

MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting
ACBL Unit 573
August 17, 2020
Regina Duplicate Bridge Club (RDBC), Regina

President Miller called the regular Unit Board of Directors meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance and constituting a quorum were:

Present: Barb Miller, Fiona Bishop, Wayne Natrass, Jan Carter, Marian Hutchinson and Rick Gaucher

Absent (excused): Sandra Benson, Lorraine Garratt, and Rick Grieman

1. MOTION by Hutchinson to approve the agenda.

Seconded by Bishop and carried without dissent.

2. MOTION by Natrass to approve the minutes of the February 29, 2020 meeting.

Seconded by Hutchinson and carried without dissent.

3. EMAIL MOTIONS passed subsequent to February 29, 2020 meeting:

(a) Moved by Gaucher and seconded by Garratt that Unit #573 provide a travel subsidy to bridge players who live outside the Regina area and travel 70 km or more each way to attend the AGM. The subsidy will be shared by the drivers from each community. Total travel subsidy rates are as follows: 140 to 250 km \$50.00, over 250 km \$80.00. Bridge players who aren't ACBL members are invited to attend, but will not be eligible to vote at the AGM.

(b) Moved by Miller, seconded by Grieman, in light of the COVID-19 situation, that ACBL Unit 573 cancel the Regina Spring 2020 Sectional Tournament and conduct its 2020 Annual General Meeting by email rather than having a meeting which people would physically attend.

(c) Moved by Miller, seconded by Carter, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, that ACBL Unit 573 cancel the 299er Sectional Tournament which had been scheduled for June 13 and 14, 2020.

4. Treasurer's Report

Gaucher reviewed the Unit's current financial position.

5. Future Sectional Tournaments

(a) 2021 Sectionals

- Spring Sectional – April 22-25, 2021

- Whether the 2021 Spring Sectional will proceed will depend upon the COVID-19 situation closer to the scheduled start of the tournament.
- **MOTION** by Gaucher that the Friday night game at the 2021 Spring Sectional be an open pairs game. Seconded by Hutchinson and carried without dissent.

The sectional brochure will be updated to reflect the above motion. However, in light of COVID-19, sectional brochures will not be copied until closer to the tournament date.

- Sunday lunch and other hospitality: Bishop to arrange as deemed appropriate (may be impacted due to COVID-19).
- Carter will chair a phoning initiative for this tournament.
- Similar to recent sectional tournaments, a free play will be given to Unit members with fewer than 100 mps as at February 28, 2021.
- The impact of COVID-19 on our next sectional tournament was discussed. Consideration will be given to mandatory mask-wearing, provision of hand sanitizer and other measures to provide a safe environment; however, it is too soon to finalize details as it will be dependent upon the COVID-19 situation in 2021.

- 299er Sectional – (June 12-13, 2021)

- The draft brochure for this tournament was reviewed; no changes were deemed necessary. However, in light of COVID-19, tournament brochures will not be copied until closer to the tournament date.

- Fall Sectional – (October 21-24, 2021)

- It will be the responsibility of the new Board to find a chairperson for this tournament.

(b) 2022 Sectionals

- April 28-May 1 and October 20-23, 2022 – Miller has obtained sanctions for these tournaments.

6. Annual General Meeting

(a) 2020 AGM

- No one had heard any feedback about the 2020 “virtual AGM”; it was noted that in light of COVID-19, it was good we had proceeded with the AGM in this manner.
- **MOTION** by Carter to accept the draft minutes of the April 25, 2020 AGM and put them forth for approval at the 2021 AGM. Seconded by Bishop and carried without dissent.

(b) 2021 AGM

- Date of 2021 AGM will be March 27, 2021.
- The positions up for election in 2021 are as follows: President, Vice-President, and Group A Members-at-Large. Miller advised the Board that she does not plan to seek re-election. Natrass and Carter indicated they would be willing to put their names forth for re-election and Bishop will let Miller know before the end of 2020 whether she will be putting her name forth. Early in 2021, Miller will send out an email blast seeking people willing to put their names forth for the positions up for election in 2021.
- As there has been limited club and tournament play in 2020 due to COVID-19, the Unit may not award Mini-McKenney medallions for 2020; however, the final decision will be deferred until later this year to allow the Board to better assess the impact of COVID-19.
- Draft agenda for the 2021 AGM that had been circulated was reviewed and no changes were deemed necessary.
- Allocation of responsibilities is as follows:
 - Examination of financial statements: Gaucher to arrange
 - Game sanction, director and board duplication: Miller to arrange
 - Food/hospitality: Will be revisited closer to date as may be impacted by COVID-19
 - Publicity: Miller

7. What Should Unit 573 Do In Light of COVID-19?

- In order to help keep Unit members engaged, Miller will send out communication to Unit members in September outlining 2021 planned tournament dates.
- Miller will send email to Regina, Moose Jaw and Weyburn clubs asking them what the Unit can do to help them when they reopen after being shut due to COVID-19. Some possible actions, such as buying some personal protective equipment or paying for Unit members' first game back to their respective club, were discussed. However, a final decision will be deferred until we have a better idea when the Clubs will reopen and what would help the Clubs with their reopening,

8. ACBL Survey Results re: Member Recruitment, Retention and Integration

No action will be taken at this time. After the clubs within our Unit have reopened and we can assess the impact that COVID-19 has had, this will be revisited.

9. Update re: Canadian Bridge Task Force

The next conference call of the Canadian bridge task force will take place on August 24th.

10. Next Meeting – February 6, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned shortly after 9:00 p.m.