

MINUTES of a meeting of Unit 166 Board of Directors held on Saturday December 28, 2013 at 11 a.m. at Sheraton Centre, Toronto

Present:	Sharon Berghaus	Carol Bongard
	Lane Byl	Lena Byl
	Lee Daugharty	David Halasi
	Wiebe Hoogland	David McCrady
	Andy Risan	Wayne Ruttan
	Dee Nevett (Secretary)	Gary Westfall (Auditor)
Regrets:	Paul Cronin	Chuck Renaud

### **Minutes – September 8, 2013**

**Motion** by Wiebe Hoogland, seconded by Andy Risan

*That the minutes of the September 8, 2013 meeting of Unit 166 Board of Directors, be approved.*

**Carried**

### **Business arising from the minutes**

#### **Kibitzer.**

**Motion** by David Halasi, seconded by David McCrady

*That the Board reconsider the decision from the last meeting to keep the Kibitzer in printed form.*

**Carried**

Gary Westfall advised that Units 246 and 249 were interested in reducing their Kibitzer costs.

**Motion** by David Halasi, seconded by Wiebe Hoogland

*That the Board eliminate the print version of the Kibitzer, starting with the next feasible issue.*

Various comments were made, including that a PDF and email should be sent to all members; that an insert be placed in the next issue of the Kibitzer; that the Unit's website provide an easily printable version; that a large number of elderly members do not have computer access.

Lee Daugharty pointed out that he reaches 200 – 250 people after each game with results, 90% of his players. Wiebe Hoogland wondered whether the ACBL could provide a list of all Unit members' email addresses. It was suggested John Carruthers should be consulted.

**Carried**

Implementation of the above decision was discussed and David McCrady agreed to look into the matter further and report back to the next meeting.

**Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report circulated by Andy Risman was presented. Andy reported that all the HST issues had been resolved.

**Motion** by Lane Byl, seconded by Sharon Berghaus

*That the Treasurer's Report be accepted, as presented.*

**Carried**

**Auditor's Report**

Gary Westfall presented the financial statements for the year ended August 31, 2013.

**Motion** by David Halasi, seconded by Andy Risman

*That the statement of financial position of the Corporation as at August 31, 2013 and the statement of income and expenses and net assets and cash flows for the year ended on the said date, together with the accountant's review engagement report thereon be and the same are hereby approved and adopted.*

**Carried**

**Remuneration for Auditor**

**Motion** by Andy Risman, seconded by Lee Daugharty

*That the remuneration for Gary Westfall for the year ending August 31, 2013 be \$1,600 plus \$500 for conducting the mini-audit on the election of a new treasurer.*

**Carried**

**Association Financial Report**

**Motion** by Sharon Berghaus, seconded by Lee Daugharty

*That the financial reports for the year ending August 31, 2013 from the three Associations be received as presented.*

**Carried**

**Tournaments**

**Budgets:**

**St. Catharines.** The budget for the February 2014 tournament was received.

**Motion** by David Halasi, seconded by Andy Risman

*That the budget for the St. Catharines tournament be approved as presented.*

**Carried**

**Toronto Easter Regional.** The budget for the April 2014 tournament was received. David Halasi advised that his budget anticipated a \$16 entry fee, an increase of \$1. Wayne Ruttan volunteered to look after the novice section of the tournament and it was suggested that a specific director be charged with looking after novice events.

**Motion** by Lane Byl, seconded by Wiebe Hoogland

*That the budget for the Toronto East Regional tournament be approved as amended, reducing the anticipated entry fee by \$1 to \$15.*

**Carried**

**Brampton.** Lee Daugharty advised that he had not prepared a budget for this April 2014 tournament, but anticipated a similar result to 2013.

**Toronto IN.** The budget for the June 2014 was received.

**Motion** by Wiebe Hoogland, seconded by Lee Daugharty

*That the budget for the Toronto IN tournament be approved as presented.*

**Carried**

## **Reports**

**Caledon East.** The report from the September tournament was received. After discussion it was agreed that only the duplicator's costs for duplicating the Boards should be absorbed by Association tournaments. Mileage costs to get the Boards to the tournament should be paid by the Unit and absorbed as part of the table fee.

