectionals: Margaret/Don

2019:

East Delta Hall	10 & 3	Oct. 19 – 20, 2019	y	prepared
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2020:

East Delta Hall		Feb. 15 – 16	y	prepared
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East Delta Hall		Sept. 12 – 13	y	prepared
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7. 0 – 200 Sectionals: Don/Margaret

2019:

East Delta Hall	10 & 3	Sept. 7	y	prepared
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2020:

North Shore W. C,		Jan. 11	y	prepared
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East Delta Hall		June 6	y	prepared
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8. Mentor Mentee Games: Don/Margaret

2019:

VBC	Sunday	Nov. 16	y	prepared
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2020:

East Delta Hall		Mar. 14	y	prepared
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VBC

Oct. 10

y prepared

Don reported that the MM game had a low turn out, but was successful in terms of participant satisfaction. One of the lessons to be learned from scheduling this event is that it is important to avoid long weekends and spring breaks. Dates for 2021 not yet been determined. This information will be available for the September meeting.

9. Stac Games – Margaret (9\$ per table)

Various clubs		June 3 – 9, 2019	y
“	“	Dec. 2 – 8, 2019	y

The financial results of the June STaC were discussed under Financial Report.

10. Monthly Unit Games at the VBC

		July 6	pairs
Aug. 3	pairs	Sept. 7	pairs
Oct. 5	teams	Nov. 16	pairs
Dec. 7	pairs		

The September and October games will be held at 1pm. November will be 7 pm to avoid the conflict with the MM game that day.

We will decide future times at the Dec. meeting.

2020

Jan. 4	pairs	Feb. 1	teams
Mar. 7	pairs	Apr. 4	pairs
May 2	pairs	June 6	teams
July 4	pairs	Aug. 1	pairs
Sept. 7	pairs	Oct. 3	teams

Margaret will be arranging for sanction numbers for future MUGs.

11. Hospitality: discussed earlier.

12. Matchpointer:

Nick is accepting articles for the upcoming edition of the Matchpointer.

13. Supplies: Gray will report next meeting.

14. Unit 430 website: Tom

Tom hopes that, when the website is redesigned, it will be possible to set up searchable archives of past news items and photo's. He's had some discussions with people with better web design skills and will liaise with Su about this as work proceeds.

15. DINO News:

Margaret (and Paul Pattison are the co-chairs) for the the Vancouver 2020 Regional and are considering various types of events to include. One possibility is a 2-day, 4 session Open event, where players have to qualify for the 2nd day. Discussed ensued. Cam thought that the turn out at a Vancouver Regional would probably be insufficient to support such an event. The problem is what to do with the pairs that are eliminated. What events would they then play? There were also financial considerations. A large portion of the room rental at the host hotel is to house teams (perhaps 30-36 rooms). If you take away the team events, those players go somewhere else. Cam also noted that Pair games pay significant master points for 1 day events (particularly if you hold a gold rush at the same time). In contrast, a 2 day event might not be sufficiently attractive in terms of potential master points that can be won. It's possible that an event like this could work for Penticton, with it's greater turnout, but very unlikely to be successful in Vancouver. Discussion ensued concerning other events that might be considered, such as: (a) barometer pairs - players qualify in the afternoon session. In the evening session everyone plays the same hands at the same time - and you see how you are doing every round (typically a list set displayed on a giant screen). Barometer pairs oes not require a huge turnout, but does require space (to separate the tables because everyone's playing the same boards at the same time) and lots of extra boards. (b) Compact teams: these are becoming less popular. One reason is that the professional teams determine the regionals they attend by the schedule. They need team games to play - but compact events do not work for them. They come in 5 handed and one of them has to sit out in a compact.

16. IMP Leagues: Eda/ Peter

The Burns team won in X. The final for A is being schedule (probably after the Summer nationals).

It was observed that there was a problem this year with teams not finishing the regular league games in time. One team, because they had no chance to be in the playoffs, refused to play their final games, which affected standings for everyone.

Eda volunteered to revise the CoC so that they address issues of this nature with abundant clarity.

17. Next Meetings: Thursdays at Cedar Cottage Pub

2019: No meeting in August

Sept. 5

Oct. 3

Nov. 7

18. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas G. Anderson