

MINUTES OF UNIT BOARD MEETING ACBL UNIT 430 – GREATER VANCOUVER

HELD: Friday, November 6th, 2020, 5pm
Teleconference

PRESENT:

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- 1. Call to Order/Confirmation of Quorum:** Larry called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm and 6 Board members were present, so a quorum was not yet formed. Jack joined the meeting at 5:15, forming a quorum.
- 2. Approval of the Agenda:** The agenda was approved. (Nick, Eda)
- 3. Minutes of September 4th, 2020:** The minutes were approved. (Eda, Cam)
- 4. Financial Report: Cia**
Cia sent a report by e-mail, but nothing of financial significance has occurred since the last Board Meeting. The Financial Report was tabled until the next meeting.
- 5. Sectional Tournaments: Nick**
Nick advised that the Engineer's Hall has asked us to confirm our reservation of the Hall for the Labour Day weekend in 2021. If we are prepared to cancel that booking, they have another group that would like to book the Hall then. If we confirm, and are unable to hold the event, our deposit (of about \$500) would be forfeit. Discussion ensued concerning the likelihood of live tournaments commencing in 2021 and the options available for rescheduling the event if live tournaments can proceed by then. Discussion ensued concerning ACBL's policies and its obligations to its members given the alteration in the services it now provides. Even though live tournaments are not available, no concession has

been made by ACBL on membership fees. Larry observed that ACBL continues to transfer funds to Units to promote local bridge activities. But, since there are few, if any, options for local bridge activities, the funds are basically not being used, so the financial transfers seem pointless. It was also observed that charges ACBL is assessing for on-line tournaments seem out of line having regard to the expenses actually incurred in running these events. It was agreed to cancel the booking for the Engineer's Hall, in part to foster continued good relations with the Hall for future events.

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/Mentor/Mentee Games:** Don reminded the board that, when live games are permitted again, E. Delta Hall will no longer be available to hold our tournaments,. Duplicate-Lite is exploring alternative housing options for their club games, with no final decisions having yet been made. Don advised that Margaret has been exploring options for holding a virtual Mentor/Mentee game, but at this point making little headway in obtaining information back from ACBL to the questions she's sent them.

2020

VBC	pairs	Oct. 10	cancelled
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2021

East Delta Hall	teams	May 1
VBC	pairs	Nov. 6
<u>2022</u>		
East Delta Hall	teams	May 14
VBC	pairs	Nov. 19

7. **STAC Games:** Margaret was unable to attend the meeting. The Report on STAC games was tabled to the next meeting.

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

8. **MUG – VBC at 1:15:**

2020:	1:15	Oct. 3	
		Nov. 7	Dec. 5
		Jan. 2	

Larry will check to see if VBC has any concerns with the Unit holding a MUG on Jan. 2.

11.MATCHPOINTER: Nick advised that featuring members who are celebrating rank changes received very positive responses and this will become a regular part of future Matchpointers. The request Nick made for photos of these members was also enthusiastically acted on by almost everyone. Discussion ensued concerning a donation by Aidan Ballantyne of Matchpointers to Jude Goodwin many ears ago that may have been deposited with the Vancouver Library. There was general agreement that it would be wonderful if past issues could be scanned and made available on-line. Tom will follow up with Jude and Aidan to see if these materials can be located and are still available.

12.SUPPLIES: Gray has advised that he will be taking a leave of absence from the board, until there is a need for his help (with supplies and equipment moving for live tournaments).

13.UNIT 430 WEBSITE – Tom advised that the last bulk e-mail sent to members, circulating the Matchpointer, also mentioned the possibility of an on-line MM game. The suggestion was enthusiastically received.

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 had previously suggested that we might be able to piggy back on this model to hold our own IMP League, and since the last meeting has made some inquiries concerning this possibility. Given the success of the VBC IMP League, however, it was agreed that the Unit Board put the Unit

IMP League on hold for the time being (rather than compete with Bruce's event and all of the other online team events that are currently available for members).

16. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. *Discipline proceedings:* Larry updated the board on recent discipline proceedings, and the penalties that were assessed. Discussion ensued concerning: (a) whether the discipline proceedings should be taken into account with respect to the final standings in the IMP League, which was completed on-line, and (b) whether the Unit 430 Races should be restructured taking into account the limited playing season (perhaps combining 2020 results with 2021). It was agreed that this topic should be further considered at the next Unit Board meeting.

NEXT MEETING: January 8th, 2020 at 5pm

ADJOURNMENT: 5:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom