

MINUTES OF UNIT BOARD MEETING ACBL UNIT 430 – GREATER VANCOUVER

HELD: Friday, April 1, 2022 at 4:30pm via Zoom

PRESENT:

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REGRETS:

Peter Morse

GUEST: Jane Youngberg

“Let's Play Bridge” Pilot program Updated

Proposal: to coordinate and execute a pilot program for our unit to bring in new members to duplicate bridge by working together as a group and developing a unit wide marketing program.

Our clubs are obviously struggling and we need a way to help them get back on track.

There are presently 3 centres that are interested in offering a program to new members: Surrey, Vancouver, North Shore and possibly Abbotsford. These centres would be a pilot for our unit and if the program is successful, we would offer any available funds to all interested clubs.

Each centre would receive financing for the free lesson(s) and remuneration for the participants who continue on at the club games. The two free lessons are: Introduction to Bridge and Bridge for the Social Player. The program would include a free introductory lesson, followed by a set of 4 lessons (participants would pay for the lessons), and a limited game for the new group. In order to receive a grant (providing the unit board contributes financially to the program), the club or centre would be required to meet all criteria as stated above.

But First: A strong marketing program is necessary including contacting all media outlets with the hope of acquiring interviews on several stations, and articles in local newspapers. Bridge has not been marketed as I believe it could be

I would be willing to form a committee to organize the program. It is hoped that the unit board would provide a grant. And if the program is successful, the unit board would eventually benefit financially from the addition of new members.

A good start time would be May 1. The program would take place the first or second week in May and all clubs/recreation centres participating could choose whatever day they wanted to host the program.

Jane Youngberg

March 31,2022

1. Call to Order/Confirmation of Quorum: Larry called the meeting to order at 4:30pm and 8 Board members were present.

2. Approval of the Amended Agenda: The amended agenda was approved. (Nick, Cia)

3. Minutes of Feb. 11, 2022: The minutes were approved. (Nick, Don))

4. Financial Report: Cia

Cia reported income of \$513.48 in Cdn funds and \$56 in US funds for STAC. \$426.57 interest was received on a term deposit. We also received \$1267.71 for membership fees from the ACBL.

The financial report, to the end of March, was approved. (Margaret, Gray)

5. Open Sectional Tournaments: Nick

Nick said that the ACBL rules dictate that the we should have 9-foot table centres. We have rented adequate space so this should not pose a problem. Vaccine wrist bands are suggested so that players only have to show proof of vaccines once. Masks are recommended and should be worn, if requested, at a table.

At the moment, we do not have a location for the November tournament.

<u>2022:</u>			<u>Sanction</u>	<u>Flyer</u>
Spring Sectional	Queensboro CC	May 20 – 23	y	y
Sectional	Queensboro CC	Sept. 3 – 5	y	
Sectional		Nov.		

6. Hospitality:

Larry will contact Rachel to see if she is interested in manning the kitchen for the 4 days. It was decided to offer free sandwiches for lunch, on Monday.

7. Future Stars/0-200 Sectionals & Mentor/Mentee Games: Don

2022:

0 – 200	???	Sept.
Future Stars	???	Oct.

Mentor/Mentee Games:

Don has not made any commitments anywhere as of now. He has been waiting for the locations to confirm that they will be open and available for the above tournaments. He is now looking for dates in Sept. at the VBC and at Duplicate Lite. He will put out a schedule for the Future Stars and the Mentor/Mentee tournaments in September.

8. STAC Games: Margaret

2022: Dec. 6 – 12 y

The combined Districts 18 & 19 **STAC** worked well even though there was some confusion with payments in US & Cdn funds. Mr. Greenwood from District 18 did a lot of the work. Margaret will follow up for future games.

9. Monthly F2F Unit Games” at the VBC - 1:30 PM: Larry

Every 4 games are team games.

2022: April 9* – pairs May 7 – pairs June 4 – pairs
July 2 – teams Aug. 6 – pairs Sept. 10 – pairs
Oct. 1 – pairs Nov. 12* - teams

*April 9 due to Leavenworth and Nov.12 due to Whistler.

10. MATCHPOINTER: Nick

Nick was asked to insert something into the Matchpointer urging bridge players in District 19 to support local bridge club games online rather than playing in clubs in California, Seattle or elsewhere. It is to be noted that it is imperative to support our local clubs if we want face to face bridge to survive in the future.

11. SUPPLIES: Gray

Gray will take care of the tables, etc. and supplies needed for the Queensborough tournament. He has said that we have to get the overgrown trees, etc. removed from behind the VBC so that the tables can be moved without going out the front door.

12. UNIT 430 WEBSITE: Tom

There was an email blast sent out telling players of the most up to date bridge activities in our local clubs. Now that f2f bridge is returning, it is important to get all our documents up to date and to make sure each task is correctly assigned, ie: sanction numbers, editing, printing and distributing of flyers, etc. This must be done as quickly as possible.

13. DINO NEWS: Nick

Nick reported that the Leavenworth tournament is going ahead as planned. There have been problems in getting reasonable hotel accommodations for players. As a result, it was decided that the district will try to get reasonable sites which will attract bridge players, and that will remain their primary concern to avoid having huge losses.

14. IMP LEAGUE: There is nothing to report at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

15. A) Proposed funding of Bridge teaching, etc.

It was moved and seconded (Cam, Don) to provide up to \$5000 to support Jane's proposal. CARRIED

B) Day and time of Unit Board Meetings:

It was moved and seconded (Gray, Cia) to have unit board meetings on the first Tuesday of the month at 4pm. CARRIED

16. NEXT MEETINGS:

It was decided that, for the moment, we will continue to have Zoom meetings.

The next meetings are: **May 3**, June 7, July, 5 and Sept. 6. (No meeting in August)

AGM: It was decided to hold the AGM before the second session on the Monday. Tom said he would take care of what is needed for the AGM. (last year's minutes, agenda, etc.)

17. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 5:33.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhoda