

Minutes of the Board of Director's Meeting Wednesday, November 18, 2019, 4:30 pm Bridge Centre of Niagara

Present:Muriel Tremblay, Wiebe Hoogland, Chris Loat, Lucy McEwen, Kathy Morrison,
Chandi JayawardenaIn Attendance:Claude TremblayRegrets:Elinor Grill, Paul Cronin, John Mackay

#	Item	Action
1	Welcome and Call to Order	
	Muriel welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.	
	For this meeting, Elinor has given her proxy to Claude.	Claude
2	Review and Approval of Minutes from the meeting on August 28 3, 2019	
	Moved by Chris and seconded by Kathy that the minutes be approved. All	
	in favour. Approved.	
	Matter Arising	
	a) Chandi will make slight changes in the minutes (i.e. Canadian \$1 per	
	table, instead of US \$1, meeting date as 18 th November), and e-mail	Chandi
	it to Kathy for posting on the website.	Kathy

3	President's Report	
3	 Muriel has filed the final report for our grant and she felt that we can move forward and possibly try for another grant in the future. We have had a successful Regional Tournament and we are ready to move forward into our 3rd year. 2020 is our "year of reckoning". We need to make sure that we have the right people in place to do the work that is necessary to be truly successful and move forward over the years to come. Muriel would like to stay on as President for the next year. At the end of the third term, Muriel will step down and encourage a new/ old person to become the President of Unit 255. Unit's incredible success has been dependent on the commitment of our Board and Volunteers to provide the services that we have needed. Although, for the most part we have done what was necessary, Muriel felt that we have not learned the discipline of making a plan and following it. We have achieved financial success, but not as much as we should have, had we followed the plan that we prepared. Muriel will do her best to recruit new members to the Board who have the skills and interest in doing what is necessary for our Unit 255. At today's meeting Muriel planned to establish our new 	Muriel
	organization. However, in discussion at the Board meeting, it was agreed by all that electing office bearers should take place in the first meeting of 2020 with the new Board members present.	
4	Treasurer's 2019 Financial Report a) Chris reported a year-to-date net loss of \$12,068.54 (before	
	 figures Niagara Falls Regional), but projected an annual net profit of \$13,070 by the year end, as budgeted. b) Wiebe and Claude stated that expendable expenses at \$ 15,387.75 appears to be far too high. Chris to separate tournament equipment from this total, and submit a revised financial report with detailed breakdown of expendable supplies and equipment. 	Chris Chris
	c) Chris moved to have the report approved; seconded by Lucy. Carried.	

5	Tourna	ament Chair Report	
	a)	Tournament Supplies & Equipment	
		- Claude reported that we have received all outstanding	
		equipment purchased from Vince Oddy, and shared the updated	
		full list of Unit's equipment, which is sufficient to run any	
		tournament with up to 120 tables at a time.	Claude
		- Claude will speak with Keith Burkell to see if he is interested in	
		accepting the role of Equipment Manager.	Claude
		- It was decided to purchase clocks as suggested by TDs at the	
	b)	Regional Tournament.	Claude
	, D)	Special Meeting on Tournaments It was agreed to schedule this in February (17 th).	
	c	Tournament Chairs for 2020	
	C)	- Winter Open Sectional - Wiebe	
		- Spring 0-750 Sectional - Muriel	
		- Summer I/N Sectional - Chandi	
		- Fall Open Sectional - Kathy	
	d)	Update on 2019 Fall Regional	
		- All agreed that with a table count 1,128 $\frac{1}{2}$ and a potential profit	
		of \$17,585.38, our Unit's first Regional was a great success.	
		- Kathy reported that the final evening party was very successful,	
		based on player's feedback.	
	e)	Update on 2020 Winter Sectional	Wiebe
		- Wiebe insisted that it will be organized as done in the past. If	Claude
		changes have to be done, a new Tournament Chair to be	
	C	selected for 2021.	Muriel
	t)	Update on 2020 Spring 0-750 Sectional	
		- Muriel reported that a team is formed to ensure a successful	
		tournament.	

Other Chair Reports	
Education Chair	
- Chandi reported that as indicated in his previous report, Niagara Area's Bridge educational activities are vibrant.	
- Chandi is planning to organize a "Tournament Preparation"	Chandi
workshop for 0-99ers, prior to 2020 Spring 0-750 Sectional.	
 Chandi reported that the Erin Berry Rookie Master Game held on October 29, 2019 at was a big success. The event attracted a record-breaking number of 144 players (36 tables), including 4 teenage members of BCON. Chandi was assisted by a team of 17 volunteers from the Bridge community of Niagara Area. The game was directed by Claude Tremblay and assisted by Heather Beckman. Post event reception was coordinated by Lucy Mc Ewen with assistance from Linda Chant. Player recruitment and pairing coordination was handled by Dena Jones, Peggy-Sue Verkerk and Brian Macartney, with input from Allan Utz and Marlene Walther. 56 players won masterpoints. CBF informed Chandi that Niagara Region Rookie-Master event was most likely the biggest in Canada, as happened in October 2018. Our budget for the event was a net profit of \$68.20, but owing to an overspent of \$117.95 for food and \$100.00 for game directing (fully justified as we needed two directors to manage 36 tables), the Unit recorded a net loss of \$216.75. It was decided not to do host CBF Rookie-Master events in 2020, 	Chandi
but to look at the possibility of organizing a Unit event such as Pro-Am competition for extra points.	Chandi
I/N Co-ordinator	
- We thank Lucy for her work and success with the I/N Co- ordination over the past two years. Her term on the Unit 255 Board is complete at the end of December.	
Update from D2	
- David Halasi has resigned as District 2 President. Tom Ramsay will act as President until the General Meeting of the Board of Directors on April 10, 2020.	
Membership Chair	
- Kathy reported that the Unit membership is around 370.	
ACBL Electronic Contact & Unit 255 Website	
- Kathy said that she has nothing new to report.	
Publicity/Promotion Chair	
- Wiebe said that he has nothing to report.	

7	Budget for 2020	
	It was agreed on the following:	
	a) Income = \$13,600	
	b) Total Expenses = \$11,875	
	c) Tournament Equipment = \$2,000	
	d) Tournament Supplies = \$2,000	
	e) Education = \$2,500	Chris &
	Profit = \$1,725 to be finalized.	Muriel
	Budget to be finalized at our January meeting	
8	Other Business	
	a) Pianola Contract – TBD, cost to be clarified by Kathy	Kathy
	b) Elimination of Recorder and Disciplinary Chair by ACBL. These positions will be filled at the District level.	
	 c) Distribution of Unit Championship Games – Proposal submitted by Jane Jennings to BCON Board, was discussed. It was decided to offer 10 to BCON & 9 to NOTL DBC. Balance 5 will be kept for Unit 255 (Team leagues, AGM game & Pro-Am game. 	Claude
	 d) Holding NAP Games in Niagara Region November 2020 – If Claude or a senior director can manage the technical aspects, Chandi offered to handle promotions. 	Claude & Chandi
8	Next Meeting Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm, after the Board decided to hold the next meeting at BCON on Monday, January 20, 2019 at 4:30 pm.	Muriel