

MINUTES of a meeting of Unit 166 Board of Directors held on Saturday May 9, 2020 at 1pm via video conference.

**Present:** Elad Barak, Charles Bond, Denise Donovan, David Ellis, Michael Kammermayer, Debra Kestenberg (Secretary), David McCrady, Andy Risman, Darlene Scott, Michael Yang, Sheila Xu

Andy Risman assumed the Chair. Introductions were made and Elad Barak, Charles Bond, David Ellis, and Sheila Xu were welcomed as Board members.

**Minutes – January 4, 2020**

**Motion** by David McCrady, seconded by Darlene Scott *that the Minutes of the January 4, 2020 meeting of Unit 166 Board of Directors be approved, as amended with Andy Risman being a D2 Representative, and a report that at present Regional Chairs receive a \$3,000 honorarium.*

**Carried**

**Election of Officers**

Debra Kestenberg assumed the Chair. Darlene Scott nominated Andy Risman for the position of **President**, seconded by David Ellis. *There being no further nominations, Andy Risman was declared President and re-assumed the Chair.*

David Ellis nominated Darlene Scott for the Position of **Vice-President**, seconded by Charles Bond. *There being no further nominations, Darlene Scott was declared Vice-President.*

Darlene Scott 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>	David Ellis	<b>Nominations</b>	David McCrady
<b>Membership Chair</b>	Martin Hunter	<b>Publicity Chairs</b>	David McCrady
<b>Education Liaison</b>	Elad Barak	<b>Tournament Chair</b>	Darlene Scott
<b>Elections</b>	David McCrady	<b>Tournament Coordinator</b>	Martin Hunter
<b>IN Coordinator</b>	Steve Overholt	<b>Webmaster</b>	Martin Hunter
<b>Inventory Control</b>	John McWhinnie	<b>Youth Bridge</b>	Michael Yang
<b>Kibitzer Liaison</b>	David McCrady		

**Executive Committee**

Elad Barak, David Ellis, David McCrady, Andy Risman, and Darlene Scott were appointed to the Executive Committee.

**Treasurer’s Report**

The Report to March 31, 2020, circulated by Andy Risman, was presented. Andy reported on the healthy cash position for weathering the COVID-19 closures, and that the Unit is in full compliance with the CRA.

**Motion** by Darlene Scott, seconded by Charles Bond *that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Carried*

**Motion** by Denise Donovan, *that Unit 166 provide a monthly gift to an ACBL tournament director in the amount of \$500 per month until the COVID-19 furlough is over to a total amount of \$10,000. Denied.*

#### **e Transfer Account Increase**

**Motion** by Andy Risman, seconded by Darlene Scott *that the e Transfer bank account maximum balance be increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000. Carried*

#### **By-Law Amendment: Morality Clause**

Andy Risman led a discussion on the proposed change to the Unit by-laws.

**Motion** by Andy Risman, seconded by Darlene Scott *that Morality Clause BYL-16.5 be added to the Unit by-laws: "If any Board member is charged for sexual misconduct, financial misconduct, or causing bodily harm, they are automatically suspended from the Board until there is a legal resolution." Carried*

#### **Association Reports**

The COBA report was deferred to the next meeting.

Denise Donovan reported that the three bridge clubs that operate as part of the Credit Valley Bridge Association have, for the purposes of virtual club games, amalgamated as the Credit Valley Virtual Bridge Club, running three games a week. Net profit is to be donated to support Headwaters Hospital in Orangeville and Wm. Osler Hospital in Brampton. The Caledon East tournament has been officially canceled for this year. The Association is exploring the feasibility of running online lessons to support recent bridge graduates.

#### **On-line Sales Committee Update**

Darlene Scott reported that a decision has been made to utilize the ACBL HQ implementation expected shortly. The matter is now closed.

#### **Upcoming Tournament Contracts**

**Motion** by David Ellis seconded by Elad Barak *that approval be provided to Darlene Scott to negotiate contracts for upcoming Regional tournaments for the period 2022 to 2024. Carried*

#### **2024 NABC Update**

**Motion** by David McCrady seconded by Sheila Xu *that Darlene Scott be appointed Chairperson for the 2024 NABC. Carried*

#### **Tournament Budgets**

The budgets for the Toronto 499er, Hamilton, Toronto Labour Day, and Caledon East Sectionals were received but not approved as the events have been cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Mike Kammermayer will contact ACBL and BBO to further investigate virtual Unit 166 on-line bridge tournament options.

### **Tournament Reports**

The reports for the Toronto January and Burlington 499er Sectionals were received.

**Motion** by Charles Bond, seconded by Denise Donovan *that the Reports for the Toronto January, and Burlington 499er Sectional be accepted, as presented.* **Carried**

The 2020/21 tournament schedule was received.

### **Bridge Mate Rentals**

**Motion** by Andy Risman, seconded by Darlene Scott *to waive Bridge Mate rental fees retroactively from March 1, 2020 until bridge clubs are back in operation, such that the next quarterly invoice will be for only one (1) month instead of three (3).* **Carried**

### **CBF Proposal**

Darlene Scott volunteered to be the Unit representative on a Canadian Bridge Federation committee.

### **Modernize Masterpoint Race Certificate Distribution**

Debra Kestenberg reported that ACBL has moved to a self-service model for the delivery of Certificates, such that members can now download Certificates directly via their own portals. The new process would involve the Secretary notifying clubs of the winners and providing soft copies of Certificates upon request, so that they may be presented by Club directors/owners. The Kibitzer editor will continue to be informed of winners.

**Motion** by Darlene Scott, seconded by Elad Barak *to move to the self-service model for the delivery of masterpoint race certificates.* **Carried**

### **Data on Unit 166 Roles Update**

Andy Risman was asked to send a note to the Appointed Chairs of Committees to request they send an overview of their primary roles/responsibilities to Denise Donovan, who will then collate them for an update to the Red Book. Purpose: to have on file an outline of each role for future reference.

### **Unit Championship Allotments**

David Ellis is to notify the top 20 clubs that may each apply for one (1) Unit Championship sanction with the game to be held at the time of their choice. Should any decline, sanctions will be made available to clubs lower on the list, by ranking.

**Motion** by Andy Risman, seconded by Darlene Scott *to have the Unit reimburse, upon request, Unit 166 clubs for the amount paid to the ACBL for Unit Championship games.* **Carried**

### **Honorariums:**

**Motion** by Andy Risman, seconded by David Ellis *to award Paul Pointet an honorarium of \$2,500 for chairing the Toronto January Sectional/IN Regional.* **Carried**

**Motion** by David McCrady, seconded by Charles Bond *to award Darlene Scott an honorarium of \$2,000 for work completed as chairperson towards the cancelled Toronto Easter Regional.*

**Carried**

### **School & Youth Bridge**

Michael Yang reported on the on-line youth bridge tournaments.

**Motion** by Michael Yang, seconded by Mike Kammermayer *to reimburse Unit 166 youth 50% of the entry fee per player for the 2020 Canadian National Tournament Championship (CNTC).*

**Carried**

### **Kibitzer Update**

David McCrady reported that Andy Stark will continue publishing during the COVID-19 closures. Distribution by Pianola is no longer free however the fee is less than print edition distribution costs.

### **Awards Committee Update**

Andy Risman discussed the deferred presentations of the Audrey Grant and Kate Buckman Awards.

### **Next Meeting**

Saturday August 29, 2020 at 9:00am by video conference.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 3:15pm.