

# MINUTES OF UNIT BOARD MEETING

## ACBL UNIT 430 – GREATER VANCOUVER

**HELD:** Friday, **SEPTEMBER 8, 2023** at 4:00pm via Zoom

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1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 and Nick presided. 6 Board members are needed for a quorum.
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** The agenda was approved. (Rhoda, Stuart)
3. **Approval of Minutes of August 4, 2023:** The minutes were approved. (Stuart, Julie)
4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**
  - a) Tom: Status of VBC and storage of equipment: The VBC will remain open until April. As for the storage of our equipment, etc. the number of cubic feet is needed before we can determine where to house everything. Lana offered her garage. When we know the number of cubic feet, we can make plans.
  - b) Nick: The new club announcement and the extension for the VBC will go into the Matchpointer
  - c) Nick: Printing of wrong flyers and time change fallout: Once the flyer has been approved by the ACBL, NO changes can be made.
  - d) Nick: Unit game for October: The unit game for October will be held at the VBC on Oct. 8 because the new club has its opening on October 1. Julie will contact all the clubs to see if any are interested in hosting the unit game during the year. The game does not have to be on any particular day. Once we know who is interested, we can prepare a rotation list for the year. At our next meeting we will decide on the future MUG.
  - e) All: possible rental of equipment to new bridge club: We are loaning equipment to the new bridge club. The new club will pay for transport and Rhoda will supervise the

transfer. Tom will prepare an agreement including the new club's responsibilities and some kind of insurance.

Margaret has asked the Unit Board for a letter to validate the new club. This will accompany the grant application (\$25000) to New Horizons. Lana will draft a letter.

5. **Financial Report:** Stuart: The September tournament table count was the same as the May tournament. The first 2 days were great, but the turnout for Swiss was very small. Approximately an \$1100 loss, largely due to the cost of the site at Queensborough. The Board approved an increase in fees to \$15 in 2024. Stuart suggested that it might be more attractive for the B section to have a side game on Sunday instead of a side Swiss.

It was suggested to ask Margaret what the possibility might be to hold a Sectional at the Croation Centre.

6. **Events: Nick – Review of current status on planned events**

**THE BOARD TO REMIND NICK AND TOM TO BRING CAMERAS TO THE NEXT TOURNAMENT.**

WHEN	WHAT/WHO	LOCATION	SANCTION #	FLYER/NOTES
<b>2023 Sectionals</b>	<b>Nick:</b>			
Nov. 11-13	Round-Up	Engineers Hall	2311337	done
<b>2024 Sectionals</b>	<b>Nick</b>			
Jan. 12 – 14	Trophy	Engineers Hall	2401328	no flyer
May 18 - 20	Spring	Engineers Hall	2405313	contracts signed no flyer
Aug. 31, Sept. 1 – 2	Evergreen	Engineers Hall	2409320	contracts signed
Nov. 10-12/ 11-13	Round-Up	Engineers Hall	Not booked yet	
<b>Future Stars</b>	<b>Judy/Mojgan</b>			
Oct. 21, 2023	Future Stars	West Van Sr Centre		flyer done
**The cost is \$245, but only this time as the Centre has other demands for the space.				
<b>Mentor/Mentee</b>	<b>Mojgan</b>			
Nov. 18, 2023	M/M	West Van Sr Centre		flyer done
<b>STAC</b>	<b>Mojgan</b>			
Dec. 4 – 10	all clubs have been advised			

7. **Monthly F2F Unit Games @VBC First Sunday @ 1:00 PM: Fees are now \$12.00.** Mojgan has sanctioned these until September. Sept. 10 and Oct. 8 at the VBC and Oct. at VBC. Future games at VBC, GVBC, JCC???
8. **Matchpointer:** Nick is trying to have the Matchpointer ready for Sept. – target is 3 per year.
9. **Supplies:** Gray:
10. **Unit 430 website:** Tom: Tom reported that there was nothing new, except constant work!
11. **DINO News – Nick: Vancouver Regional:** full steam ahead – need volunteers (Julie already):

Volunteers are needed for: partnerships, caddies (Stuart), hospitality (Lana), handouts, candy, and to try and raise money to be able to offer a drink with lunch on Sunday.  
Lynwood lost a lot of money.

**12. IMP LEAGUES:** Nothing happening now.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**13. Correspondence:** The Board received a letter from Pat Hodgson citing an incident at the table during the game. She noted unpleasant behaviour and a poor attitude, and wanted the Unit Board to think about ways to improve the bridge experience, especially for players new to tournaments. Lana will write a paragraph for the Matchpointer to talk about new players' rights, and how and when to call the director. It was also suggested that these statements be made at the beginning of every tournament.

**14. Next meetings: Friday, October 13th at 4pm.**

**15. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 5:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhoda