

UNIT 430 MINUTES 2008 Annual General Meeting

May 17th 2008, at the Queensborough Recreation Centre

-CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4.40 pm by unit president Peter Morse with a quorum of 25 unit members present. Minutes from the 2007 Annual General Meeting and Annual financial statements were distributed for review. Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Dave Schmidt and seconded by Jennifer Ballantyne and accepted unanimously.

-PRESIDENTS REPORT

Peter presented the presidents report.

While ACBL Membership is up participation in Sectional tournaments is down.

Participation in the future stars tournament was up 44% from previously.

There were good turnouts for the special events with five teams qualifying for next weeks Canadian bridge Championships in Montreal.

The unit will be providing more than \$5,000 in travel subsidies to Unit 430 players who have qualified for ACBL and CBF National Finals. This is financed from various sources including the sale of entertainment books, 50/50 tickets, IMP League profits, Unit and Zone finals and a contribution from Unit general revenues.

Attendance at the Unit games is up by one table per game and The Unit Party was well attended with 32 tables.

There has been considerable expansion of the Matchpointer online(www.matchpointer.com) where virtually anything to do with Unit 430 can be found. Peter thanked Bruce McIntyre for all his hardwork in keeping it up to date. MUG results IMP League results and schedules and information on local clubs and tournaments, Unit Board minutes and the subsidy policy can be found there among other things.

Bruce also ceased to be a board member this year as a result of his appointment as an ACBL Tournament Director but will continue as IMP League Commissioner, Unit Electronic contact and Monthly Unit Game Director. Peter congratulated Bruce on his new appointment and thanked him for his decades of service as a board member.

He also thanked retiring board members Joan Richards, Howard Shimokura and David Hooley. Thanks were also made to continuing board members Gail Heuchert, Jennifer Ballantyne, Angela Fenton, Monica Angus, Janis Parker, Ken Ramsay and Bob Walters. Non board members who help the unit June Pocock- Recorder, Vicki Moffatt- Financial Auditor, Audrey Loy- Catering Coordinater together with her helper Dan Watson, Ben Takemori and Michelle Wood –Print matchpointer ,Patti Adams new CD &E Chair and Brian Russell and the other directors were also thanked.

Gilbert Lambert gave thanks to Peter for his hard work.

-FINANCIAL

A financial report was delivered by Treasurer Joan Richards. She stated that our income was not down this year owing to the strong Canadian Dollar. Expenses are paid in US Dollars. Our assets and expenses have remained the same

- DINO REPORT

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David Schmidt presented a Dino report.

There was a loss of \$45000 for the year.

The Surrey tournament was down \$15000 due to poor attendance and tournaments all over the district have been down since the fall.

Rates may have to be raised although they should be the same for US and Canadian tournaments.

The District Charity week has been discontinued

\$5600 has been paid out to GNT winners. The flight C team is from Vancouver.

The District has \$85000 to \$90000 in the bank.

-CBF REPORT

Peter presented the CBF report.

The Junior program is going well under Nader Hanna.

Peter has talked to some unit members to get ideas on a review of the structure of international team selection.

Less than 50% of ACBL members are members of the CBF. The fees go to support trips to international competitions.

-ELECTION OF UNIT BOARD MEMBERS

Monica Angus and Peter Morse are standing for reelection and Alan Karro, Vicki Moffatt, John Demeulermeister and Rita Dodge have been nominated. All were elected and join Angela Fenton, Janis Parker, Ken Ramsay, Bob Walters, Gail Heuchert and Jennifer Ballantyne on the board.

Aase Haines submitted a motion to thank Peter and Joan for all their hard work. This was seconded by Monica

The meeting was adjourned at 5.05 pm

Minutes submitted by Angela Fenton.

