

MINUTES of a meeting of Unit 166 Board of Directors held on Saturday September 13, 2014 at 11 a.m. at Mississauga-Oakville Bridge Centre, Mississauga

Present: Flo Belford Carol Bongard
Lane Byl Lena Byl
Paul Cronin Wiebe Hoogland
David McCrady Chuck Renaud
Andy Risman Dee Nevett (Secretary)
Ina Demme (NABC Chair)

Regrets: Sharon Berghaus Lee Daugharty
David Halasi

Carol Bongard called the meeting to order at 11.10 a.m., and welcomed Flo Belford back to the Board, and Ina Demme as the NABC Chair.

Minutes – May 24, 2014

Motion by Wiebe Hoogland, seconded by Lane Byl
That the minutes of the May 24, 2014 meeting of Unit 166 Board of Directors, be approved.
Carried

Board Vacancy

Andy Risman presented Michael (Li Zhang) Yang’s application to fill the one year Board vacancy. It was agreed that Michael should be invited to complete the current term, attend the next two meetings and if he wishes put his name forward for election at the Easter Regional.

Motion by Andy Risman, seconded by David McCrady
That Michael (Li Zhang) Yang be invited to fill the one year Board vacancy until the 2015 Easter Regional.
Carried

Treasurer’s Report

The Treasurer’s Report circulated by Andy Risman was presented. It was suggested that at the next meeting consideration be given to subsidizing the entry fees at the next two Regionals (Toronto and Niagara) by \$2.00.

Motion by Andy Risman, seconded by Wiebe Hoogland
That the Treasurer’s Report be accepted, as presented.
Carried

HST at Sectional Tournaments run by Associations

Andy Risman circulated information from the CRA, confirming that the present method of dealing with the Associations was correct.

NABC 2017 Committee Report

Ina Demme reported that the following NABC appointments had been made: Andy Risman – Treasurer, Flo Belford – IN Program Chair, Carol Bongard – Youth NABC Chair. She also advised that two volunteers had come forward to look after hospitality.

ACBL had advised that the question of one or two locations had not been settled, advising it was too early to do so. Under consideration was the Convention Centre and, if necessary, The Royal York Hotel.

Fundraising was starting and Robert Brown was talking to his contacts outside the bridge world. Ina advised that she would follow on STaC fund raising games over the next three years and will speak with District 2. She was working on the naming of some games for fund raising,

Ina advised that she is working with ACBL on the logo and graphic ideas. She noted that 2017 is Canada's 150 birthday. She will work with Andy on setting up bank accounts for the tournament.

Ina advised that she is working up a budget, and the committee met at the Labour Day Tournament. She will have a first run budget available at the January meeting.

Ina left the meeting.

Carol Bongard undertook to present at the next meeting final contracts and arrangements with Ina and Robert along with a recommendation as to which positions receive what level of honorarium.

Tournaments

Budgets:

Caledon East, Toronto Sectional

Motion by Flo Belford, seconded by Andy Risman

That the budgets for Caledon East and the Toronto Sectional, as presented, be accepted.

Carried

Reports

Spring STaC – Noted that Unit 166 was down by 100 tables, and overall down 200 tables.

Motion by Chuck Renaud, seconded by Flo Belford
That the report for the Spring STaC, as presented, be accepted.
Carried

Toronto IN

Motion by Paul Cronin, seconded by Andy Risman
That the report for the Toronto IN, as presented, be accepted.
Carried

Hamilton

Motion by Lane Byl, seconded by Wiebe Hoogland
That the report for the Hamilton Sectional, as presented, be accepted.
Carried

St. Catharines IN

Motion by Lane Byl, seconded by David McCrady
That the report for the St. Catharines IN, as presented, be accepted.
Carried

Tournament Schedule 2015

The schedule was presented and Carol Bongard agreed to contact Lee Daugharty to confirm who is Chairing certain Unit 166 tournaments in 2015.

Funding Requests

A request was received from Yuan Chen to fund his team's entry in the 2014 GNT B Final in Las Vegas.

Motion by Wiebe Hoogland, seconded by Chuck Renaud
To decline the Chen request for funding at the 2014 GNT B Final.
Carried

A request was received from Michael Schoenborn to fund his senior team's entry in the World Bridge Championship – Rand Teams (2014) to be held in China. It was noted that two members on the team are from Unit 166.

Motion by Andy Risman, seconded by Lena Byl
To award the Senior Team a subsidy of \$1,200.
Carried

Honorariums:

Motion by Chuck Renaud, seconded by Paul Cronin

To award Andy Risman an honorarium of \$1,200 for acting as Treasurer for the year ending August 31, 2014.

Carried

Motion by Andy Risman, seconded by Wiebe Hoogland

To award Martin Hunter an honorarium of \$1,000 for acting as Webmaster for the year ending August 31, 2014.

Carried

Motion by Flo Belford, seconded by Wiebe Hoogland

To award Suzanne Kosky an honorarium of \$500 for Chairing the Toronto IN Tournament..

Carried

Motion by Paul Cronin, seconded by Andy Risman

To award Lorna Johnson an honorarium of \$500 for Chairing the St. Catharines IN Tournament..

Carried

Awards

Discussion continued on determining how the winners of the Kate Buckman and Audrey Grant award would be celebrated. Carol Bongard and Flo Belford agreed to work on a proposal to be presented at the next meeting of the Board.

New Boards – 6 sets

Lee Daugharty had spoken to Danny Ioannidis regarding his request to purchase 6 sets of boards, and provided a report.

Motion by Flo Belford, seconded by Lena Byl

That the Unit purchase 6 sets of boards, cards and carrying cases.

Carried.

Duplicating Position

Carol Bongard advised that Danny Ioannidis had notified her that he would be resigning following the Caledon East tournament.

It was agreed that an advertisement should be placed on the website. Lane Byl had expressed an interest and if needed could look after duplicating boards on a temporary basis. Lane advised he would not be running for re-election in 2015.

Red Book

Wiebe Hoogland's draft policies were reviewed. Changes were suggested. At the next meeting the remainder will be reviewed and hopefully finalized.

It was suggested that consideration should be given to Associations running Sectional and IN Tournaments taking place within their boundaries. It was agreed that this should be on the next agenda.

Learn Bridge in a Day

Flo Belford briefly described this program and will present further material at the next meeting.

Reimbursement to cover Ink and Paper for Board Members

Motion by Lane Byl, seconded by Andy Risman

That each Board member receive \$25.00 annually to cover the cost of ink and paper, since meeting material was now being sent out by email.

Carried

Association Reports

CVBA. Lee Daugharty had sent in his report which was circulated. It was agreed that at the next meeting further discussion would take place on CVBA scheduling conflicts.

NDBA. Lena Byl presented her report and advised the Board that Chris Loat would be replacing her as the NDBA representative. The Board thanked Lena for her participation as the NDBA rep to the Unit Board.

COBA. Chuck Renaud advised that attendance at the August tournament was down due to conflicting tournaments. He wondered whether Association newsletters could be published in the Kibitzer. The Board had no problem with that suggestion.

Next Meetings

Saturday January 3 at 11 a.m. at the Toronto Sectional to be followed at 2.30 p.m. by the AGM.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2.35 p.m.