

MINUTES OF UNIT Board MEETING

ACBL UNIT 430 – GREATER VANCOUVER

HELD: Thursday, OCTOBER 17, 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 7:10 pm, and 6 Board members were present. *A quorum was not present*, so the meeting continued for informational purposes.
- 2. Approval of the Agenda:** The following additions were made to the agenda: 2020 Regional, Subsidy Policy and Non-profit Status.
- 3. Previous Meeting Minutes:** The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and no changes were noted that needed to be made.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 4. Financial Report:** Cia advised that the subsidy moneys have now been paid out and that funds allocated for the NAPs will be paid out this year after those events are concluded. It was noted that the \$1 increase in fees for tournaments, instituted last year, was an essential part of keeping the yearly finances out of a deficit position. Discussion ensued concerning specific cost items at tournaments (transporting supplies, hospitality, cost of directors, free plays and so on). With respect to director costs, a great part of that is covering expenses for some of the out-of-town directors and it was noted that to keep this under control we have been trying to use local directors more often. It was mentioned that Barry Yamanouchi is available for some of these tournaments, but noted that he is not yet in the ACBL system as an assistant director. Don advised that in discussions with senior directors, he was informed that we can request any director we want, provided we do it far enough in advance. Don volunteered to follow up on this and request Bruce's involvement, and if he is not available, that we would like Barry. It was noted, however,

that if we wish to involve someone who is not yet an ACBL assistant director, the arrangements would have to be made with that person directly. Also, the tournaments such a person could assist with would be limited to our Mentor-Mentee events. All of our other events require an ACBL director. Don will make up a new list and request Barry where possible. Discussion ensued concerning allocation of the free play costs for accounting purposes to best express those costs on our financial reports. It was noted that the Evergreen Sectional at the end of August was well attended. Larry mentioned that Yue Su has plans for developing an on-line system for reporting the IMP League results which, when available, would be provided free for the Unit's use.

5. Sectional Tournaments:

2019 Tournaments

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Roundup Sectional	Engineers' Hall	Nov. 9 – 11		y	y

2020

Trophy Sectional	St. Mary's Ukrainian CC	Jan. 24 – 26		y	y
Victoria Day Sect	Queensborough CC	May 16 – 18		y	y
Evergreen Sectional	Engineers Hall	Sept. 5 – 7		y	
Roundup Sectional	St. Mary's Ukrainian CC	Nov. 13 – 15		y	

2021

Trophy Sectional	St. Mary's Ukrainian CC	Jan. 22 – 24			
Victoria Day	Queensborough CC	May			

Nick was not available to report on Sectional tournaments for 2019 through 2021. It was thought that all have been sanctioned through 2020, but this will be raised with Nick next meeting.

6. Future Stars Sectionals: Margaret/Don

2019:

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

East Delta Hall		Feb. 15 – 16		y	y
East Delta Hall		Sept. 12 – 13		y	y

2021:

East Delta Hall	10 & 3	Feb. 27 – 28		y	
East Delta Hall	10 & 3	Oct. 9 – 10		y	

7. 0 – 200 Sectionals: Don/Margaret

2020:

North Shore WC		Jan. 11	y	y
East Delta Hall		June 6	y	y

2021:

North Shore WC		Jan 16	y	
East Delta Hall		Sept. 11		

It was noted that there is a conflict between events being held June 6th (the 0-200 Sectional, and the MUG at 1:30). Discussion ensued concerning alternative dates, but this question is complicated by the timing of the Penticton Regional and the Larry Cohen event being hosted by Duplicate-Lite. Don will see about making arrangements to move the 0-200 Sectional to the end of May.

8. Mentor Mentee Games: Don/Margaret

2019:

VBC	Saturday	Nov. 16	y	y
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2020:

East Delta Hall	teams	Mar. 14	y	y
VBC		Oct. 10	y	y

2021:

East Delta Hall	Swiss	May 1		
VBC		Nov. 6		

Don reported that Mr. Mums, the catering business now associated with the East Delta Hall, catered the NAP finals. Meals were provided between each session (at a cost of between \$8 & \$10, paid for by the players). Mr. Mums also provided refreshments during the session for \$300 (paid for by D19) which included fruit, coffee and snacks. Everyone was very impressed with the catering. Don suggested we might consider using them for future events.

9. Stac Games – Margaret

2019:	Various clubs	Dec. 2 – 8, 2019	y	
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<u>2020:</u>		June 1 - 7	y	
		Dec. 7 - 13	y	

Margaret advised that the following dates have now been set for 2021 (and both weeks are now sanctioned)

<u>2021:</u>	June 7 - 13	y
	Dec. 6 - 12	y

10. Monthly Unit Games at the VBC Margaret/Larry

2019:

Oct. 5	teams	7pm	Nov. 16	pairs	7pm
Dec. 7	pairs	1:30			

2020:

Jan. 4	pairs	1:30	Feb. 1	1:30	teams
Mar. 7	pairs	1:30	Apr. 4	1:30	pairs
May 2	pairs	1:30	June 6	1:30	teams
July 4	pairs	1:30	Aug. 1	1:30	pairs
Aug. 29	pairs	1:30	Oct. 3	1:30	teams

It was noted that MUG games will be held at 1:30 pm from Dec. 7th on, but all are currently sanctioned for 7 pm and Margaret will look after changing this. The MUG game that was supposed to be held on Sept. 7th has been changed to Aug. 29th, to avoid a conflict with our Sectional. Margaret will be selecting dates for 2021, and applying for sanction numbers for those as well. Margaret also advised that the Tournament Events document has been updated with all of this information.

11. Hospitality:

Rachel will look after hospitality for the Nov. Sectional.

12. Matchpointer:

Players are encouraged to send in articles.

13. Supplies:

9 am, Friday before the Whistler Regional, 60 of our tables will be picked up from VBC for the Whistler Regional. Discussion ensued concerning delivery arrangements. Gray will confirm with Bruce Busby concerning what supplies they require. Gray advised that an order for 6 dozen decks of cards as been placed with Larry Chow and we have 3 dozen decks of cards in the storage cupboard.

14. Unit 430 website:

Tom advised that the regular maintenance of the website continues. There is no time set for when the newly designed website will be available.

15. DINO News:

The election for the vacant DINO position was deferred until more members were available for the vote.

16. IMP Leagues:

There are currently 7 teams in A/X with hopes that 1 more team will sign up. There are 4 B/C teams, with possibilities for more.

19: New Business:

- a) Subsidy Policy: Larry circulated a revised Subsidy Policy which was reviewed and will be placed on the agenda for the December 5th meeting.
- b) Vancouver Regional 2020: the possibility of the Unit sponsoring an event or participating financially in some other way to support the Regional was discussed. Margaret suggested that the Unit might take this opportunity to educate bridge players about our role in promoting bridge and hosting tournaments.
- c) Nonprofit Status: Margaret will investigate to determine whether the Unit currently has nonprofit status, or whether this is something we should consider obtaining in connection with the proposed review of the Unit bylaws.

20. Next Meetings: Thursdays at Cedar Cottage Pub

2019: Nov. meeting (cancelled)
Dec. 5th (Regular meeting, but it will also be our Christmas party with some nibbles!)

21. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas Anderson