

PARKSVILLE UNIT 429 BOARD MEETING

Held at Courtenay on October 24, 2009

Present: Jack Bradshaw, Jim Dixon, John Godfrey, Dauna Gustavson, Jane Hunter, Vince King, Jim McEvoy, Allan Parker, Dick Sangster, Barb Schultz, Angela Taylor, Vivian Thickett and Bill Wilson

Call to order: Vivian called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

1. **Approval of Agenda**

MOVED by Jim McEvoy and seconded by John Godfrey to approve the agenda.

2. **Minutes of previous meeting (held in Nanaimo on August 8, 2009):**

Jack Bradshaw asked that his name be withdrawn as a possible candidate for President [Item 3.a)].

MOVED by Jim McEvoy and seconded by Barb Schultz that the Minutes be adopted as amended. **CARRIED**

3. **Committee Reports:**

- a) **President:** Viv reported that because of an exorbitant increase in the rental for the Brooks Senior Secondary School, she had found it necessary to book a new venue for the Powell River Sectional Tournament. The Powell River Sectional Tournament will be held January 15 – 17, 2010 at the Italian Hall at 5866 Lund Street. She has arranged for catering at \$10.00 per person for the Sunday lunch.
- b) **Vice President:** No report.
- c) **Treasurer:** Barb Schultz presented her report and advised that the Nanaimo Sectional Tournament showed a profit of \$944, which helped to reduce the deficit experienced by all our other tournaments this year. The increase in the Canadian dollar has also had a favourable impact on our expenses.
MOVED by Barb and seconded by Jim McEvoy to accept the report. **CARRIED.**
- d) **Secretary:** Dauna reported that as this was her final meeting as secretary she had organized the existing Minutes of Board Meetings and delivered them to the President.
- e) **Education:** No report.
- f) **District 19:** Angela advised that District 19 is purchasing a machine to duplicate bridge hands directly into boards for tournament use. District 19 will no longer present Units with pencils to advertise the various Regional Tournaments.
- g) **FYI:** No report.
- h) **Supplies:** Allan Parker reported that our supplies are in good shape.

4. **Club Reports:**

- a) **Campbell River:** John Godfrey reported the club is doing well and the table count is slowly increasing. He is also teaching a small class during regular games in the hope that the students will join the regular game at the completion of the course.

- b) **Courtenay:** Jack Bradshaw reported the Courtenay club is holding 20 minute lessons prior to game time and this is proving popular.
- c) **Duncan:** Vince King reported that he is also giving lessons and that his club is doing well.
- d) **Fairwinds:** Dauna Gustavson reported that the table count is up slightly since the summer. She also reported that Ed Zydyk is taking over ownership and management of the Nanoose Bay Club effective November 1, 2009.
- e) **Gabriola:** No representative present.
- f) **Nanaimo:** Angela Taylor reported that the Nanaimo Club is doing fine and that a number of people are giving lessons.
- g) **Parksville Qualicum:** Bill Wilson reported that their attendance is down a bit. He advised that the Strat “C” players were becoming discouraged because of a disproportionate number of Strat “A” players at that club.
- h) **Parksville Unit Club:** Jane Hunter reported that their table count is steady with good attendance for a team game.
- i) **Powell River:** Viv Thickett reported their table count has been down.
- j) **The Beach Club:** Jim Dixon reported that their number of Strat “C” players is down and they are holding a Rookie/Master game in November to try to address this problem.

5. Unfinished Business:

- a) **Unit Club:** Jim McEvoy advised that rather than Unit 429 having a “Unit Club” it can hold twenty-two “Unit Games” each year to be rotated among the clubs in the Unit. Points won at these games are rated between a Sectional and Club game. The ACBL fees are higher than for a regular club game. Our Unit Club is owned by Unit 429 and hence the executive of the Unit Club is the executive Unit 429. Mac Campbell has been the manager of the Unit Club for many years. Jane Hunter advised that the members of the Unit Club are willing to operate as a member’s club but they wish to remain a separate club rather than joining The Beach Club.
MOVED by Bill Wilson and seconded by John Godfrey that Unit 429 transfer ownership of the Unit Club to the members of that club together with all assets, liabilities, obligations and rights effective December 31, 2009 and ratify the necessary change in the Constitution of Unit 429 at the Annual General Meeting in January, 2010.
CARRIED.
- b) **Procedures Manual Update:** Jack Bradshaw distributed copies of the manual to the Board members. Since time was short, it was decided to table the review of the Manual. Viv suggested that the Board members review the Manual prior to the next meeting.
- c) **Sunday lunches at Sectional Tournaments:** Viv asked if any Board members had determined what players thought about the advisability of subsidized lunches at the Sunday team games. After some discussion, it was agreed that some tournament locations make it necessary to provide on-site lunches. The Unit provides a hospitality budget of \$4.00 times the number of tables for the previous year.

MOVED by Jack Bradshaw and seconded by Jim McEvoy that the Tournament Chairpersons be advised that they must keep within the Hospitality Budget. **CARRIED**

- d) **Nominations for Unit 429 Secretary for term commencing January, 2010:** The Unit Board will require a new secretary in 2010 and anyone interested in filling the position should contact Viv Thickett.
- e) **Purchase of extra sets of boards:** Allan Parker advised that he was willing to sell a set of boards and cards to the Unit Board as a backup if needed for team games.
MOVED by Angela Taylor and seconded by Barb Schultz that the Unit purchase Allan's boards and cards. **CARRIED**
- f) **Unit 429 domain name renewal:** Linda Marinus attended at the meeting to advise the Board that the contract for our Unit 429.com domain name is due for renewal. She has found that we can change to a different provider for \$10.00 USD per year rather than \$175.00 USD for five years. She would like to simply submit the receipt to the treasurer each year for re-imbusement. The Board agreed that this was acceptable.

6. **Correspondence:** None

7. **New Business:**

- a) **Powell River Sectional Tournament Venue:** See President's report above.

8. **Adjournment:** Jim McEvoy moved that the meeting be adjourned at 11:40 a.m.