**Motion** by Andy Risman, seconded by Lena Byl

*That the report for the Caledon East tournament be approved as presented.*

**Carried**

**Niagara IN.** The report from the August tournament was received.

**Motion** by Lee Daugharty, seconded by Sharon Berghaus

*That the report for the Niagara IN tournament be approved as presented.*

**Carried**

**Labour Day.** The report from the September tournament was received.

**Motion** by David Halasi, seconded by Wayne Rattan

*That the report for the Labour Day tournament be approved as presented.*

**Carried**

Discussion followed regarding an exchange of emails concerning the Swiss Team events at the Labour Day Tournament.

**Motion** by David Halasi, seconded by Lee Daugharty

*That a sub-committee be formed to develop Unit 166 expectations for Tournament Directors at Unit 166 Tournaments.*

**Carried**

David Halasi and Lee Daugharty agreed to co-chair this sub-committee and Wiebe Hoogland agreed to serve. A report will be presented at the next meeting.

**Niagara Falls Regional.** The report for the November tournament was received. The Board requested thanks be extended Lorna Johnson, Jerry Smee and Bernie Johnson for a well run tournament and the excellent reporting.

**Motion** by Wiebe Hoogland, seconded by Sharon Berghaus

*That the report on the Niagara Falls Regional be accepted, as presented*

**Carried**

**STaC.** The report on the Fall STaC was presented.

**Motion** by Wayne Ruttan, seconded by Sharon Berghaus

*That the report on the Fall STaC be accepted, as presented.*

**Carried**

### **Tournament Schedule**

The schedule for 2014 was presented.

**Toronto Sectional.** David Halasi advised that he had been unable to confirm appropriate downtown hotel space for January 2015 but had received a commitment to guarantee the location and date from the Holiday Inn Yorkdale for the second weekend in January. David pointed out that only 100 tables could be accommodated in the space, but it is on the subway system. David volunteered to chair the tournament.

**Motion** by David McCrady, seconded by Lane Byl

*That the Holiday Inn Yorkdale be booked for the January 2015 Toronto Sectional and that David Halasi be appointed Chair.*

**Carried**

**London Regional.** David Halasi advised that Dwight Bender would like to use the Unit's duplicating machine and boards for the London Regional.

**Motion** by Lee Daugharty, seconded by Andy Risman

*That Unit 166 are willing to rent the duplicating machine and boards to the London Regional for a cost of \$200, but Unit 249 should pay Danny Ioannidis directly for duplicating and his expenses.*

**Carried**

## **Honorariums:**

**Motion** by Lee Daugharty, seconded by Andy Risman  
*to award Lorna Johnson an honorarium of \$500 for Chairing the Niagara IN tournament.*

**Carried**

**Motion** by David Halasi, seconded by Lee Daugharty  
*to award Ann Shaw an honorarium of \$500 for Chairing the Labour Day Sectional*

**Carried**

**Motion** by Lee Daugharty, seconded by David McCrady  
*to award Jerry Smee, Lorna Johnson and Bernie Johnson an honorarium of \$500 each for Chairing and acting as Treasurer for the Niagara Regional Tournament.*

**Carried**

## **Report from 2017 NABC Committee**

**Motion** by David Halasi, seconded by Wayne Ruttan  
*that the Board move into Executive Session*

**Carried**

**Motion** by David Halasi, seconded by Andy Risman  
*that the Board move out of Executive Session*

**Carried**

**Motion** by David Halasi, seconded by Sharon Berghaus  
*that the Board nominate Ina Demme as the Chair of the 2017 NABC.*

**Carried**

It was agreed that the 2017 NABC Committee would review the compensation agreement for the next meeting.

