

MINUTES of a meeting of Unit 166 Board of Directors held on Saturday September 9, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at MO Bridge, 3105 Winston Churchill Blvd., Mississauga, ON

Present:2	Sharon Berghaus	Chandi Jayawardena
	Carol Bongard	Chris Loat
	David Halasi	Steve Norris
	Andy Risman	Wiebe Hoogland
	Paul Cronin	Debra Kestenberg (Secretary)
	David McCrady	Michael (Li Zhang) Yang
	Flo Belford	Darlene Scott
	Mike Kammermayer (guest)	

Carol Bongard assumed the Chair and upon their arrival introduced Darlene Scott, interim COBA representative and Mike Kammermayer, newly elected President of COBA.

Minutes – April 30, 2017

Motion by David McCrady, seconded by Michael Yang and Chandi Jayawardena *that the minutes of the April 30, 2017 meeting of Unit 166 Board of Directors be approved. Carried*

Search for New Tournament Chairs

David Halasi reported that he is working with Paul Pointet to transition into the Tournament Chair role for the January Toronto Sectional. The matter is closed and the advertisement has been removed from the Unit website.

US-Canada Exchange Rate: Strategy for Pricing & Director Pay

David Halasi informed the Board that the Unit is not able to pre-order US funds from the bank as they require large and continuous transactions in US currency. Andy Risman stated that the loss from not being able to do this was decreased by the fact that the ACBL pay for hospitality directly and we receive the net amount.

Wiebe Hoogland informed the Board of the ACBL's notification to clubs of the September 7, 2017 Canadian fees policy. Beginning October 1st, the ACBL Canadian to US dollar exchange rate will be fixed at \$1.24 and will not be updated each month. This rate will be used to calculate Canadian Membership dues and tournament fees beginning October 1st and club fees beginning in 2018. The ACBL exchange rate will be reviewed and updated either 1) annually on April 1st, or 2) when the ACBL rate is 10% higher or lower than the market rate. By 2018, Memberships, club fees, and tournament fees will be charged in Canadian dollars. This matter is now closed.

International Awards Policy

After discussion, it was agreed that Carol Bongard will have any International Awards submission forms removed from the Unit website.

Red Book Updates

After discussion, it was agreed that Debra Kestenberg will forward the Red Book with any revisions to Unit Board members annually in January, and to new Board members as they come on board.

Treasurer's Report

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

Motion by Wiebe Hoogland, seconded by Michael Yang *that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Carried*

HST for Associations: After discussion, it was agreed that the Unit Associations will inform Andy Risman as to whether or not they wish to take advantage of an HST minimization set-up.

NABC 2017

Ina Demme reported on a successful and well-received tournament with attendance of 13,289 tables vs. a budget of 12,500. Discussion ensued around challenges associated with the ACBL \$11.50/table process and volunteer recruitment and management.

Andy reported on a successful tournament with an estimated profit of approximately \$40,000, and that he is waiting for the cheque from the ACBL.

Executive Session

Motion by David Halasi, seconded by Sharon Berghaus *that the Board move into Executive Session. Carried*

Motion by Paul Cronin, seconded by Chandi Jayawardena and David Halasi *that the Board move out of Executive Session. Carried*

Motion by David Halasi, seconded by Steve Norris *that Ina Demme be paid the full \$15,000 and that Carol Bongard send a congratulatory letter. Carried*

Motion by David McCrady, seconded by Paul Cronin *that NABC volunteers be paid \$10,000 in aggregate, subject to special requests with respect to the \$500 T4 cutoff; to be split as per Ina Demme's submitted spreadsheet. Carried*

Youth NABC

Carol Bongard reported on the success of the event, challenges associated with recruiting volunteers, and thanked Michael Yang and Flo Belford for their contributions.

COBA Association

Carol Bongard re-introduced Mike Kammermayer as the new President of COBA, and Darlene Scott as interim COBA representative on the Unit Board.

Discussion ensued around extension of the COBA boundary and the by-law requirement for a COBA constitution.

Motion by Chris Loat, seconded by Paul Cronin *that COBA extend its boundary to include the Town of Oakville. Carried*

The Red Book is to be amended to reflect the boundary change.

Mike Kammermayer indicated that, with Wiebe Hoogland's template, COBA will be able to quickly create and ratify a constitution to be accepted by the Board.

Tournament Budgets

The budget for the Toronto January Sectional was received.

Motion by Chris Loat, seconded by Sharon Berghaus *that the Toronto January Sectional budget be accepted, as presented.* **Carried**

Tournament Reports

The 2017 Reports from the Brampton Sectional, D2 Spring STaC, Toronto IN Sectional, Hamilton Sectional, St. Catharines IN Sectional, and Toronto Labour Day Sectional were received.

Motion by Chris Loat, seconded by Flo Belford and Andy Risman *that the Brampton Sectional, D2 Spring STaC, Toronto IN Sectional, Hamilton Sectional, St. Catharines IN Sectional, and Toronto Labour Day Sectional reports be accepted, as presented.* **Carried**

Discussion ensued around meeting fire code at the Toronto Labour Day Sectional given the substantially higher attendance. It was agreed that David Halasi will address with the hotel, the issue of additional space and fire code compliance for next year.

A discussion on budgeting for room allocations at non-Association sectionals was led by David Halasi.

Motion by David Halasi, seconded by Flo Belford and Sharon Berghaus *that for non-Association sectionals, Sectional Chairs will only have rooms if pre-approved by either the Executive or full Board for extenuating circumstances.* **Carried**

After discussion, it was decided to keep the STaC table fee at \$10/table.

Honorariums:

Motion by David Halasi, seconded by Chris Loat *to award Andy Risman an honorarium of \$1,200 for serving as Treasurer.* **Carried**

Motion by Wiebe Hoogland, seconded by Michael Yang and Darlene Scott *to award Martin Hunter an honorarium of \$1,100 for serving as Web Master.* **Carried**

Kibitzer Committee Report

David McCrady led the discussion on the hiring, perceived low risk, and process for meeting paper distribution demand. David McCrady indicated he will get the message out through e-flyers to clubs.

Motion by Paul Cronin, seconded by Chandi Jayawardena *to offer the hard copy distribution position to Vladimir Kondratsky.* **Carried**

School Bridge

Flo Belford led the discussion on compensating bridge teachers prevented from making the 16-hour minimum requirement.

Motion by Sharon Berghaus, seconded by Chandi Jayawardena *to pay a \$400 grant reimbursement to Flo Belford for distribution to the affected School Bridge teachers.* **Carried**

It was agreed that Flo Belford place a video on the Unit website with regard to School Bridge.

Association Reports

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

Special Funding Requests

Wiebe Hoogland raised the subject and it was agreed that this will be addressed at the next meeting.

American Bridge Teachers Association

Carol Bongard reported on an excellent experience with the Association.

Executive Session

Motion by David Halasi, seconded by Sharon Berghaus *that the Board move into Executive Session.*
Carried

Motion by David Halasi, seconded by Darlene Scott *that the Board move out of Executive Session.*
Carried

Next Meeting

Saturday January 6, 2018 at 11:30am at the Holiday Inn, Yorkdale.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 1:45 pm.