

MINUTES of a meeting of Unit 166 Board of Directors held on Saturday April 7, 2018 at 10:00 am. at MO Bridge.

Present: Sharon Berghaus David McCrady
 Carol Bongard Andy Risman
 Denise Donovan Michael Yang
 David Halasi Mike Kammermayer
 Flo Belford Debra Kestenberg (Secretary)

Regrets: Darlene Scott

Carol Bongard assumed the Chair. Mike Kammermayer was welcomed as substitute for Darlene Scott, and those present introduced themselves.

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Motion by Denise Donovan, seconded by David McCrady and Andy Risman *that the minutes of the January 6, 2018 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 re-assumed the Chair.*

Sharon Berghaus nominated David Halasi for the Position of **Vice-President**, seconded by David McCrady and Andy Risman. *There being no further nominations, David Halasi was declared 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.*

Carol Bongard nominated David Halasi for the Position of **Tournament Chair**, seconded by David McCrady. *There being no further nominations, David Halasi was declared Tournament Chair.*

Arrangements were made to approach sought-after candidates to fill an open Board position.

Other appointments were declared as follows:

Awards Chair	Andy Risman	Membership Chair	Martin Hunter
Disciplinary Chair	Dale Whitmore <i>(David Halasi to confirm)</i>	Nominations	Michael Yang
Education Liaison	Flo Belford	Publicity Chairs	David McCrady & John O'Hara
Elections	Michael Yang	Recorder	Martin Hunter
IN Coordinator	Steve Overholt	Tournament Coordinator	Martin Hunter
Inventory Control	John McWhinnie <i>(with possible back-up of Doug Barnes; Denise Donovan to follow up)</i>	Webmaster	Martin Hunter
Kibitzer Liaison	David McCrady		

Red Book Revisions

Red Book amendments were presented and accepted.

Unit 255 Update

It was reported that a memorandum of understanding has been agreed between Units 166 & 255. A final cheque will be issued upon the signing of a mutual release for the 2019 contract with the Crown Plaza. Carol Bongard, on behalf of the Board thanked David Halasi and Andy Risman for their efforts over the last 3 months.

Motion by David Halasi, seconded by Sharon Berghaus and Michael Yang *that the memorandum of understanding, as presented to the Board in an email, be accepted as presented and disbursement of funds be approved. Carried*

Treasurer's Report

The Report to March 31, 2018, circulated by Andy Risman, was presented. It was reported that the Unit is in a good financial position.

Motion by Flo Belford, seconded by Sharon Berghaus and David Halasi *that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Carried*

NABC 2017 Summary

It was reported that reasonable compromise was reached with the ACBL. It was agreed with the ACBL that all terms and conditions regarding payment will be written out clearly before we start working for the 2024 NABC.

Association Reports

The Report for COBA was received and discussed. It was reported that the Constitution as presented has been accepted. Michael Kammermayer will have further updates following an Association meeting.

Motion by Flo Belford, seconded by Sharon Berghaus *that the COBA Financial Report to December 31, 2017 be accepted as presented. Carried*

Motion by Andy Risman, seconded by David Halasi and David McCrady *that the COBA Constitution be accepted as presented. Carried*

The CVBA update was received and discussed. Denise Donovan highlighted the push to provide bridge lessons to drive attendance at clubs.

Motion by David McCrady, seconded by David Halasi *that the CVBA update be accepted as presented. Carried*

District Board Meeting: Unit 166 Regionals

It was reported that David Halasi has been elected President.

It was further reported that Unit 166 has been granted another 2019/2020 Regional. In addition, Unit 166, beginning in 2022, has received a sanction for a Regional every 2 years. There was discussion on timing and venues, along with action plans.

It was reported that a motion was passed that any new unit is to wait four (4) years to hold a Regional.

The "Grass Roots Games at Clubs" D2 program to support the district's investment in novice/intermediate play at the Regionals was discussed.

Unit Races:

The value and cost/benefit of Awards to players, clubs, and the Unit were discussed. It was decided to, in future, promote winners in The Kibitzer, continue with the Ace of Clubs certificates, and discontinue the Mini-McKenney medallions.

Tournament Contracts:

Motion by David Halasi, seconded by Flo Belford *that David Halasi be authorized to sign contracts with the Holiday Inn, Yorkdale for the 2019 Labour Day sectional, and with the Sheraton Toronto for the 2020 January Sectional and 2020 Toronto Easter Regional. Carried*

Tournament Budgets:

The budgets for the Toronto I/N, Hamilton, Toronto Labour Day, and Caledon East sectionals were received.

Motion by Flo Belford, seconded by David McCrady *that tournament Budgets for the Toronto I/N, Hamilton, Toronto Labour Day, and Caledon East sectionals, as presented, be accepted. Carried*

Tournament Reports:

The 2017 Reports for the Toronto January and Burlington Sectionals, and Toronto Easter Regional were received. The Regional Event at the Club House (REACH) was discussed. The Niagara Regional Report is pending.

There was a discussion about the state of the playing cards at the Toronto Regional, and the pros and cons of paper vs. plastic cards. It was agreed that the Unit will be more liberal in replacing cards so as to improve the player experience.

Motion by Flo Belford seconded by David Halasi and Denise Donovan *that Reports for the Toronto January and Burlington Sectionals, and Toronto Easter Regional, as presented, be accepted. Carried*

Motion by Andy Risman, seconded by Denise Donovan *to appoint Paul Pointet as Co-Chair of the January 2019 Toronto Sectional, along with David Halasi. Carried*

The 2018/19 tournament schedule was received.

Honorariums:

Motion by Flo Belford, seconded by Michael Yang *to award David Halasi an honorarium of \$2,000 for chairing the Toronto Easter Regional. Carried*

Motion by Flo Belford, seconded by David McCrady *to award David Halasi an honorarium of \$750 for chairing the Toronto January Sectional. Carried*

Kibitzer Committee Report

David McCrady reported that payment for hard copies of The Kibitzer is now direct only as the on-line service was not cost-effective.

School Bridge

The challenges, particularly logistical, and achievements of the School Bridge Tournament were presented and discussed. Discussion of the manner in which the School Bridge Tournament will be continued has been deferred to the next meeting.

Awards Committee Update

The Board was updated on presentations of the Kate Buckman and Audrey Grant awards, and the Board offered its congratulation to the winners.

Other Business

There was a discussion to clarify the ACBL policy and procedures of requiring, at a minimum, temporary ACBL membership to play at tournaments.

Next Meeting

Saturday September 1, 2018 at TBD a.m. at Holiday Inn, Yorkdale.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm.