

MINUTES of a meeting of Unit 166 Board of Directors held on Saturday August 31, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at Holiday Inn, Yorkdale, Toronto, ON

Present:

Sharon Berghaus

Denise Donovan

David McCrady

Darlene Scott

Debra Kestenberg (Secretary)

Carol Bongard

David Halasi

Andy Risman

Michael (Li Zhang) Yang

Regrets: Flo Belford

Carol Bongard assumed the Chair.

Minutes – April 27, 2019

Motion by Denise Donovan, seconded by David McCrady and Michael Yang *that the Minutes of the April 27, 2019 meeting of Unit 166 Board of Directors be approved. Carried*

Treasurer's Report

The Report to July 31, 2019, circulated by Andy Risman, was presented. Andy reported on the effective use of e Transfers, and good financial results.

October 2020 Toronto Regional

David Halasi reported on the cancellation of the Regional due to a conflict with the Detroit Regional. Limited times are available but it can be under consideration until December 31, 2022. A discussion of options followed. David will provide an update following the spring District meeting.

Tournament Budgets

The budgets for the Toronto January Sectional and Toronto Easter Regional were received.

Motion by Darlene Scott, seconded by David McCrady and Michael Yang *that the Toronto January Sectional and Toronto Easter Regional budgets be accepted, as presented. Carried*

Tournament Reports

The reports from the Brampton Sectional, D2 Spring STaC, Toronto IN Sectional, Hamilton Sectional, and Toronto Summer Regional were received.

Motion by Darlene Scott, seconded by Andy Risman *that the Brampton Sectional, D2 Spring STaC, Toronto IN Sectional, Hamilton Sectional, and Toronto Summer Regional reports be accepted, as presented. Carried*

Tournament Schedule with Chairs

The schedule was reviewed and discussed.

Honorariums:

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

Motion by Michael Yang, seconded by David McCrady *to award Martin Hunter an honorarium of \$1,100 for serving as Web Master. Carried*

Motion by David Halasi, seconded by Denise Donovan *to award Wayne Ruttan an honorarium of \$750 for chairing the Toronto IN June 8-9 Sectional. Carried*

Motion by David McCrady, seconded by Denise Donovan *to award Darlene Scott an honorarium of \$2,000 for chairing the Toronto Summer Regional. Carried*

Motion by Sharon Berghaus, seconded by Michael Yang *to award David Halasi an honorarium of \$500 for serving as Treasurer for the Toronto Summer Regional. Carried*

Kibitzer Committee

David McCrady reported on the excellence of the publication, and increase in advertising revenue.

School & Youth Bridge

Michael Yang reported on the success of the youth, as a group, at tournaments including those in Las Vegas (NABC), Croatia, and Rhode Island. Carol Bongard offered congratulations.

Carol Bongard led a discussion on the Unit policy on top-ups for teacher stipends. It was agreed to explore further and defer to the next meeting.

Association Reports

Darlene Scott reported on COBA. A budget will be voted on in October 2019.

Denise Donovan reported on CVBA. Focus is on increasing membership; suggestions were provided.

Unit 166 Subsidies

David Halasi led a discussion on Unit 166 subsidies for NAOP and GNT events and the matter is closed.

Board Vacancy

Carol Bongard led a discussion on a vacancy on the Board and an action plan has been agreed upon.

January 2020 Board of Director and AGM Meetings

Carol Bongard reported that Dee Nevitt has agreed to take the Minutes and coordinate with the Secretary.

Motion by Andy Risman, seconded by David McCrady *to hire Dee Nevitt to prepare the Minutes for the January 2020 Board of Director and AGM meetings and forward said Minutes to the Secretary. Carried*

Motion by David Halasi, seconded by Darlene Scott *to award Dee Nevitt an honorarium at the agreed amount for taking the Minutes, getting to and from the meetings, and forwarding said Minutes to the Secretary. Carried*

Next Meeting

Saturday January 4, 2020 at 11:30am at the Sheraton Centre, 123 Queen Street West, Toronto.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:45am..