



May 11, 2021
Unit 255 Board of Directors Meeting
Virtual via Zoom

In Attendance: Heather Beckman, Steve Calcott, Wiebe Hoogland, Dena Jones, John MacKay, Kathy Morrison, Claude Tremblay; **Invited Guest:** Paul Cronin

- 1) Welcome and Call to Order (Wiebe)**
 - Wiebe called the meeting to order at 18:30
- 2) Review and Approval of Agenda (Wiebe)**
 - Moved by Wiebe, Seconded by Dena. Approved
- 3) Review and Approval of Minutes from January 12, 2021 (Dena)**
 - Minutes were approved by e-mail vote on January 18, 2021

3a) Actions arising - none
- 4) Treasurer's current Financial Statement, Attachment #1 (Kathy)**
 - Moved by Kathy, seconded by Dena. Approved.
 - It was discussed that Kathy will put another \$10K into a 1 year GIC. **Action: Kathy**
- 5) Review Budget for 2021 considering Covid 19 (Kathy)**
 - It was agreed that no changes are necessary to the previously approved budget.
- 6) Tournament Coordinator Report, Attachment #2 (Claude)**
 - District 2 has cancelled all tournaments due to ongoing Covid 19 restrictions.
 - In light of the cancellations for 2020 and 2021, the previously allocated Sectional Tournament for November, 2022, has now been changed to a Regional Tournament.
 - Please refer to Attachment #2 for the current list of allocated tournaments.
- 7) Website Update (Dena)**
 - No report
- 8) Membership update (Wiebe)**
 - There are currently 341 members in unit. This is down from approximately 400 members two years ago. The sentiment appears that many people play casual bridge on BBO, and don't have the desire to take out an ACBL membership.
 - It was agreed that we would not encourage people to join until face to face play is resumed.

8a) Guest membership: Wiebe informed us of ACBL's new guest membership. Details from the ACBL website are below.



8b) How to retain membership: Dena recently received via the Unit website a flyer for an online youth summer bridge camp. (Attachment 3). **Action: Dena** will post this on the two club websites. (Completed May 22, 2021)

9) Education update (Steve/Heather)

- Muriel Tremblay joined the meeting for this agenda item.
- Muriel has conducted several online workshops, and agreed that she will try to run more sessions. Several Board Members have participated and have found them very beneficial. It was agreed that the Unit will provide support where possible.
- It was briefly discussed whether or not the lessons can, or should be recorded. No decision taken, and no further action required.
- Heather will approach other instructors in our Unit to see if they are interested in teaching online.

Action: Heather

9a) Mentoring on BBO: Dena gave a brief description of her and her partner's mentoring sessions with Wiebe, which she and her partner are finding very valuable. Those who are interested in being mentors should contact Wiebe, and groups of four, who would like to be mentored, should contact Brian Jones (BCON Membership Chair)

10) Other Business (Wiebe)

10a) District 2 meeting: This is an annual meeting that is normally held at the Easter Regional Tournament in Toronto. The last two have been virtual, and it was decided that all future meetings will continue to be virtual. Wiebe commented that this will make it much easier for members to attend, as travel will not be required. Normally, the topics include the holding of tournaments, Zero Tolerance Policy, attracting new members, and education. However, in light of the ongoing Covid 19 situation, the main discussion was how far ahead should face to face tournaments be cancelled. Additionally, there were some by law adjustments. Details can be found in the meeting minutes on the District 2 website.

10b) Board of Governor meeting: Flo Belford is the new District Director of the ACBL. There are 3-5 meetings/year, and all future meetings will be virtual. Wiebe gave a summary of the role of the Board of Governors, which can be found on the ACBL website.

10c) Certificates for Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Unit Races: Wiebe has hard copies of the certificates. Kathy printed the certificates for the Mini-McKinney Unit Races. All certificates will be presented once we are able to have an in person celebration.

10d) Storage tournament supplies: The tournament supplies continue to be stored in a private facility. At our next face to face tournament, the supplies will be picked up from their current location, but will be returned to a rented storage unit (yet to be secured.) From that point forward, the tournament chair will be

responsible for pick up and delivery from/to the rented unit. The Unit will carry out periodic audits of the supplies and replenish where necessary.

