

MINUTES of a meeting of Unit 166 Board of Directors held on Saturday April 27, 2019 at 1pm at Mississauga-Oakville Bridge Centre.

Present: Sharon Berghaus  
Flo Belford  
Carol Bongard  
Denise Donovan  
David Halasi

David McCrady  
Andy Risman  
Michael (Li Zhang) Yang  
Debra Kestenberg (Secretary)

Regrets: Michelle Ellis, Darlene Scott

Carol Bongard assumed the Chair.

**Minutes – January 5, 2019**

**Motion** by David McCrady, seconded by Flo Belford *that the Minutes of the January 5, 2019 meeting of Unit 166 Board of Directors be approved.* **Carried**

**Election of Officers**

Debra Kestenberg assumed the Chair. Flo Belford 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.*

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

Flo Belford nominated Andy Risman for the Position of **Treasurer**, seconded by David McCrady. *There being no further nominations, Andy Risman was declared Treasurer.*

Appointments were declared as follows:

<b>Awards Chair</b>	Andy Risman	<b>Nominations</b>	Michael Yang
<b>Disciplinary Chair</b>	Dale Whitmore	<b>Publicity Chairs</b>	David McCrady
<b>Education Liaison</b>	Flo Belford	<b>Recorder</b>	Martin Hunter
<b>Elections</b>	Michael Yang	<b>Tournament Chair</b>	David Halasi
<b>IN Coordinator</b>	Steve Overholt	<b>Tournament Coordinator</b>	Martin Hunter
<b>Inventory Control</b>	John McWhinnie	<b>Webmaster</b>	Martin Hunter
<b>Kibitzer Liaison</b>	David McCrady	<b>Youth Bridge</b>	Michael Yang
<b>Membership Chair</b>	Martin Hunter		

**Executive Committee**

Carol Bongard, David Halasi, Andy Risman, Sharon Berghaus, and Flo Belford were appointed to the Executive Committee.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Report to March 20, 2019, circulated by Andy Risman, was presented. Andy reported on the healthy cash position.

**Motion** by Flo Belford, seconded by David McCrady *that the Treasurer's Report to be accepted as presented. Carried*

### **Cheque Authorization Process**

David Halasi led a discussion on the limitations of the current cheque authorization process.

**Motion** by David Halasi, seconded by Sharon Berghaus *that the Unit set up another bank account for payment of small amounts by e Transfer. This account will have a maximum balance of \$5,000. All disbursements have to be approved via email by a member of the Executive. Carried*

### **Association Reports**

The CVBA report for the period ending March 31, 2019 was presented by Denise Donovan.

The COBA report was deferred to the next meeting.

### **Contracts for Tournament Venues**

David Halasi reported on the signing of the 2019 Labour Day Sectional with the Holiday Inn Yorkdale, and the 2020 January Sectional and 2020 Toronto Regional contracts with the Sheraton. David requested approval to sign a contract with the Sheraton for the 2021 Toronto Easter Regional.

**Motion** by Sharon Berghaus, seconded by Flo Belford *that David Halasi be authorized to sign the contract with The Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel for the 2021 Toronto Regional. Carried*

### **On-Line Registration at Tournaments**

David Halasi reported on the up-take and survey results of the service at the Toronto Easter Regional and the challenges with it being labour-intensive in its current form. It was agreed to continue with this service for the 2019 Toronto Labour Day and Caledon East Sectionals, and to await the ACBL solution for the Toronto Regionals.

### **Tournament Budgets**

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

**Motion** by David Halasi, seconded by Andy Risman *that the Budgets for the Toronto I/N, Hamilton, Toronto Labour Day, and Caledon East Sectionals be accepted, as presented. Carried*

### **Tournament Reports**

The reports for the Toronto January and Burlington I/N Sectionals, and Toronto Easter Regional were received.

**Motion** by David McCrady, seconded by David Halasi and Andy Risman *that the Reports for the Toronto January and Burlington I/N Sectionals, and Toronto Easter Regional be accepted, as presented. Carried*

The 2019/20 tournament schedule was received and reviewed.

### **Unit Championship Allotments**

David Halasi presented a list of the top 25 clubs based on 2018 table count, of which the top 16 may apply for 1 Unit Championship sanction at the time of their choice.

### **2024 NABC Update**

David Halasi led a discussion on the impact of the funding changes by the ACBL.

**Motion** by David Halasi, seconded by Flo Belford and Sharon Berghaus *to approve the 2024 NABC, to fund any shortfalls, and to address the search for a Tournament Chair one year from now. Carried*

### **Honorariums:**

**Motion** by Sharon Berghaus, seconded by Denise Donovan and Andy Risman *to award Paul Pointet an honorarium of \$500 for co-chairing the Toronto January Sectional/IN Regional. Carried*

**Motion** by Sharon Berghaus, seconded by Denise Donovan and David McCrady *to award David Halasi an honorarium of \$750 for co-chairing the Toronto January Sectional/IN Regional and \$3,000 for chairing the Toronto Easter Regional. Carried*

### **School & Youth Bridge**

Michael Yang reported on the success of youth tournament participation and was congratulated by Carol Bongard on his achievements. Discussion ensued and plans were formulated regarding participation at University-level on-line competitions.

### **Awards Committee Update**

Carol Bongard and Andy Risman discussed the presentations of the Audrey Grant and Kate Buckman Awards, respectively.

### **Table Delivery**

David Halasi explained, in response to a query, the Unit's decision to have table set-up and dismantling at tournaments be the responsibility of the local Tournament Chair.

### **Next Meeting**

Saturday August 31, 2019 at 10:30am at the Holiday Inn, Yorkdale.

### **Adjournment**

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