

Minutes of a meeting of the Members of the Ontario Unit 166, American Contract Bridge League held at the Sheraton Centre, Toronto, Ontario on Saturday January 5, 2019 at 2:00 pm.

1. The Chair declared that as notice of the meeting had been mailed to all Members and a quorum being present, he declared the meeting to be regularly constituted.

The Chair stated that members in attendance are requested to sign the consent to hold the meeting and hereby directed such consent to be annexed to the minutes of this meeting.

**2. Approve Minutes of Meeting held January 6, 2018**

**Motion** by Andy Risman, seconded by Sharon Berghaus *that the minutes of the January 6, 2018 annual meeting be approved. Carried*

**3. 2018 Financial Statements**

**Motion** by Andy Risman, seconded by David McCrady *that the reading of the Review Engagement Report be dispensed with. Carried*

**4. Motion** by Susan Barreto, seconded by Pat Jablonsky. ***BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Statement of Financial Position of the Corporation as at August 31, 2018 and the Statement of Income and Expenses and Net Assets and Cash Flows for the year ended on the said date, together with the auditor's Review Engagement Report thereon, be and the same are hereby approved and adopted. Carried***

**5. Election/Appointment of Directors**

**Motion** by Gary Westfall, seconded by Randi Grant *that the election of Carol Bongard, David McCrady and Michael Yang to the Board of Directors be and is hereby confirmed. Carried*

**6. Appointment of Auditor**

**Motion** by Darlene Scott, seconded by David McCrady and Susan Barreto. ***BE IT RESOLVED THAT G. J. Westfall, C.P.A., C.A., be and he is hereby appointed Auditor of the Corporation to hold office until the close of the next annual meeting of Members at such remuneration as may be fixed by the Directors. Carried***

## **7. President's Report**

Two Thousand and Eighteen was another very successful year for Unit 166. Our tournaments were well attended and enjoyed by many competitors. We faced some challenges but worked hard to overcome them. I would like to thank all the tournament convenors and their respective teams for giving so generously of their time and talents. Please be assured that your efforts are very much appreciated by all players. Our separation from Niagara created some difficult decisions regarding allocation of tournaments and that has been resolved in an equitable manner.

Our school bridge program has been coordinated by Flo Belford for many years and we thank her for her many years of service. She built this program and enlisted the support of many school bridge teachers. The program is growing in popularity with approximately 400 eager young players participating each year. Flo has retired from this position and has passed the baton to the very capable and enthusiastic Michael Yang. Thank you so much, Michael, for coordinating the youth bridge program. Our young players have won many titles nationally and internationally. In addition, many of them have started bridge clubs at their own schools and are teaching their fellow students. We are very proud of them!

We have exciting news in that we have started an online payment program which allows players to enter and pay for events online. This will eliminate long lineups at the entry table. We thank David Halasi very much for this initiative.

We would like to thank Andy Stark, editor of the Kibitzer, and David McCrady for their work on transitioning from a hard copy to the online version. It seems to be working well. The Kibitzer has a long history of excellence and has been enjoyed by many over the years. We also have solved the problem of those who wish a hard copy. They can purchase yearly just like a magazine subscription.

Just recently we purchased the bridge tables we have been using that we rented from Ashlar House. We have hired Jackman Chong to deliver them to tournaments. This is an opportunity for us to supply our own tournaments as well as tournaments run by other units.

In closing I would like to thank the following people :

- David Halasi, our Vice President for all his hard work
- Andy Risman, our treasurer
- Debra Kestenberg, Our Administrative Assistant/Secretary
- Gary Westfall, our auditor
- Martin Hunter, our webmaster
- Dale Whitmore, our disciplinary chair
- Steven Overholt, our I/N coordinator
- Andy Stark, our editor of the Kibitzer

And also all the board members for their support and dedication. They volunteer their time for the betterment of bridge in Unit 166 and we owe them a vote of thanks. We hope that 2019 will bring all members success at the bridge table and beyond.

**8. Confirmation of Proceedings**

**Motion** by Sharyn Rothfuss, seconded by Jane Lockley. ***BE IT RESOLVED THAT all the by-laws, resolutions, contracts, acts, and proceedings of the Board of Directors of Unit 166 enacted, passed, made, done or taken since the last meeting of Members be and the same are hereby approved, ratified, and confirmed. Carried***

**9. Other Business**

There was no other business.

**10. Terminate Meeting**

That the meeting be terminated at approximately 2:20 pm.

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Chairman

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Secretary