

MINUTES of a meeting of Unit 166 Board of Directors held on Sunday April 30, 2017 at 12:30 am. at MO Bridge, 3105 Winston Churchill Blvd., Mississauga, ON

Present: Sharon Berghaus Chandi Jayawardena
 Carol Bongard Chris Loat
 David Halasi Steve Norris
 Andy Risman Chuck Renaud
 Paul Cronin Debra Kestenberg (Secretary)
 David McCrady
 Regrets: Flo Belford, Wiebe Hoogland, Michael (Li Zhang) Yang

Carol Bongard assumed the Chair and welcomed Chandi Jayawardena as a new Director.

Minutes – January 7, 2017

Motion by Chris Loat, seconded by Andy Risman *that the minutes of the January 7, 2017 meeting of Unit 166 Board of Directors be approved. Carried*

Election of Officers

Debra Kestenberg assumed the Chair. *Andy Risman nominated Carol Bongard for the position of President, seconded by David Halasi. There being no further nominations, Carol Bongard was declared President and assumed the Chair.*

Sharon Berghaus nominated David Halasi and Chuck Renaud nominated Paul Cronin for the Position of **Vice-President**. *By a vote of five to three, David Halasi was elected Vice-President.*

David McCrady nominated Andy Risman for the Position of **Treasurer**, seconded by Sharon Berghaus. *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 **Tournament Chair**.

Other appointments were declared as follows:

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| Awards Chair | Andy Risman | Membership Chair | Martin Hunter |
| Disciplinary Chair | Dale Whitmore | Nominations | Michael Yang |
| Education Liaison | Flo Belford | Publicity Chairs | David McCrady & John O'Hara |
| Elections | Michael Yang & Chandi Jayawardena | Recorder | Paul Cronin |
| IN Coordinator | Steve Overholt | Tournament Coordinator | Martin Hunter |
| Inventory Control | John McWhinnie | Webmaster | Martin Hunter |
| Kibitzer Liaison | David McCrady | | |

Limited MP Club Games

The issue was discussed and it was decided that no action is to be taken by the Unit.

Search for New Tournament Chairs (January Sectional & Easter Regional)

David Halasi provided an update. A search continues, with a focus on the January Sectional.

COBA

The COBA September 2016 Constitution & By Laws were discussed. Guest: Joe Blatnick.

Motion by Sharon Berghaus, seconded by Steve Norris *to reopen the discussion since there appears to be some misunderstanding regarding representation on the COBA Board. Carried*

Motion by David Halasi, seconded by Chuck Renaud and Sharon Berghaus *to defer the issue to the next meeting when Chuck Renaud will report on the representation model. Carried*

Discussion on the merger of Oakville ACBL-sanctioned clubs into COBA was deferred to the next meeting.

Award Policy

The Awards Policy was discussed.

Motion by Chris Loat, seconded by Steve Norris, Andy Risman, and Paul Cronin *to rescind all of section 8.2. Carried*

Treasurer's Report

The Report to March 31, 2017, circulated by Andy Risman, was presented.

Motion by Chris Loat, seconded by David McCrady *that the Treasurer's Report be accepted, as presented. Carried*

An update on the HST credits back to 2011 was presented.

NABC 2017

The Budget, circulated by Andy Risman, was presented.

Motion by Chris Loat, seconded by David McCrady *that the NABC 2017 Budget with the \$3,500 modification be accepted, as presented. Carried*

Andy Risman reported on the progress of the event planning and a discussion ensued.

A grant request by ABTA was presented and discussed. It was agreed that the NABC budget would fund a \$1,000 grant.

Youth NABC

Carol Bongard reported on and solicited support for a search for volunteers.

Tournament Budgets:

The budgets for Hamilton, St. Catharines I/N, Toronto I/N, and Caledon East were received.

Motion by Steve Norris, seconded by Chandi Jayawardena *that tournament budgets for Hamilton, St. Catharines I/N, Toronto I/N, and Caledon East be accepted, as presented. Carried*

The budget for the Niagara Regional was received.

Motion by Chris Loat, seconded by David McCrady and Andy Risman *that the tournament budget for the Niagara Regional, subject to the elimination of expenses related to the Caddy Master and Bridge Bulletin and an increase in hospitality expenses up to \$4,000 be accepted, as presented. Carried*

Tournament Reports:

The 2016 Reports from the Toronto Sectional, St. Catharines, Burlington I/N, Toronto Regional, Labour Day with HST were received.

Motion by David Halasi, seconded by Chris Loat and Andy Risman *that the Toronto Sectional, St. Catharines, Burlington I/N, Toronto Regional, and Labour Day with HST, be accepted, as presented. Carried*

The 2016 Report for the D2 STaC will be presented via email.

The 2017 to 2021 tournament schedule was received.

Timing of Buffalo & Niagara Regionals was discussed.

The Policy related to caddy pay was discussed.

Motion by David Halasi, seconded by Chandi Jayawardena *to amend caddy pay policy to a minimum of \$55 per session. Carried*

Strategy for pricing relating to US/CAN exchange rate changes was discussed and deferred to the next meeting.

Awards Committee Update

Andy Risman provided an update on awards presented.

Honorariums:

Motion by Chris Loat, seconded by Andy Risman *to award David Halasi an honorarium of \$750 for chairing the Toronto Sectional. Carried*

Motion by Andy Risman, seconded by Chris Loat *to award David Halasi an honorarium of \$2000 for chairing the Toronto Regional. Carried*

Kibitzer Committee Report

Advertising rates, print access, and staffing options were discussed.

Motion by David Halasi, seconded by Steve Norris *to reduce advertising rates by 1/3rd. Carried*

It was agreed to a job posting on the Unit website for hard copy management.

Association Reports

Reports for CVBA, COBA, and NDBA were presented by Steve Norris, Chuck Renaud, and Chris Loat, respectively.

It was agreed that minutes from each Association's Annual General Meeting, once held, will be forwarded to the Unit Secretary for distribution to the Unit Board.

Next Meeting

Saturday September 9 at 9:30am at MO Bridge, 3105 Winston Churchill Blvd., Mississauga.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm.