

**Minutes of the Unit 194 Board Meeting**  
**Saturday April 23, 2005**

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**Present:** Martin Pink, Bill Halliday, Karl Hicks, Suzanne Edwards, Kerry Hicks, Kathie Macnab, Edgar Blinn, Dan Landry, John Tolson, Jo Ann Lynds, Bram Schwartz

Martin Pink called the meeting to order at 10:35 and an agenda was set. It was agreed that in the future an agenda will be distributed to all board members electronically before the meeting.

There were no minutes from the previous board meeting (November 2004) as all business took place during the Annual General Meeting. The minutes from the AGM were distributed and read.

The first order of business was to review and revise the Unit 194 Compensation Schedule. The following changes were made:

Item #5 **Local Chairperson of Sectionals** to receive a \$100.00 stipend for incidental expenses from running the tournament. No other personal expenses will be reimbursed.

Under other Financial considerations, #1 Hospitality Guidelines is that expenses should not exceed \$300.00 per sectional event. More money can be spent if the attendance is over and above the budgeted amount.

#2 – Young player incentives (25 and under) ½ price entry fees for all Sectional and Regional Events.

#3 – Caddie Fees raised to \$25.00 per session. It is recommended that local chairmen use **good** and responsible caddies, and only use 2 caddies per session for Saturday open pairs and Sunday swiss teams. One good caddie can manage the Friday afternoon and evening games.

Bill Halliday will update and distribute a guideline for tournament chair with the above updates to each area representative to be passed along to their local chairperson.

Changes to above sectional compensation was **moved by** Dan Landry and seconded by Suzanne Edwards, carried.

A discussion of when the Unit 194 board should meet ensued with the following motion:

**Motion:** The Unit 194 board of directors will meet at the Halifax (November) and the Truro (April) sectionals. During the year of a Unit 194 Can-At the board of directors will also meet at the Bridgewater (May) Sectional tournament. In years when the Can-At is in Unit 230, the board will meet at the Valley (September) tournament. The president can also call a board meeting at another time and place on an as needed basis.

Moved by Kathie Macnab and seconded by Bram Schwartz, motion carried

The condition of the cards were discussed. Bill Halliday will order 18 dozen coloured cards for all the Unit boards. Karl Hicks will see that they are replaced at the South Shore Sectional tournament and Karl Hicks. New cards will be put in the boards every year.

Also it was noted that there were not enough variety (different colours) to the pickup slips for the current tournament. Bill Halliday will ensure the director has adequate supplies for upcoming sectionals.

Bill Halliday submitted the financial report and noted to the board members that our Unit once again receive the Unit trend bonus of \$353.25 US. Also noted was a \$ 4,000.00 deposit for the Can-At 2006 World Trade Centre with another prepayment \$ 2,000.00 is due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July. **Moved** by Bill Halliday, seconded by Kerry Hicks the financial report was carried.

### **Tournament Schedule**

Edgar Blinn passed out tournament schedules for 2006 and has asked each representative to confirm dates of the respective dates. It was noted that the tournament co-ordinator is in a better position to choose these dates as he is aware of other CBF/ACBL events that are happening. Each individual tournament chair can then confirm the assigned dates. Edgar was also asked to co-ordinate the tournament dates with not only Christian holidays but the Jewish holidays as well.

- Halifax Winter Sectional was discussed. Currently it coincides with Canada Bridge Week (February 11 – 18) and alternative dates must be chosen. Martin Pink and George Holland will look into this.
- The Don Cox Memorial tournament has been moved to April 28 – 30, 2006

### **Can-At Society**

A copy of the Can-At Society by-laws is to be distributed to each member of the Unit board so it can be reviewed before the next Unit meeting. It was also decided that the Unit will supply the Can-At with boards, cards, and paper products as it is expensive to receive these items from past out-of-area director and the cards were in very poor condition.

### **Other business**

Barbara Rees, a Halifax representative, has moved to New Brunswick and is unable to continue representing the area. A new representative will be appointed to the board. Nominations will be accepted by Jo Ann Lynds. Bill Halliday will write a letter to Barb Rees thanking her for her past work on the unit board.

### **Unit website:**

Bill Halliday presented to the board the concept of creating a Unit Web Site. He will construct the site and purchase the domain name (to be UNIT194.org) and keep the web site up to date. The initial cost will be \$100.00 for the domain name and a \$400.00 set up charges. The following years will be the cost of name renewal (~ \$100.00) and \$125.00 web master fees. This web site will contain schedules of the Sectional and Regional tournaments, links to unit 194 club web sites, minutes, financial information and any other pertinent Unit information.

**Motion:** It was moved by John Tolson and seconded by Jo Ann Lynds that Bill Halliday create, setup and maintain a Unit 194 website. The costs for the first year set up and name purchase is \$500.00 and \$125.00 webmaster fees. In following years the cost will be about \$225.00 ( \$100.00 for domain registration and \$125.00 for webmaster fees ).

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm. With the next meeting scheduled for Bridgewater Saturday May 28, 2005