

# MINUTES OF UNIT BOARD MEETING ACBL UNIT 430 – GREATER VANCOUVER

**HELD:** Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 at 5pm via Zoom

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- 1. Call to Order/Confirmation of Quorum:** Larry called the meeting to order at 5:06pm. 7 Board members were present so a quorum was confirmed.
- 2. Approval of the Agenda:** The agenda was approved. (Don, Peter)
- 3. Minutes of July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021:** The minutes of July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, were approved. (Nick, Gray)
- 4. Financial Report:** Cia was unable to attend but forwarded a written financial report up to August 31, 2021. The Unit received \$300.25 more funds from the ACBL than what was indicated in June, 2021 so the total received was \$1,578.46. \$1,278.21 was brought into income in June, 2021. The amount of \$1,400.00 was posted from retained earnings to the Grand National Team subsidy funds per the motion passed at the July 2, 2021 board meeting. No other funds were allocated. There was no other financial activity in the months of July and August except for the notations above. The financial report was approved as submitted (Larry, Peter).
- 5. Sectional Tournaments:**

**2021:**

0 – 200 Sectional		Sept. 11	Cancelled
F S Sectional	Elgin Hall	Oct. 9-10	?

Round Up Sectional                      Queensboro CC                      Nov. 13 – 14                      Cancelled

Don advised that it is still open to question whether we can hold the FS Sectional Oct. 9 and 10th, at Elgin Hall, and this depends primarily on the successful reopening of the Duplicate-Lite Bridge Club, which is scheduled for Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>. Don spoke to Matt Koltnow, the ACBL director who will direct if it goes forward. Matt is sympathetic and understands that, in the current situation, decisions are necessarily being made late in the day. Don noted that, if the Sectional goes forward, pre-registration will be required.

**2022:**

0-200 Sectional	VBC	Jan 15
Sectional	Engineers Hall	Jan 21 - 23
F S Sectional	???	Feb 26 - 27
Sectional	Queensboro CC	May 20 - 23
Sectional	Engineers Hall	Sep 3 - 5
0-200 Sectional	???	Sep 17
F S Sectional	???	Oct 8 - 9
Sectional	Engineers Hall	Nov ?

Discussion ensued about delivering equipment to the playing sites, and allowing enough time for both setting up tables and equipment, and for directors setting up the tournament. Gray's advice was that it is best to deliver the equipment on the morning of the first day. The rental agencies now allow bookings, and truck access, by smart phone, which will dramatically speed up the whole process of obtaining the truck for the move.

Nick has pricing for tournaments later in 2022, but is seeking price information for past costs to determine whether they are reasonable.

Discussion turned to the times for the January 21<sup>st</sup> Sectional. It was agreed on 1pm for the first event on Friday, 6:30pm Friday evening and 10:30 on Saturday. Priority needs to be given to getting the flyer out for this Sectional.

Scheduling the November Sectional is complicated by the possibility that there will be a Whistler Regional in November 2022 (if it turns out, as seems increasingly more likely, that the 2021 Regional must be cancelled).

**6. Mentor/Mentee Games:      Don**

MM Games	VBC	pairs	Oct. 30	y
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Don advised that whether the 2021 MM Game goes forward depends upon the successful reopening of the VBC.

**2022**

?	teams	May 14
VBC	pairs	Nov. 19

Don emphasized that the dates for these events are tentative.

**7. STAC Games**

2021: Dec. 6 – 12 y

This STAC will be in a joint venture between District 18 & 19.

**8. MUG – VBC at 1:15:**

2021: Sept. 4 (pairs) Oct. 2 (pairs) Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> (Teams) Dec. 4 (Pairs)

We had rescheduled the November MUG to Oct. 30, to avoid a conflict with the Whistler Regional but, since that event seems likely to be cancelled, it was agreed to hold the November MUG on the usual date (Nov 6<sup>th</sup>). Discussion ensued concerning when to resume face to face games for the MUG. This will depend on the VBC reopening and so it is necessary to consult Ken concerning those plans.

**9. MATCHPOINTER: Nick**

Nick is collecting articles and anticipates the next issue will be published in October.

**10. SUPPLIES: Gray**

Gray has several white plastic chairs in his custody. He raised 2 questions: do we want those returned now (they were being stored outside and protected by a tarp, which was stolen, and Gray took them home to protect them). The 2<sup>nd</sup> question is that we have a substantial collection of additional white plastic chairs and do we want to continue to store them? (These were originally purchased to deal with overflow at Sectionals some years back.) Gray plans on checking on current inventory of supplies at VBC and will report back. Since there is a new tenant in those premises temporarily, Gray will check first with Ken about access, and then talk to the current tenants to see if they will consent to allowing access.

**11. UNIT 430 WEBSITE: Tom**

Tom reported that the website is currently being used primarily to track club reopenings. A draft questionnaire was prepared to survey membership views concerning the continuation of virtual club games, but this has been put on hold because we are chasing a moving target. Tom

noted the significant outreach being carried out by ACBL to Club owners and Unit Presidents to obtain feedback about the possible continuation of virtual club games and if so, in what form. As these clubs reopen, and their ongoing health becomes clearer, the Board might consider carrying out a survey at that future date.

**12. DINO NEWS: Nick**

Nick advised that there is significant doubt whether the Whistler Tournament will go forward. There is some flexibility at this point, but it all depends on what the government COVID protocols will be in place at the relevant time.

**13. IMP LEAGUE: Eda**

Eda advised that the status of the IMP League is unchanged.

**NEXT MEETING: Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, at 5pm.** (It was agreed, however, that October 1<sup>st</sup> be reserved for a possible meeting, at the pleasure of the Chair, if tournaments go forward in October and there are matters the Board needs to address.)

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Anderson