

Minutes of a meeting of the Members of the Ontario Unit 166, American Contract Bridge League held via video conference on Saturday January 9, 2021 at 11:30 am.

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 noted on record to the consent to hold the meeting.

2. Approve Minutes of Meeting held January 4, 2020

Motion by Darlene Scott, seconded by David Ellis *that the minutes of the January 4, 2020 annual meeting be approved. Carried*

3. 2020 Financial Statements

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

4. Motion by Andy Risman, seconded by Darlene Scott. ***BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Statement of Financial Position of the Corporation as at August 31, 2020 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 Andy Risman, seconded by Darlene Scott *that the election of Elad Barak, Charles Bond, David Ellis, and Sheila Xu to the Board of Directors be and is hereby confirmed. Carried*

6. Appointment of Auditor

Motion by Andy Risman, seconded by Charles Bond. ***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

As you know, this is my first year as president. My predecessor held the position over ten years. Carol was a great leader whose strengths were in properly delegating and keeping harmony among the board members. She was very keen in selecting new members not just on their ability to contribute to the board but also be a team member. On behalf of the board I want to thank Carol Bongard for all her great service.

This has been a year like no other. We started with five successful tournaments between the unit and our two associations.

But last year, our vice president had personal problems that resulted in suspension. Shortly after our president resigned and our two longest sitting board members decided not to return the board. The unit has thanked Sharon and Flo for all their great and loyal service during their terms.

We were fortunate to find four new board members to fill the vacancy and I look forward to their being major contributors once Covid is behind us. The last major problem was, of course, Covid. We spent the rest of the year cancelling tournaments and notifying all players of these cancellations.

I am very proud to say that the unit has been helping out during the pandemic. We financed the extra sanction fee for Silver Lining games and Gold Dust games at the clubs so our players wouldn't have to pay extra to play and get silver and gold points. We also supplied free space on our website to clubs to promote their virtual games and teachers to promote their lessons.

I want to send out a special thank you to:

- Martin Hunter for updating these changes for the free promotion
- Andy Stark for updating the kibitzer's presentation and find content to replace the lack of tournament activity in the early days.
- Debra Kestenberg who has the near impossible task of making me look competent. I can't perform my duties without her.

Here is hoping that next year we will start returning to brick and mortar clubs and tournaments once the vaccine has been distributed.

8. Confirmation of Proceedings

Motion by Douglas Jordan, seconded by Gary Westfall. ***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 a discussion on Board Director term limits.

10. Terminate Meeting

That the meeting be terminated at approximately 11:50a.m.

Chairman

Secretary