

MINUTES of a meeting of Unit 166 Board of Directors held on Saturday May 14, 2016 at 1.30 p.m. at MO Bridge.

Present:	Flo Belford	Sharon Berghaus
	Carol Bongard	Lane Byl
	Paul Cronin	David Halasi
	David McCrady	Steven Norris
	Chuck Renaud	Andy Risman
	Michael (Li Zhang) Yang	Dee Nevett (Secretary)

Regrets:                   Wiebe Hoogland                   Chris Loat

David Halasi assumed the Chair and welcomed Steve Norris as the new CVBA representative.

Carol Bongard assumed the Chair.

**Minutes – January 9, 2016**

**Motion** by Flo Belford, seconded by David McCrady  
*That the minutes of the January 9, 2016 meeting of Unit 166 Board of Directors, be approved.*  
**Carried**

**Election of Officers**

Dee Nevett assumed the Chair

David Halasi nominated Carol Bongard for the position of President, seconded by Flo Belford

There being no further nominations, Carol Bongard was declared President and assumed the Chair.

Sharon Berghaus nominated David Halasi for the Position of Vice-President, seconded by Flo Belford

There being no further nominations, David Halasi was declared Vice-President.

Flo Belford nominated Andy Risman for the Position of Treasurer, seconded by David McCrady.

There being no further nominations, Andy Risman was declared Treasurer.

The following members were declared members of the Executive Committee – Carol Bongard, Paul Cronin, Andy Risman, David Halasi and Sharon Berghaus.

David Halasi was declared the Tournament Chair

Other appointments were declared as follows:

Tournament Co-Ordinator	Martin Hunter
I/N Co-Ordinator	Flo Belford
Education Liaison	Flo Belford
Disciplinary Chair	David Colbert (to be confirmed following contact by Carol Bongard)
Recorder	Paul Cronin
Webmaster & Membership Chair	Martin Hunter
Kibitzer Liaison	Sharon Berghaus (Carol Bongard to remind Andy Stark to have Sharon proof each issue)
Awards	Andy Risman
Publicity	David McCrady
Inventory Control	John McWhinnie
Nominations Chair	Sharon Berghaus
Elections Chair	Wiebe Hoogland and Sharon Berghaus
School Bridge	Flo Belford
NABC Committee	Carol Bongard, Paul Cronin, Sharon Berghaus, David Halasi, Andy Risman and Ina Demme

## **Elections**

Lane Byl suggested, and it was agreed that a permanent advertisement be placed in the Kibitzer and a banner on the website regarding nominating members for election to the Board of Directors.

## **STaC Procedures**

David Halasi advised that the motion passed at the January 2016 meeting was unenforceable because it was not supported by District 2 at their recent meeting. He advised that the DIC would note that any director playing in a game of less than 17 tables should disqualify him/herself. General discussion followed during which Lane Byl agreed to draft a recommendation to be considered at the next meeting to limit access to files and the eligibility to place in any game where access has been available.

**Motion** by David Halasi, seconded by Andy Risman  
*to rescind the motion passed at the January meeting.*

**Carried**

It was agreed that Dee Nevett should insert “subsequently rescinded” after the motion in the January minutes.

**Motion** by Sharon Berghaus, seconded by David Halasi  
*that if a director of a game of 7 or less tables, brings someone in to play with him to fill the movement the STaC fee should be waived for the director and the player brought in*  
**Carried**

### **2020 World Championships**

David Halasi suggested, and it was agreed, that this item be removed from this and subsequent agendas.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report from December 2015 to April 2016, circulated by Andy Risman was presented. Sharon Berghaus expressed her concern regarding the continuing reduction in the Unit's bank balance.

**Motion** by Andy Risman, seconded by Lane Byl  
*That the Treasurer's Report be accepted, as presented.*  
**Carried**

### **NABC 2017**

A suggestion was received from Ina Demme regarding bonus distribution by percentage to the various volunteers working on the 2017 NABC. It was suggested that consideration be given to having a celebratory lunch/dinner rather than distribute the 20% held in reserve. It was noted that Robert Brown was not at the last NABC meeting, but had indicated at the Regional that companies' budgets were currently being discussed for 2017 and he should have something to report at the next meeting.

