

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Unit 194
in Halifax, Saturday November 10th, 2007**

Present: Boyd Wells, Bill Halliday, John Tolson, Doug Hamilton, Martin Pink, Kathie Macnab, Jo Ann Lynds, Bill Knoll Jr., Gerry Callaghan, Dan Landry, Marilyn Bennett, Medric Cousineau, Neil MacNeil, Lloyd Lombard, Art Donahue

Regrets at unable to attend: Hilary Hayden, Karl Hicks

Kathie Macnab called the meeting to order at 11:15

1) The minutes from the previous annual general meeting of 11-Nov-2006 were distributed and with no errors or omissions were moved for approval by Martin Pink and seconded by Neil MacNeil. Motion carried.

2) Financial Report

- Presented by Bill Halliday
Moved as being distributed by Medric Cousineau and seconded by John Tolson

3) New Business

- Bridge in School Program. Lloyd Lombard inquired about the possibilities of a Saturday Kid Program to introduce children to bridge.
- CANADA BRIDGE WEEK – A concern was tabled regarding the CBF allocation of dates for Canada Bridge Week. The dates appear to get changed every year and it is very disruptive to our own Zone tournament calendar. Our Zone 1 representative is to bring this concern to the CBF board and ask them to decide on a Bridge Week Event **Annual** date and leave it unchanged. **Moved** by M. Pink, **Seconded** by G. Callaghan **carried**.
- Marilyn Bennett raised a concern of acknowledging new players to tournaments:
Motion: M. Bennett moved that New Players to sectional tournaments should receive a gift or prize as a welcoming token from Unit 194. Seconded by B. Knoll Jr.
Motion carried.
- Medric Cousineau voiced a concern of non-ACBL members with experience who are registering in Flight 'C' events when they should be playing in a higher stratification.
Motion: Medric Cousineau moved that all New Players and Non-ACBL member be placed in Flight A for each event. Seconded by Marilyn Bennett

Discussion: It would seem unfair for an inexperienced player to be placed in a Stratification that would cause them to uncomfortable in a tournament setting. The directors can use their own discretion to determine which Strat these Non-ACBL members belong in. **Motion withdrawn.**

Motion: Doug Hamilton moved that the playing fees for the Midnight Knockout event be raised to \$3.00 from the current \$2.50 charge per player. Seconded by J. Lynds
Motion carried.

Tournament announcements:

- There will be a Yarmouth Sectional tournament in 2008. The scheduled date is March 28th to March 30th. Including of course the famous "Lobster Dinner"
- Newfoundland Labrador is planning a Sectional tournament in July 2008, details to follow.

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- 4) Appointment of Auditors: It was moved by B. Wells and seconded by J. Tolson that Gerry Callaghan carry out the duties of the Unit 194 Annual audit. **Motion Carried**
- 5) Gerry Callaghan and Doug Hamilton presented a status report as at 10-Nov-07 for the upcoming Can-At in 2008 with a budget proposing a net profit of \$ 5,800.00 based on 800 tables,
- 6) Election of Officers. The Unit Executive, who are appointed for 2 years remains as slated.

Changes to the Area Representatives were nominated from the floor as follows:

- HALIFAX REP changed from Susan Hubley (unable to attend meetings) to Medric Cousineau.
- CAPE BRETON REP changed from Bram Schwartz (deceased) to Elizabeth Legacy.
- EAST NFL REP changed from Randy Bennett to Marilyn Bennett

The Unit 194 Slate of officers and representatives are:

President	Kathie Macnab
1 st Vice President	Boyd Wells
2 nd Vice President	Doug Hamilton
Secretary/Treasurer	Bill Halliday
Past President	Martin Pink

Area Representatives:

ANNAPOLIS VALLEY REP	David Wandler
CAPE BRETON REP.....	Kerry Hicks
CAPE BRETON REP.....	Elizabeth Legacy
COLCHESTER REP.....	Jo Ann Lynds
ANTIGONISH REP.....	Bill Knoll Jr.
SOUTH SHORE REP.....	Hilary Hayden
HALIFAX REP	Dan Landry
HALIFAX REP	John Tolson
HALIFAX REP	Medric Cousineau
WEST NFLD REP.....	Joan Gilliam
EAST NFLD REP.....	Marilyn Bennett

- 7) B. Wells moved for adjournment of the annual meeting, M. Bennett seconded, **Motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Halliday, Unit 194 Secretary Treasurer