

MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting
ACBL Unit 573
February 6, 2021
Virtual

President Miller called the regular Unit Board of Directors meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. In attendance and constituting a quorum were:

Present: Barb Miller, Marian Hutchinson, Lorraine Garratt, Rick Grieman, Jan Carter, Rick Gaucher, Sandra Benson

Excused: Wayne Natrass

1. **MOTION** by Rick Grieman to approve the agenda. Seconded by Lorraine Garratt. Carried without dissent.
2. **MOTION** by Rick Grieman to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2020 meeting. Seconded by Marian Hutchinson. Carried without dissent.
3. **EMAIL MOTIONS** passed subsequent to August 17, 2020 meeting:
 - a) Moved by Miller and seconded by Grieman, in light of Fiona Bishop's resignation from the ACBL Unit 573 Board, that Jan Carter be appointed to the position of Vice-President on the ACBL Unit 573 Board for the unexpired term until the next Board election.
 - b) Moved by Gaucher and seconded by Carter that ACBL Unit 573 pay for the costs associated with the Regina Duplicate Bridge Club's one-month trial of RealBridge as this will be open to players throughout southern Saskatchewan.
 - c) Moved by Gaucher and seconded by Carter that ACBL Unit 573 share equally with the Regina Duplicate Bridge Club in paying the costs associated with offering RealBridge free of charge to players within southern Saskatchewan beyond the one-month RealBridge trial period until one of the following occurs:
 1. Bridge Base Online (BBO) adds sound and video functionality to its platform and is widely available at a reasonable cost to players.
 2. The Regina Duplicate Bridge Club resumes in-person bridge.
 3. A maximum of \$3,000 is reached (\$1,500 for each of ACBL Unit 573 and the Regina Duplicate Bridge Club).
 4. ACBL Unit 573 and the Regina Duplicate Bridge Club jointly agrees to cease this initiative.
4. **Treasurer's Report**
 - a) 2020 Financial Statements – Due to COVID, there were very few expenses as there were no tournaments in 2020. **MOTION** by Rick Gaucher to accept the financial report. Seconded by Jan Carter. Carried without dissent.
 - Claire Jones has agreed to examine the books. The financial statements following the examination will be put forth for approval at the AGM.

5. Future Sectional Tournaments

a) 2021 Sectionals

- Spring Sectional (April 22-25, 2021) – cancelled. Notification was received from ACBL indicating all tournaments to the end of April 2021 have been cancelled.
- 299er Sectional (June 12-13, 2021) – prudent to cancel in light of COVID.
MOTION by Marian Hutchinson that the 299er Sectional originally scheduled in June 2021 be cancelled. Seconded by Lorraine Garratt. Carried without dissent.
- Fall Sectional (October 21-24, 2021) – decision regarding the Fall Sectional will be made closer to the scheduled tournament start date with considerations regarding COVID. Jason Larrivee is willing to do partnerships. Some suggestions were made for a Chairperson so people will be approached to find a Chairperson for this tournament. There may need to be changes regarding sanitization and hospitality. In addition, it was noted that the Eastview Community Centre now has new chairs.

b) 2022 Sectionals

- April 28 – May 1, 2022
 - October 20 – 23, 2022
 - Decisions will be made at a later date regarding the 2022 tournaments.
- MOTION** by Jan Carter that the Unit hold a 299er Sectional on June 11 and 12 in 2022, provided the Regina Duplicate Bridge Club is available on those dates. Seconded by Rick Grieman. Carried without dissent.

c) 2023 Tournaments

- Spring Sectional – May 4 – 7, 2023 (at Eastview Community Centre if available)
 - Regional – October 16 – 22, 2023 (at Italian Club if available)
- MOTION** by Marian Hutchinson that a sectional tournament be held from May 4-7, 2023 and a regional tournament be held from October 16-22, 2023, provided that desired venues are available on those dates. Seconded by Jan Carter. Carried without dissent.

6. Annual General Meeting (AGM) – March 27, 2021

- a) Format: Suggestion was made that a virtual meeting be held similar to last year where information was provided to Unit members and Unit members were asked to indicate whether they approved of the motions brought forth.
MOTION by Rick Gaucher that the AGM be conducted virtually in 2021 similar to how the 2020 AGM was conducted. Seconded by Rick Grieman. Carried without dissent.
- b) Board Nominations: Jan Carter is willing to put forth her name for the President position. Wayne Natrass and Claire Jones are willing to put forth their names for the 2 Group A Members-at-Large positions. A Vice-President candidate is needed; a number of names were suggested and Barb will follow up to see if someone is interested.
- c) Mini-McKenney Medallions – Due to COVID, there was limited club and tournament play in 2020.
MOTION by Rick Gaucher that we do not purchase Mini-McKenney medallions for 2020. Seconded by Rick Grieman. Carried without dissent.
- d) Ace of Clubs – certificates will be provided for the winners. Ace of Club and Mini-McKenney winners will be listed in the AGM mailout material.
- e) Review of AGM materials
- Agenda provided is acceptable.

- Barb Miller will move the motions put forth at the 2021 AGM and Rick Grieman will second those motions.

7. Unit Storage

- A place is needed by the end of June for storage of the Unit's tournament materials.
- Approximately 60 square feet is needed.
- A variety of suggestions were made. Jan Carter and Lorraine Garratt will check on possible spaces and the Eastview Community Centre will also be checked.

8. Other ACBL Unit Positions Subsequent to 2021 Election

- Electronic Contact – Jan Carter
- Tournament Coordinator – to be determined
- I/N Coordinator – Marian Hutchinson

9. What Should the Unit be doing in light of COVID

- Feedback re: RealBridge:
 - Positive feedback has been received regarding RealBridge. People enjoy the social interaction that RealBridge allows.
 - Suggestion was made that there could be two sections on the Monday evening, with one being restricted to those individuals with fewer than 299 masterpoints. Barb Miller will discuss with Joyce Butler and the Regina Duplicate Bridge Club President. Jan Carter and Marian Hutchinson will organize a phoning tree to encourage 299ers to play in the RealBridge games and to assess potential interest in a separate 299er section.
 - Suggestion was made about possibly offering a second weekly RealBridge game. Charging players creates some issues and administrative effort with the collection of fees. Due to costs and potential concern of diluting the existing Monday evening game, a second open RealBridge game will not be added at the current time.
- ACBL Online Engagement Toolkit
 - Barb Miller will forward the information to the clubs within the Unit. No other action by the Unit is considered necessary at this time.
- Other
 - COVID could have an impact on future membership and tournament participation.
 - The Unit has extra money that could be used to provide assistance to the clubs within the Unit to help them cover fixed costs when they are closed or to help them with their reopening.
 - Barb Miller and Jan Carter will have a discussion with the Regina Duplicate Bridge Club President. Further discussion will take place at a future Unit Board meeting about possible assistance and a potential motion to be put forth at our upcoming AGM.

10. Next Meeting

Saturday, February 13, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. – virtual

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.