**Motion** by Andy Risman, seconded by David McCrady  
*to accept the bonus distribution suggested by Ina Demme*  
**Carried**

### **Tournaments**

#### **Budgets:**

Hamilton – The budget was received for the August Hamilton Sectional.

St. Catharines I/N – The budget was received for the August St. Catharines I/N Tournament.

**Motion** by David Halasi, seconded by Sharon Berghaus  
*that the budgets for Hamilton and St. Catharines Tournaments be accepted as presented.*

**Carried**

## **Reports**

Toronto Sectional – The report on the January Toronto Sectional was received. It was noted that the US exchange rate had a significant impact on this tournament's profit.

St. Catharines Sectional – The report on the February St. Catharines Sectional was received.

Burlington I/N – The report on the March Burlington I/N Tournament was received with a slight change to the ACBL fees.

Toronto Regional – The Report for the March Toronto Regional was received. It was noted that after HST the Regional broke even.

**Motion** by Flo Belford, seconded by Sharon Berghaus  
*that the reports for the Toronto Sectional, St. Catharines Sectional, Burlington I/N and the Toronto Regional be accepted as presented*

**Carried**

David Halasi queried whether there was any interest in running a 0 - 750 Regional in Toronto over the summer. Flo Belford suggested that such a Regional could be tied in with "Learn Bridge in a Day" with follow up lessons at local clubs. Various dates were suggested and David agreed to contact The Holiday Inn, Yorkdale to check on room availability.

The 2016 tournament schedule was received.

Further discussion took place on the effect of the US exchange rate on local tournaments. David Halasi wondered whether the \$17 entry fee for the Regional was partly responsible for the lower turnout, and whether hospitality should be cut back. It was felt that hospitality was an important part of the tournament ritual and should be maintained. It was also suggested that consideration could be given to buying US dollars in the event the exchange rate comes back to par. Flo Belford will follow up on the reimbursement anticipated for the Novice programme at the Regional.

## **Honorariums:**

**Motion** by David McCrady, seconded by Andy Risman  
*To award David Halasi an honorarium of \$750 for Chairing the Toronto Sectional, and David Halasi \$2,000 for Chairing the Toronto Regional*

**Carried**

## **Kibitzer Review**

David McCrady advised that 5,323 copies had been mailed for the last issue with printing and mailing costs totaling \$8,327 (\$1.56 per copy). This cost would disappear if the Kibitzer was published on-line and the total production cost would drop by 86%. The survey conducted by Andy Stark had only received 91 responses with 57% supporting a switch to on-line production.

Discussion then continued as to how an on-line version would be distributed, and David advised that a program called Pianola has a link with the ACBL and it is possible they could send out an email to members of the four Units advising that the new issue was on the Unit 166 website. This would need ACBL approval.

It was suggested that should the Kibitzer move on-line, then consideration should be given to going back to four issues annually. It was also felt that members wanting a printed issue, could approach their local club to print a copy at a minimal charge. It was also suggested that Andy Risman should determine the split of costs between the Units now, since a mailing list will no longer be available.

**Motion** by Flo Belford, seconded by David McCrady  
*that The Kibitzer be published on-line from 2017 forward*

**Carried.**

David McCrady agreed to speak to Andy Stark and request that he put something in the remaining 2016 issues that from 2017 The Kibitzer will only be on line, and suggest that members update their ACBL profile with the email address. It was also suggested that Andy indicate the publication dates of the rest of the 2016 issues. Association Representatives were requested to advise their local Clubs of the suggestion that clubs print copies if requested as a goodwill gesture. David McCrady agreed to speak to Paul Janicki to request assistance from the ACBL as required to use Pianola and/or email address access. It was agreed to discuss this issue further at the next meeting.

