

MINUTES of a meeting of Unit 166 Board of Directors held on Saturday September 5, 2015 at 9 a.m. at the Labour Day Sectional, Holiday Inn, Yorkdale.

Present:	Flo Belford	Sharon Berghaus
	Lane Byl	Paul Cronin
	Lee Daugharty	David Halasi
	Wiebe Hoogland	Chris Loat
	David McCrady	Chuck Renaud
	Andy Risman	Michael (Li Zhang) Yang
	Dee Nevett (Secretary)	

Regrets: Carol Bongard

Minutes – April 25, 2015

Motion by Chris Loat, seconded by Lane Byl

That the minutes of the April 25, 2015 meeting of Unit 166 Board of Directors, be approved.

Carried

Toronto Regional – Location

David Halasi advised that he had signed contracts with the Toronto Sheraton Hotel to host the 2017 and 2018 Toronto Regionals. Room rates will start at \$114 per night (the same as the Airport Hotel) and increase by \$3 each year. If 225 room nights are achieved the playing site will cost \$6,000. The hotel will provide a hospitality room at no cost.

2020 World Championships

Further discussion took place regarding the CBF's request for seed funding to promote Toronto as the location for the 2020 World Championships. It was agreed to defer this issue to the next meeting and ask Nader Hanna to attend and provide more information.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report circulated by Andy Risman was presented.

Motion by Wiebe Hoogland, seconded by Lee Daugharty

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

Carried

NABC 2017

The signed contract with Robert Brown was received. David Halasi/Andy Risman will follow up with getting the signed contract from Ina Demme along with her recommendations regarding planned honorariums for the various volunteers.

Motion by Sharon Berghaus, seconded by Wiebe Hoogland

That Ina be asked to recommend and provide detail of what she will expects to require for volunteer honorariums.

Carried

Contracts for Duplicating Boards

The signed contracts with Linda LaPlante and Lane Byl were received.

Toronto Youth Players' success in 2015 summer Youth NABC

At the request of the Board, Michael Yang detailed the successes accomplished by his team of more than 100 Toronto Youth Bridge players at the 2015 summer youth NABC. The Board requested that their congratulations to Michael be recorded.

School Bridge Expense

Flo Belford reported that a school bus expense of \$200 had been charged to a school in Orillia. She had approached Unit 246 to cover this expense, but this request had been declined on the basis that the Easter Regional is a Unit 166 tournament. Flo had covered this expense from her educational funds, but Unit 246 had insisted that she raise this issue with the Unit 166 Board. It was agreed that the expense should remain covered by the education fund since the Unit covers all the operational costs of holding the School Bridge Tournament at the Easter Regional. The secretary was instructed to record in the Minutes Unit 166's disappointment with Unit 246 in this regard.

Teaching Bridge

Flo Belford reported that ACBL had been incorrectly interpreting their rules with regard to paying school bridge teachers. Each class will now be treated equally regardless of size with the teacher getting paid \$350 by ACBL. They had incorrectly treated each group of 8 students as "a class". David Halasi advised that Paul Janicki was aware of the problem which would be raised at the Fall ACBL Meeting. Flo reported that under the rules a third party could top the payment per class up by \$150, to \$500.

Motion by Lee Daugharty, seconded by Wiebe Hoogland

That for one year the Unit put aside up to \$4,000 for Flo Belford to use as a top up of \$150 per teacher for classes with over 16 pupils, and that Flo report back at the next meeting.

Carried

Tournaments

Budgets

The budgets for the Niagara IN, Caledon East Sectional and Toronto Sectional tournaments were received.

Motion by Wiebe Hoogland, seconded by Lee Daugharty

That the budgets for the Niagara IN, Caledon East and Toronto Sectionals be approved as presented.

Carried

Reports

The reports for the Spring STaC, Toronto IN, Hamilton Sectional and Niagara IN were received.

Motion by Lee Daugharty, seconded by David McCrady

That the reports for the Spring STaC, Toronto IN, Hamilton Sectional and Niagara IN be approved as presented.

Carried

2016 Schedule

A draft schedule for the 2016 tournaments and chairs was received.

Honorariums:

Motion by Chuck Renaud, seconded by Wiebe Hoogland

To award Andy Risman an honorarium of \$1,200 for acting as Treasurer for the year ending August 31, 2015

Carried

Motion by Wiebe Hoogland, seconded by Lee Daugharty

To award Martin Hunter an honorarium of \$1,100 for acting as Webmaster for the year ending August 31, 2015

Carried

Motion by Lee Daugharty, seconded by Michael Yang

To award Wayne Ruttan an honorarium of \$750 for Chairing the Toronto IN tournament

Carried

Request for Funding

A request had been received from the 2015 Canadian Senior Team to subsidize their team at the World Bridge Championships in Chennai, India.

Motion by Lane Byl, seconded by Chris Loat

That Unit 166 subsidize the Canadian Senior Team competing in Chennai to the sum of \$1,600 to be paid on their return and submission of a report to the Kibitzer.

Carried

Criteria to award Unit Championships to individual Unit 166 clubs

This item was deferred to January when Wiebe Hoogland will remind the Board of the current rules.

Kibitzer Review

David Halasi noted the financial loss the Kibitzer causes the Unit each year. He suggested consideration be given to removing the tournament results and reducing the publication to three time per year instead of four. Discussion took place on this issue and the question of distributing the magazine by email rather than hard copy along with trying to increase the amount of advertising.

Motion by Lee Daugharty, seconded by Paul Cronin

That three issues of the Kibitzer be published in 2016 and that a committee be formed to make recommendations for 2017 going forward.

Carried

A committee of David McCrady (Chair), Sharon Berghaus, Andy Risman, Chris Loat and Andy Stark was struck and will report back at the next Board Meeting. David Halasi agreed to advise Andy Stark of the change for 2016.

Association Reports

CVBA. Lee Daugharty advised the Spring Brampton tournament had been successful and resulted in a profit of around \$1,200. There was currently a bank balance of approximately \$2,700. Lee requested that the CBVA be awarded a Unit Championship for their Christmas Party. This request was approved.

COBA. Chuck Renaud reported that the Hamilton tournament had been a great success and resulted in a \$4,000 profit. COBA had received a request that Oakville clubs be considered members of COBA. This issue will be discussed at the October COBA meeting at which all clubs have been asked to attend.

NDBA. Chris Loat advised that a group of approximately 40 people have been meeting once a week all summer for a lesson and game. He also reported that the Niagara IN tournament was a success resulting in \$800 profit. The NDBA was subsidizing participants in a Director's Course.

Paper and Ink Allowance

Motion by Flo Belford, seconded by Lee Daugharty

That each Board member be reimbursed \$25 for ink and paper for the year commencing September 1, 2015.

Carried

Next Meeting

Saturday January 9, 2016 at 11 a.m. at the Toronto Sectional Tournament, to be followed at 3 p.m. by the AGM.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10.45 a.m..