

MINUTES OF UNIT BOARD MEETING ACBL UNIT 430 – GREATER VANCOUVER

HELD: Friday, September 4th, 2020, 5pm
Teleconference

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- 1. Call to Order/Confirmation of Quorum:** Larry called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm and 7 Board members were present, confirming a quorum. Eda joined the meeting a half hour later.
- 2. Approval of the Agenda:** The agenda was approved with the addition of “Self-kibitzing” under New Business. (Nick, Cia)
- 3. Minutes of July 3rd, 2020:** The minutes were approved. (Don, Cam)
- 4. Financial Report: Cia**

We received \$200 from VBC for the MUG games, but no breakdown at this point for how much was received for particular games. We received \$1798.51 from ACBL for our membership. The storage costs (\$115/mo.) paid to VBC, are up to date. Discussion ensued concerning VBC's financial position. Larry advised that Ken's view about the current financial position seems to be positive. The financial report was approved. (Nick, Cam)
- 5. Sectional Tournaments: Nick**

Nick advised that ACBL has officially cancelled tournaments up to Feb., 2021. It's likely that our tournaments up to at least May, 2021 will be cancelled.

2020:

Evergreen Sect.	Engineers Hall	Sept. 5 – 7	cancelled
Future Stars Sect.	East Delta Hall	Sept. 12 – 13	cancelled
Round Up Sect.	Engineers Hall	Nov. 13 – 15	cancelled

2021:

0 – 200 Sect.	VBC	Jan. 16	cancelled
Trophy Sect.	Engineers Hall	Jan. 22 – 24	cancelled
Future Stars Sect.	East Delta Hall	Feb. 27 – 28	cancelled
Spring Sect.	Queensboro CC	May 21 – 24	
Evergreen Sect.	Queensboro CC	Sept. 4 – 6	y
0 – 200 Sect.	East Delta Hall	Sept. 11	y
Future Stars Sect.	East Delta Hall	Oct. 9 – 10	y
Round Up Sect.	Engineers Hall	Nov. 12 – 14	

2022:

0 – 200 Sect.	VBC	Jan. 15	
Trophy Sect.	Engineers Hall	Jan. 21-23	
Future Stars Sect.	East Delta Hall	Feb. 26 - 27	
Spring Sect.	Queensboro CC	May 20 - 23	
Evergreen Sect.	Engineers Hall	Sept. 3 - 5	
0 – 200 Sect.	East Delta Hall	Sept. 17	
Future Stars Sect.	East Delta Hall	Oct. 8 - 9	
Round Up Sect.	Engineers Hall	Nov.	

6. **Future Stars, 0 – 200, Sectional:** Don advised that the E. Delta Hall will no longer be available for our future events. (A government inspection concluded that the Hall is no longer functionally sound and the committee that oversees it decided to seek a more lucrative arrangement, with the movie industry, to cover the substantial costs of upgrading.)

7. **Mentor/Mentee Games:** Don and Margaret will review and report back next meeting about the feasibility of holding a virtual Mentor/Mentee game.

2020

VBC	pairs	Oct. 10	cancelled
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2021

East Delta Hall	teams	May 1	
VBC	pairs	Nov. 6	

2022

East Delta Hall	teams	May 14	
VBC	pairs	Nov. 19	

8. STAC Games: Margaret was to check to see if we can have STAC games online, but was unable to attend this meeting to report back.

2020:	Dec. 7 – 13	cancelled
2021:	June 7 – 16	y
	Dec. 6 – 12	y

9. MUG – VBC at 1:15:

2020:	1:15	Sept. 5	Oct. 3
		Nov. 7	Dec. 5

11.MATCHPOINTER: Nick advised that his intention is to publish the next Matchpointer before the end of the month. Tom will forward Nick an updated note about the current partnership desk.

12.SUPPLIES: Gray was unable to attend this meeting.

13.UNIT 430 WEBSITE – Tom and Su have been exploring adding a forum to the website, with the idea that Tom can keep the forum under review to remove objectionable material. It was agreed that the problems of preventing objectionable material on a timely basis are beyond our abilities at this point. It was agreed that members could send Tom material that is sufficiently related to bridge, and he can then post them on our website. Tom will draft an article about this, and rules about what kinds of materials would be permitted, for publication in the next Matchpointer.

14.DINO NEWS: Nick advised that nothing at the moment is taking place at the district level.

15.IMP LEAGUE: Discussion ensued about the success of the virtual VBC IMP League. Larry suggested that we might be able to piggy back on this model to hold our own IMP League. Discussion ensued about the current arrangements for reporting results on the website, and alternative options for the future. Larry will discuss with Bruce whether he is in a position to assist us, using the model he has developed for the VBC IMP League.

16. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Self-kibitzing - Tom raised the topic of whether the unit has a role in preventing on-line cheating. He outlined the current state of the problem, noted that this is not an academic question and that online cheating is occurring within our unit. As such, it would be desirable to adopt policies that should apply now, rather than wait. He noted that, while senior organizations seem to have problems imposing penalties on cheating, even with substantial circumstantial evidence, there is at least one situation where a virtual club director attempted to impose a lifetime ban on a player who used his brother's BBO identity when his computer failed (the penalty was later changed to a 1

month suspension from the virtual club games). Tom's proposal, based on an article written by David Gold, was to adopt a policy that:

A. (1) if established that a member is cheating, this will prompt a ban of a specified period,

(2) however, if a member who was cheating wants to come forward and confess, the ban would be for a much less severe period, subject to probation, and would be on a confidential basis.

B. If the unit does not wish to go that far, at a minimum, the website should provide information that online cheating is occurring at far higher levels than most would guess, and set out the penalties for cheating as specified by the ACBL, BBO, the CBF and other organizations. At present, these policies, if they exist, are difficult to locate, so publishing the information more widely might help discourage online cheating. It might also be helpful to let members know that BBO's tools are actually tracking a great deal of this on-line cheating and those that think they are getting away with it will eventually be surprised.

C. If the unit does not wish to go that far, then we could consider urging the more senior organizations to adopt a policy along the lines outlined in A.

After discussion, it was concluded that the unit does not have the resources to establish that a player has been cheating. In this regard, to demonstrate the problems of basing decisions on unusual decisions, the Kit Woolsey Bridge Winners article was referred to showing suspicious activities that were in fact normal bridge carried out by he and his partner. This was an issue that had to be left to the ACBL, BBO and the CBF to resolve.

NEXT MEETING: November 6th, 2020 at 5pm

ADJOURNMENT: 5:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom