

# **DRAFT MINUTES**

## **UNIT 430 BOARD MEETING April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 At VANCOUVER BRIDGE CENTRE**

Present: Howard, Jenny, David, Gail, Monica, Peter and Bruce  
Regrets: Bob, Ken, Angela, Janis, and Joan

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. It was noted that there was not seven Board members present (Bruce is no longer a UB member), therefore no quorum, which means that motions endorsed at this meeting will need to be ratified at the next UB meeting. Bearing this in mind, the Minutes, previously circulated in final draft form by Angela Fenton, were accepted without change.

### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

#### **-TOURNAMENTS**

For the Future Stars Sectional, almost everything is in place, except for a speaker before the Saturday evening game. Peter agreed to do this.

For the Victoria Day Sectional, there apparently has been a fire which caused some damage to the Queensborough Community Centre, although it appears not enough damage for them to cancel our event. David agreed to check out the site, and notify other UB members of his findings. We will have some difficulty finding an alternate site (and notifying bridge players) if we need to move the tournament, so we may need to consider how best to accommodate the shortcomings.

Changes to the Generic Schedule were discussed. For the Trophy Sectional, we will schedule a 0 – 750 game on Saturday afternoon for those who do not wish to play in the unstratified Qualifying/Final Open Pairs. On the Saturday evening, the Consolation Game for those who do not qualify in the afternoon is already handled as a stratified game. For the Roundup Sectional (only three days long this year and likely in the future), it was agreed to have the KO event run Friday evening, Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon. Since there will be a Director required for Saturday morning, we will also offer a single session pair game then. These changes need to be ratified at the next Board meeting

Regarding Distribution of Tournament Flyers to Clubs, and a recommendation at the previous UB meeting that there be a regular Board assignment of Club Liaison Coordinator responsibilities, Monica suggested that this fit well with the STAC Coordinator position (which has an uneven workload throughout the Board Year), as many of the same contacts are used. This was generally endorsed and should be reflected in next year's Board assignments. The Coordinator can then determine the best way to ensure that tournament flyers, special event announcements and other Board info gets to the club owners/directors efficiently, likely a combination of e-mail contact and flyer delivery by local (to the clubs) players.

A few items on the Tournament Planning Table were updated as some Sanctions have been obtained.

#### **-FINANCIAL**

Peter distributed the financial statements as of March 31, 2008. The list of cheques was reviewed and will be ratified at the next meeting when a quorum is present.

#### **-MEMBERSHIPS/EDUCATION**

Bruce provided a listing of all the files he receives from Memphis as the Unit's Electronic Contact. These include info on a monthly basis regarding membership renewals, transfers, new members, reinstatements, rank changes etc., quarterly info on masterpoint races and reimbursements, annual listings of active membership and active clubs and a quarterly listing of comparative stats showing Unit 430 and other Units and the ACBL as a whole. This information will be posted (when received) on a Section of the Unit 430 website which is limited to UB members only.

#### **-MONTHLY UNIT GAMES**

The March game attendance was 16 tables. Future games are on April 12 and May 3.

The May 3 game is also the Unit Party, and the following staffing assignments were made, some in absentia.

**Tickets** – Peter (Done), have been distributed to Gail, Monica, Steve B., Bruce (for VBC) and Gilbert

**Posters** - Angela will give or e-mail these to Clubs

**Shopping** – Jennifer, Janis and Angela for food and some door/draw prizes

**Free Plays** – Angela and/or Peter to obtain from Ken Lochang, Steve Beaton and Gilbert Lambert

**Prizes** – Wine, Chocolate, Free Plays etc.

**May 3 Set-up** – Gail, Angela, Janis and Jennifer

**May 3 Servers** – Howard, Bob

**May 3 Cooks** – Angela, Jennifer, Janis, Monica and Anita Morse

**May 3 Entries/sales** – Peter

**May 3 Music** – Bruce

**May 3 Prize distribution** - Peter

**May 3 Clean-up** – David, Joan, Ken, Bob and Gail

#### **-MATCHPOINTER**

Next issue is expected in mid-May, in advance of the May Sectional. We want to get flyers for the fall tournaments (not necessarily in final form) included in this Matchpointer.

#### **-SUPPLIES**

Peter and Ken are scheduled to go through the Boards and Bidding boxes prior to the May Sectional. We must restrict the usage of our good sets of Boards for other than UB sanctioned events. Peter will readdress this issue.

### **-SPECIAL EVENTS**

No events are currently active, since the GNT District finals were recently held in Everett. Unit 430 winners were Mike Wilson (in Flight A, with four Seattle players) and Long Xie, Joan Tang, Roy Li, Baixiang Liu, David Hu, and Jeffrey Ren (in Flight C).

### **-DINO/CBF NEWS**

There are meetings coming up of both the CBF Board (May 21-23) and the District 19 Board (June 9). Peter and Jennifer are looking for input and issues.

### **-IMP LEAGUE**

Playoffs are underway in Flight A, and will commence shortly in Flight B/X. All matches were completed on time in Flight A, with nine team in contention until the end for the six playoff berths.

### **-STAC**

Monica has sent out information to all clubs in District 19, and has had eight replies to date. She will follow up with the non-respondents.

Steve Bates (an experienced Director from Edmonton) has been named the Director for the D19 STAC, part of an overall ACBL plan to reduce the number of Directors who are handling STACs, for reasons of efficiency and specialization. Monica has been in touch with Steve.

### **-TROPHIES**

Peter will supply Jenny with the names of recent winners of the Jean Turnbull Trophy, so that she can attempt to track down where it is.

### **-ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**

All done until the Fall.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Bruce proposed that the Leo Steil Trophy henceforth be presented to the player over age 65 at the start of the year who accumulates the most masterpoints during the Unit's four Sectional tournaments. Previously the critical age was 55, and a number of players who were eligible did not want their (eligible) age disclosed. It was also proposed that players be able to ask to have their names excluded from consideration for this award. This will be discussed further at the next meeting when a quorum is present.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm