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**ACBL Unit 246**

Board Meeting Minutes  
5th Regular Scheduled Board Meeting of 2009  
November 7, 2009

**Opening:**

The regular meeting of the Unit 246 Board was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on November 7, 2009, the meeting being held at the Lviv Oshawa sectional playing site immediately following the Annual General Meeting of the Members.

**Present:**

Board Members Present: David Hamer, David Cohen, Rob Hanly, Helen Johnston, Rea Rennox, Ian Coats, Bing Wong, Linda Lord, Tom Kinnear, Nick Wong. Graham Warren

Absent: Don Lough

Guest: Paul Janicki

With Don's absence, the meeting was called to order with Rob Hanly chairing the meeting.

**A. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was reviewed and unanimously approved as distributed.

**B. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting of October 3, 2009 were unanimously approved as distributed.

**C. Treasurer's Report**

Nick Wong presented the cash position and budget to November 5, 2009. The Innisfil regional final reconciliation is still not completed. The cash position shows a balance of \$65,828.12 which includes the deposit from the Innisfil regional but does not include all the expenses of the regional.

Nick raised the problem of ensuring proper receipts for all tournaments be supplied as per the letter that he had received from the auditor. The auditor was assured that the tournament chairs have been advised to provide all receipts for expenses.

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#### **D. Membership Chair Report**

Dave Hamer presented that the current membership is at 1,263 members.

#### **E. Tournament Chair Report**

Graham raised the concern with District 2's newest communication that would require booking all sectionals "2 year's in advance" from the current policy of '1'(one) year in advance. He will prepare the current sectionals for sanction at their current dates.

He will also look at getting the 7 days after Labour Day as a standard date for the Unit's regional.

#### **F. Education Chair Report**

Rea advised that a letter was sent out to all clubs with respect to teachers interested in teaching youth bridge. There was only one response.

Discussion was held on a TAP programme being held in our Unit with a subsidy from the Unit to cover the cost of the programme. Deferred to the next meeting.

#### **Other Business:**

- 1) Honorariums for the Treasurer, Secretary, Membership Coordinator and Webmaster in the amount of \$500. Motioned by Bing and seconded by Linda to approve the annual honorariums. Unanimously carried.
- 2) Election of Executive for next year.. Motioned by Bing and seconded by Dave, that the Executive for the next year be: Don Lough, President; Rob Hanly, Vice President; Nick Wong, Treasurer; Helen Johnston, Secretary; David Cohen, Webmaster; David Hamer, Membership Chair. Unanimously carried.
- 3) Auditor's fees increase. Deferred to next meeting.
- 4) Honorariums for tournament chairpersons. Linda Lord will investigate with other Units the going rate for the honorariums for the tournament chairpersons and for positions filled on the board.
- 5) Motioned by David Cohen and seconded by Helen to award \$750 to Arno Hobart as a representative for Canada on the Senior Team's held in Brazil. Unanimously approved.
- 6) Policy of grants to members for winning a seat in a National or International event. Paul Janicki suggested that we explore adding a criteria of "what has the person done for the Unit" into the policy. Deferred to next meeting.

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- 7) Collingwood Sectional. It was agreed that John Lightfoot's hotel expense when necessary to run the Collingwood sectional, will be reimbursed to him.
- 8) 2009 Regional. Tom Kinnear reported that the expected excess of revenue over expenses for the Regional will be somewhere around \$18,300. The figures were just being finalized and he should have the report into the Treasurer shortly. The YMCA in Innisfil will not host another bridge tournament. Part of the reason for this was the scuffed floors and the length of time that the auditorium was booked.
- 9) 2011 NABC. David Cohen commented that he is involved in the Summer 2011 NABC and that anyone who would like to volunteer in helping to contact him.

### **Adjournment and Next Meeting:**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. by Rob Hanly.

The next meeting of the Board will be Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010 to be held in the Ajax Boardroom of the Hilton in Ajax from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.