

MINUTES of a meeting of Unit 166 Board of Directors held on Saturday September 3, 2016 at 9 a.m. at the Labour Day Sectional, Holiday Inn, Yorkdale.

Present:	Flo Belford	Sharon Berghaus
	Carol Bongard	Paul Cronin
	Michael (Li Zhang) Yang	David Halasi
	Wiebe Hoogland	Chris Loat
	David McCrady	Chuck Renaud
	Andy Risman	Peter Basciano (Secretary)
Regrets:	Lane Byl	Steven Norris

Carol Bongard assumed the Chair and welcomed Peter Basciano as the temporary Secretary.

Minutes – May 14, 2016

Motion by David Halasi, seconded by Andy Risman
that the minutes of the May 14, 2016 meeting of Unit 166 Board of Directors, be approved.
Carried

New Disciplinary Chair

David Colbert has resigned as the Disciplinary Chair for Unit 166. Several suggestions for a replacement were made and discussed. Carol Bongard will follow up.

STaC Procedures

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

COBA

There is an application to merge all Oakville ACBL-sanctioned clubs into COBA. Under the current rules, each club has one vote and this is seen as being an imbalance since some clubs are much bigger than others in terms of size of games and number of games per week that they have. To change this rule requires amending the constitution, but it appears that a written constitution does not exist. A sample constitution was put together by Murray Shapcott. Gord Ellis suggested that COBA adopts the constitution that the Niagara District currently uses. Chuck Renaud looked at Niagara's constitution and suggested there be 2 representatives per club with an extra one based on how many games were run at the club. Wiebe Hoogland agreed to work with Chuck Renaud to discuss the issues with the Oakville Clubs.

Motion by Wiebe Hoogland, seconded by David Halasi
to give board approval to Chuck Renaud to talk to the Oakville Clubs about joining COBA.
Carried

Bridgemates

Niagara has ended their Bridgemate rental agreement with Unit 166. There are now 6 sets of Bridgemates (144 units) now available for rent. A further 10 units are required for upcoming tournaments.

Motion by Sharon Berghaus, seconded by Paul Cronin
to request that David Halasi approach Joel Shapiro to rent an additional 10 Bridgemates on an as needed basis, and that no more Bridgemates will be purchased at this time.

Carried

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report May – July 2016, circulated by Andy Risman was accepted.

ACBL and HST

The ACBL has a valid HST #. Andy Risman stated that we can make claims against this HST credit as far back as 2011. The estimated return to Unit 166 is \$10,000 to \$12,000. On the next quarterly filing Andy Risman will claim credits back to 2011.

Unit Secretary

Dee Nevett has resigned as the Unit 166 Secretary. A replacement has been hired. The board voted to hire Debra Kestenberg as the new Admin Assistant.

NABC 2017

12,000 tables are guaranteed. Next NABC meeting is in October. Andy Risman has been asked to look into the possibility of locking in the U.S. Dollar exchange rate. Andy will look into what upfront funding from the ACBL will be, and then produce a final budget in January 2017.

Tournaments

Budgets: i) Labour Day ii) Caledon East

Motion by Chris Loat, seconded by David Halasi
to accept the Budgets as presented.

Carried

Reports: i) Brampton Sectional
ii) Spring STaC
iii) Toronto IN
iv) Hamilton
v) St. Catherine's IN

Reports have been received.

Motion by David Halasi, seconded by Sharon Berghaus
to award an honorarium of \$750 to Wayne Ruttan for chairing the Toronto IN.

Carried

Requests for funding

2016 National Senior's Team

Motion by David Halasi, seconded by Sharon Berghaus
to award the 2016 National Seniors Team \$1000 toward the 2016 World Championships in Poland upon receiving article for the Kibitzer.

Carried

2016 National Women's Team

Motion by David Halasi, seconded by Sharon Berghaus
to award the 2016 National Women's Team \$500 toward the 2016 World Championships in Poland upon receiving article for the Kibitzer.

Carried

Kibitzer Committee Update

The Kibitzer will go online in 2017. David McCrady is working on getting an email facility in place in conjunction with the ACBL so that Andy Stark can send notification emails via the Pianola platform's list of Kibitzer recipients to advise them when each new on-line issue is available on the Unit 166 website. These emails could also be used to advise of important information - for example about upcoming elections. Next issue of the Kibitzer this year is in November.

Learn Bridge in a Day

Flo Belford is looking into how best to run a 'Learn Bridge in a Day' program. If you go through the ACBL Education Foundation, it could cost one to two thousand dollars. Flo Belford is considering getting Audrey Grant to run this program.

Association Reports

CVBA. No updates.

COBA. Chuck Renaud reported that COBA is starting Easy Bridge.

NDBA. Chris Loat reported that NDBA is continuing Bridge For Beginners. He says that John McKay and Lorna Johnson are doing a great job !

Other Business

Congratulations goes to Michael Yang for his team's success at the Washington Youth NABC. They won 4 trophies in 3 days of bridge. Michael says the team is growing and their level of play is increasing quickly.

Next Meeting

Next meeting is on January 07, 2017 at the Holiday Inn Yorkdale.

11:30 AM - Unit 166 Meeting

2:30 PM - Annual General Meeting