**Motion** by Lee Daugharty, seconded by Andy Risman  
*that Robert Brown be approached to chair the fundraising aspect of the 2017 NABC, reporting to Ina Demme (subject to her accepting the position).*

**Carried**

**Motion** by Wiebe Hoogland, seconded by Sharon Berghaus  
*that Andy Risman be appointed Treasurer of the 2017 NABC*

**Carried**

## **Funding Requests**

A request was received from John Carruthers for consideration for additional funding when he stepped in at the last minute as the NPC for the Women's Team at the Venice Cup.

**Motion** by Lane Byl, seconded by Sharon Berghaus  
*that John Carruthers be made a Lifetime Honorary Member of Unit 166*  
**Carried**

**Motion** by Lee Daugharty, seconded by David Halasi  
*that based on the revised number of Unit 166 members participating in the Venice Cup, the Women's Team subsidy be increased from \$600 to \$1,200.*  
**Carried**

**GNT – Atlanta.** A request had been received to reconsider the Board's earlier decision to decline this funding. It was agreed to let the earlier decision stand.

### **Honorary Members**

**Motion** by Lane Byl, seconded by David Halasi  
*that a list of Honorary Members of Unit 166 should be maintained and published on the Unit's website.*  
**Carried**

### **Awards**

Carol Bongard advised the Board of members nominated for the Kate Buckman Award and the Audrey Grant Award. The Board voted and the results were announced.

**Motion** by Sharon Berghaus, seconded by Wiebe Hoogland  
*That the ballots be destroyed*  
**Carried**

### **Elections.**

The four members up for re-election at the Easter Regional indicated they were willing to stand again, which means there is one vacancy. At this time there will be no need for an election unless more than one person is nominated. It was noted that nominations don't close until March 31, 2014

### **Supplies for CBF International Fund Regional.**

A request was received from Nader Hanna to again provide supplies for this September 2014 tournament.

**Motion** by Andy Risman, seconded by Lee Daugharty  
*to provide Bridgemates and Boards to the CBF International Fund Regional at a cost of \$2 per*

*table.*

## **Carried**

### **Advertising on the Website**

A suggestion had been received to consider allowing advertising on the website as a source of revenue. The question was raised as to how we would charge for such a service, whether by the traffic to the website or some other method. Dee Nevett was asked to get Martin Hunter's input for consideration at the next meeting.

### **Association Reports**

**CVBA.** Lee Daugharty reported that CVBA ran two successful tournaments in September 2012 and April 2013. The bank balance at August 31, 2013 was \$4,527.86. During the year the CVBA subsidized STaC and charity games within the CVBA in the amount of approximately \$800. A successful CVBA Chairmas party was held in December 2012 with 82 persons in attendance. The CVBA has remained stable for the year, and the Caledon East Sectional is now being chaired by Gloria and John Ostrowski.

**NDBA.** Lena Byl reported that the Association met on September 22<sup>nd</sup> and a new executive was elected: President – Brian MacCarthy, Vice President – Elinor Grill, Treasurer – Chris Loat, Secretary – Wiebe Hoogland, Past President and Unit 166 Rep – Lena Byl. Lena noted that the venue cost for the February sectional has increased. The Erin Berry Rooky Master was held at the Bridge Centre of Niagara and there was a good turnout. She also reported that the Association presently has \$1,267.63 cash on hand.

### **District 2 Representatives**

The Unit 166 representatives for the District meeting at the Easter Regional were approved as – David Halasi, Andy Risman, Sharon Berghaus and Wiebe Hoogland.

### **Red Book**

Wiebe Hoogland's draft policies were reviewed. Changes were suggested to Section 1, Section 2 and Section 3. Section 4 was confirmed as unchanged. Wiebe agreed to work with Paul Cronin on Section 5. Wiebe will incorporate the changes suggested to Sections 1, 2, and 3 for confirmation at the next meeting. Sections 5 – 11 will be reviewed at the next meeting.

### **Other Business**

**Motion** by Lee Daugharty, seconded by Wiebe Hoogland  
*that the Rainbow Bridge Club be allowed to be a member of CVBA.*

## **Carried**

**Next Meetings**

Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup> at 10.30 a.m.at the Brampton Fairgrounds

Sunday June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12.30 p.m. at Mississauga-Oakville Bridge Club

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.