10e) Financial Support for Unit 255 members competing in North American Championship events (NAP, GNT): Discussion on whether we should provide financial support to members to attend North American Championship events (North American Pairs & Grand National Teams). It was agreed that the Unit will be receptive to any requests for financial support to NAP or GNT. To date, the Unit has not had any members qualify for either of these events.

10f) Encourage online bridge play (Feb 7, 2021 e-mail from ACBL sent to Unit Presidents): The email below was sent to the Unit President, and was further distributed to the BOD. No discussion ensued.

From: American Contract Bridge League <emailservices@acbl.org>
Subject: You Can Encourage Online Bridge Play
Date: January 28, 2021 at 4:59:36 PM EST
To: <muriel@cmtmc.ca>
Reply-To: American Contract Bridge League <emailservices@acbl.org>

New!
Online
Engagement
Toolkit



Dear District and Unit Presidents,

Don't forget about the new Unit/District Online Engagement Toolkit, available now!

After looking through the strategies and suggestions for bringing your bridge players online, reach out to us at listlabel@acbl.org for a list of players in your unit or district who have not yet played in a sanctioned online game.

Only about half of ACBL members have played in a Virtual Club or in an online tournament. Together, we can grow that number and help more players feel comfortable and confident in playing online. Personal outreach will be key.

[Click here to access the digital engagement guide.](#)

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10g) Unit wide BBO games with other Units: Wiebe had a request from another unit to combine and run a joint unit game. (Some other units have already done this.) Currently, only those registered with BCON can play in our games, whereas a combined game would allow anyone registered in the participating units to play in that particular game. Claude said it would be a lot of work as several directors would be required however, he would be willing to organize it if the Unit decided to go ahead. It was decided at this time it was not practical, but we may consider a combined unit game in the future.

10g) Zoom meeting of members following online game: The Zoom account is technically in Dena's name and has her personal information, including credit card, in the account profile. Dena paid for the account, and was reimbursed by the Unit. Dena has received a few requests by members to use the Unit's Zoom account for mentoring and other bridge related matters. The Zoom account is available to run meetings for the Unit, BCON and NOTL. Currently, Muriel Tremblay is the only other person who has the Zoom login information, which she uses to run her classes, and BCON Board meetings. Should other instructors become certified, access to the Unit's Zoom account will be reviewed. The Zoom account is not available for general use by our members.

11) **Next Meeting** - One week after the isolation restrictions are lifted, expected to be in November 2021

Meeting Adjourned 20:15

Approval of Minutes:

Dena moved to approve the minutes by email vote, seconded by Claude
Minutes approved by email vote on: June 1st, 2021

Unit 255-- 2021

2021-01-01 through 2021-05-06

| | Jan | Feb | March | Apr | Total |
|----------------------|----------|---------|-------|------|---------------|
| Income | | | | | |
| ACBL Membership | 516.70 | | | | 516.70 |
| Other Income | | | | | |
| Interest Income | 4.25 | 3.84 | 4.25 | 4.12 | 16.46 |
| Total Other Income | 4.25 | 3.84 | 4.25 | 4.12 | 16.46 |
| Total Income | 520.95 | 3.84 | 4.25 | 4.12 | 533.16 |
| Expenses | | | | | |
| Administration | -28.70 | | | | -28.70 |
| Bank Service Fees | 2.40 | 2.40 | 0.90 | 0.90 | 6.60 |
| Kibitzer | | 140.71 | | | 140.71 |
| Total Expenses | -26.30 | 143.11 | 0.90 | 0.90 | 118.61 |
| Income less Expenses | 547.25 | -139.27 | 3.35 | 3.22 | 414.55 |
| Net Worth | | | | | |
| Savings | 10023.49 | | | | |
| Chequeing | 8002.07 | | | | |
| GIC | 10000.00 | | | | |
| Total | 28025.56 | | | | |

Attachment #2

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For New Players (Grades 4-12)

Introduction to Bridge (Hands-on introduction)

July 19th - July 23rd

Boot Camp Week 1 (Intense Play of the Hand training)

July 26th - July 30th

Boot Camp Week 2 (Intense Bidding and Defense training)

Aug. 2nd - Aug. 6th

For Experienced Players (Grades 4-12)

Intermediate Workshop **Aug. 2nd - Aug. 6th**

Advanced Workshop **Aug. 2nd - Aug. 6th**

Hours: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm and 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm EDT

Fee: \$100/5-day session. *Financial aid available*

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To register email

camp@b4youth.org or michiganyouthbridge@yahoo.com



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