## **School Bridge**

Flo Belford reminded the Board of the background to the previous decision that the Board reimburse teachers \$150 if they teach more than 16 students. Paul Janicki had advised Flo that this issue was not being discussed at ACBL. Flo thanked the Board for their generosity and advised that the subsidy will not be requested again for next year.

Michael Yang thanked the tournament chairs for arranging more low level games, facilitating growth in youth bridge. He advised that his group now has 10 Junior Masters, and three students on Team Canada from Unit 166.

David Halasi advised that the hotel had been booked for the Monday at the 2017 Toronto Regional.

### **Learn Bridge in a Day**

Flo Belford outlined the program and explained that classes are needed to get the grant from the Education Fund. Patti Tucker gives the program and usually 60 – 100 people come out. The previous day she runs a program to train qualified teachers. Flo suggested that a committee be formed and a venue and date secured. She also confirmed that this program is not just aimed at children. She wondered if there could be a room to hold such a program at the Toronto Regional. It was agreed that discussion would continue at the next meeting.

### **Association Reports**

**CVBA.** Steve Norris advised that CVBA has experienced a slight loss over 6 months and currently had a balance of approximately \$2,000. A very successful Brampton tournament had resulted in \$2,500 profit. The 2016 Christmas party had been booked at the same location as 2015. John Quayle had agreed to Chair the Brampton Tournament and Steve would chair the Caledon East Tournament.

**COBA.** Chuck Renaud advised that the Burlington I/N Tournament had been a great success. He also distributed flyers for the Hamilton tournament. He advised that they are still having problems with a constitution. This will be considered further at their July meeting which will be the only item on the agenda. He commented that more players were needed on the COBA Board

Chuck advised that at the next Board meeting he will be presenting a motion that Unit 166 consider an application to merge all Oakville ACBL sanctioned clubs into COBA.

Chuck also advised that he had four boxes of bridge books from the last NABC. He agreed to send Andy Risman a list of the titles. Andy will then enquire whether the 2017 NABC could use them.

### **Free Play Chits**

Paul Cronin asked whether it would be possible to ask Dee Nevett to advise Joel, Nancy and Bev to ignore the expiry dates on outstanding free play chits.

**Motion** by David Halasi, seconded by Sharon Berghaus  
*to eliminate the expiry dates from all free plays given to Unit 166 Directors*

**Carried**

## **Bridgemates**

David Halsi reminded the Board that since the Bridgemates were purchased attendance has shifted from team games to pairs games. At the Toronto Section he had one spare Bridgemate and Brampton ran out. He asked whether we spend \$5,000 to purchase 24 more, or ask for the rented units to be returned for Sectionals (maybe Kammermeyer for COBA and Eddy for Brampton) and change rental agreements. He also advised that Steve Overholt had indicated he would be interested in renting a set should an extra set be purchased. This discussion will be carried forward to the next meeting.

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

*that the monthly fee to rent 24 Bridgemates be increased from \$30 – 35 per month plus HST effective August 1, 2016 and that renters be required to make units available to Sectional and IN Tournaments (Kammermeyer – COBA, Eddy – CVBA, Niagara – NDBA, Ruttan - Toronto*

**Carried**

## **Niagara Regional 2017 and 2019**

Lane Byl asked for approval for Lorna Johnson to sign an agreement with the hotel for the 2017 and 2019 Niagara Regional. It was agreed she should speak to Graham Warren to confirm dates before doing so. David Halasi also suggested that Lorna should confirm pricing before printing any details on flyers, etc.

## **Brampton Bridgemates**

David Halasi reported that Lee Daugharty was requesting reimbursement for his mileage to pick up additional Bridgemates from his Club for the Brampton tournament, and rent at \$5 per unit.

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

*that Lee should be reimbursed for his mileage for picking up additional Bridgemates.*

**Carried**

## **Next Meeting**

Saturday September 3, 2016 at the Holiday Inn Yorkdale from 9 – 11 a.m.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4.30 p.m.