

PARKSVILLE UNIT 429 BOARD MEETING

Held at Nanaimo on August 8, 2009

Present: Viv Thickett, Barb Schultz, Jim McEvoy, Dick Sangster, Vince King, John Godfrey, Dave Mosher (for Jack Bradshaw), Nancy Raven, Donald Mamula, Bill Wilson and Dauna Gustavson.

Late arrivals: Angela Taylor Ferguson and Franco Scarfone.

Call to order: Viv called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

Jim requested that the Unit Club be added as an Agenda item.

MOVED by Barb and seconded by Jim to approve the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

2. Minutes of previous meeting (held in Duncan on February 28, 2009):

MOVED by Jim and seconded by Vince that the Minutes be adopted.

CARRIED

3. Business arising from the Minutes:

a) **Potential candidates for President:** Viv reported that Jack Bradshaw has agreed to run for President in January 2010.

4. Committee Reports:

a) **President:** Viv noted that all of our Sectional Tournaments this year have lost money. We are also now required to pay an ACBL "surcharge fee of \$165.00" per Sectional Tournament.

b) **Vice President:** None.

c) **Treasurer:** Barb presented her report showing a total equity of \$11,391.26 and a 2009 loss to date of \$3,105.97 (including \$1,880 rent prepaid for the Nanaimo Sectional). Barb also confirmed that all Sectionals in 2009 had lost money and expressed concern that since tournaments are our major source of income, we need to address the situation.

MOVED by John and seconded by Jim to accept the report.

CARRIED

d) **Secretary:** None.

e) **Education:** None.

f) **District 19:** Don reported that District 19 has elected to cancel the Nanaimo Regional Tournament which was scheduled to be held in the fall of 2010. The 2008 Regional in Nanaimo lost approximately \$25,000 and District 19 lost a total of \$50,000 (U.S.) for the fiscal year 2008. Don also reported that the ACBL has authorized the averaging of a pairs' masterpoints for stratified games but not for stratiflighted games. District 19 has elected to commence this practice at 2010 Regional Tournaments. Angela reported that District 19 will no longer provide advertising pencils to the Units. She also advised that the District Board is considering changing the Regional starting times to 10:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. with the 8:00 p.m. reserved for games that are presently held in the morning.

g) **FYI:** None.

h) **Supplies:** None.

5. Club Reports:

- a) **Campbell River:** John reported an increase in table count.
- b) **Courtenay:** David reported their table count is down.
- c) **Duncan:** Vince reported that Duncan has some new members.
- d) **Fairwinds:** Dauna reported that all is well.
- e) **Gabriola:** No report.
- f) **Nanaimo:** Nancy reported that Wayne Borman has completed his Director training and that all is well.
- g) **Parksville Qualicum:** Bill reported their table count is down.
- h) **Parksville Unit Club:** Jane Hunter who was unable to attend the meeting advised Dauna that all is well.
- i) **Powell River:** Viv reported that all is well.
- j) **The Beach Club:** No report.

6. Unfinished Business:

- a) **Procedures Manual Update:** As there were many items on the agenda, Viv advised that we would table the Procedures Manual update until the next meeting. Dave will ask Jack Bradshaw to have copies of the existing manual available for the next meeting.
- b) **Need to consult with Matt Smith regarding Tournament Guideline amendments affecting conduct of games.** Matt Smith advised Dauna that our current Tournament Guideline (Item 27[1]) dealing with Novice Games is flawed in that a Novice Section of 0 – 99 masterpoints on a Saturday afternoon session is not compatible with the combined Saturday afternoon and evening pairs game format. He also advised that he is available for consultation regarding matters affecting the conduct of the games.
MOVED by Bill and seconded by Angela to rescind Item 27 (1) of the Guidelines for Sectional Tournament Chairs. **CARRIED**
- c) **New Item 27 (1) of Sectional Tournament Guidelines regarding Novice Games.**
MOVED by Bill and seconded by Angela that Item 27 (1) of the Guidelines for Sectional Tournament Chairs shall now read as follows:
“Tournament Chairs are encouraged to hold a single session novice game for players with 0 – 20 masterpoints (hereinafter referred to as “Novice Players”) to be held during the tournament at a time of the Chair’s choosing. Novice Players shall not be required to pay an entry fee for such novice game. The director shall determine Novice Player eligibility. Trophies may be given to the winners. The Unit will pay up to \$50.00 (fifty dollars) for such trophies upon presentation of invoice.” **CARRIED**

7. Correspondence:

- a) Viv advised that she had received a letter of resignation from Dauna to be effective November 15, 2009.

8. New Business:

- a) **Election of ACBL representative from District 19.** Viv advised that rather than having ballots available at our meeting for the election of the District 19’s ACBL representative, the ballots will be mailed to all the members of our Unit 429 board of directors by the ACBL. Completed ballots must be received by ACBL headquarters by October 15, 2009.

- b) **Extra Boards required for Team Games at Sectional Tournaments.**
Dauna advised that Matt Smith had suggested that the Unit Board purchase another set of boards to ensure that we have sufficient sets for the Sunday team games. Angela and David noted that they each have a set of boards that might be available for sale. The point was made that coloured plastic boards are better suited to the team game format than metal boards.
MOVED by Bill and seconded by Jim that the Unit purchase two sets of boards, either new or used. **CARRIED**
- c) **Current loss of income from Sectional Tournaments.** While considering the drop in income from our Sectional Tournaments, the Board discussed the fees we charge at our Sectionals relative to other tournaments. It was generally agreed that our Sectional Tournament fees are the lowest of any tournament fees in this area. Barb pointed out that our net Tournament earnings are also affected by the exchange rate.
MOVED by John and seconded by Angela to set our fees at \$8.00 per person/session commencing January 1, 2010. **CARRIED**
- d) **Letter from Shirley Johnston regarding Sunday lunch at Sectional Tournaments.** Viv read a letter from Shirley Johnston (who was in charge of food services at the Qualicum Beach Sectional Tournament) suggesting that we eliminate Sunday lunches between sessions because of rising catering charges. Our discussion indicated that some tournament venues do not lend themselves to players bringing or buying their own lunches and a longer lunch break is necessary when players have to leave the playing venue to obtain food, thus resulting in a later finish time, making it difficult or impossible for ferry users to catch their ferries. Some units require players to reserve and pay for lunch in advance. It was decided that Unit Board members would seek input from the clubs and Tournament Chairs and that the matter would be tabled for further discussion after consideration of the input obtained.
- e) **Goodwill Member of the Year Nominations.** Tabled.
- f) **Nominations for Unit 429 President and Secretary for terms commencing January 2010.** Nominations and elections will be held after the AGM at the Powell River Sectional Tournament in 2010 to fill the vacant positions of President and Secretary.
- g) **Unit Club.** Jim advised that other Units do not have a single club designated as a "Unit Club", but rather the individual clubs within their Unit hold Unit Games with enhanced points given to winners. During discussion it was suggested that our "Unit Club" could apply for its own sanction and function in the same manner as all other clubs in the Unit, which would make it possible for all the Unit clubs to enjoy the benefit of holding Unit Games. Bill volunteered to obtain feedback from the Unit Club and report back at our next meeting.

9. Adjournment: Viv Thickett adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Minutes taken and prepared by Dauna Gustavson