

Minutes of the Unit 194 Executive Board Meeting in New Glasgow, April 30th, 2011

Present: Doug Hamilton, Karl Hicks, Kerry Hicks, Dan Landry, Bill Halliday, Bilgin Batman, Terry Shaw, Bill Knoll, Lydia Prange, Boyd Wells, Jo Ann Lynds and Glendon Dominoe (for Rick Sheppard)

Regrets: Carol Weir.

Call to Order 11:00

The minutes from the last Executive and Annual General meetings in Halifax in November 2010 and the financial report as of 26-Apr-11 as well as the Audited statements of Gerry Callaghan as at 31-Oct-10 were circulated. The minutes of the last Executive Meeting were moved as being circulated by Bill Halliday seconded by Bilgin Batman. **Motion Carried.**

Business rising from the Minutes:

Doug Hamilton indicated he did not receive any financial reports from Halifax Bridge World or Mike Hartop regarding the NAP Flight A, B and C Finals held in the fall of 2010.

A discussion of the subsidies for NAP qualifiers resulted in the following clarifications:

- 1) Subsidies will only be given in years where the top pair in each flight in the Eastern half of District 1 (Units 194 and 230) receives the second place District 1 subsidy currently \$ 300.00.
- 2) The subsidy will only be given to the highest ranking players of unit 194 in all 3 flights, who attend the NAP Finals at the Spring NABC to represent District 1.
- 3) The amount of the Unit 194 subsidy will be \$ 400.00 per player which will augment the \$ 300.00 each player receives from the ACBL to ensure the top ranking players in each flight from Unit 194 receives a total of \$ 700.00 to represent District 1 at the NAP Finals at the Spring NABC.
- 4) Subsidies will start for those attending the NAP finals at the Spring NABC in 2013
- 5) Subsidies will be paid after players return from the NAP finals.

Kathie Macnab passed along the following message:

As she did not receive any indication of any teams from Unit 194 willing to attend the CBF finals in Regina Saskatchewan; she did not pursue the holding of a Unit 194 C.N.T.C final in Truro. However she did recommend that we look into holding this event in 2012 as the CBF finals will be held in Montreal.

Financial Report as of 26-Apr-11 was presented by Bill Halliday. Bill Halliday moved that the Financial statements of 26-Apr-11 were circulated, seconded by Terry Shaw. **Motion Carried.**

Bill Knoll expressed his opinion on the total assets (67,000) between Unit 194 and CanAt accounts as being too high. A suggestion was made that board members look into where some of this money could be spent to further Bridge in Unit 194.

Bill Halliday presented the audited statements of Gerry Callaghan as at 31-Oct-10.

The main note of consequence was that the Unit had a profit of \$ 5,390 before the one time expenditure of \$ 8,309 for the Bridgemates thus giving a final loss of \$ 2,919 for the year ending 31-Oct-2010. Bill Halliday moved that the Audited Financial statements of 31-Oct-10 were circulated, seconded by Bilgin Batman. **Motion Carried.**

New Business:

- 1) Dan Landry moved that the Halifax Winter Sectional held each year in February be renamed to the Joe Currie Memorial Sectional Tournament; and that the unit purchase each year two small trophies to be presented to the winners of flight C winners of the Saturday 2 session Strata-Flighted pairs. The motion was seconded by Jo Ann Lynds. **Motion Carried.**
- 2) Doug Hamilton noted that he had to contact Unit 151 who had invited Unit 194 clubs to a Unit 151 STaC during the May Bridgewater sectional.

Bill Knoll moved seconded by Boyd Wells that Doug Hamilton write a letter to Units of District 1, the ACBL, District 1 and Henry Cukoff indicating that any units of District 1 intending to invite Unit 194 clubs to a STaC must get approval from the Unit 194 board prior to inviting clubs of Unit 194 to attend. **Motion Carried.**
- 3) Lydia Prang raised the question of whether the unit has a “No Scents” policy for Sectionals and Regionals. It was suggested that this would be hard to enforce especially for non frequent players to our events. However the following actions were noted: a) Karl Hicks will put a notice in the Bridge Line. b) The unit will acquire standard “No Scents” signage to be displayed at Unit 184 sectionals and regionals. c) Have players who have a concern for a person’s scent notify a board member who can then discreetly voice the concern to the offending person.
- 4) Doug Hamilton brought up the following points on discrepancies in our Unit 194 Bylaws.
 - a) Section 10.2 of the Unit Bylaws explicitly indicates that we shall have 4 Executive meetings per year, when in fact we usually hold 3 meetings per year.

Jo Ann Lynds moved, seconded by Bill Knoll that Karl Hicks post a notice in the Bridge Line that we change section 10.2 to: The Executive shall hold not less than ~~four~~ three Executive meetings annually. **Motion Carried.**
 - b) A discussion ensued on section 9.7 dealing with item (1) which states the Nominating Committee must be appointed at least two months before the date of the Annual Meeting. The amount of time would suggest that the committee be formed at the Bridgewater meeting which is only 7 months after the elections.

Boyd Wells moved to amend section 9.2 to read: Each member of the Executive may hold office for ~~one~~ two years, or for a longer period if re-elected. Effective for the November 2012 Annual General Meeting.
- 5) Doug Hamilton brought up the fact that unit 194 has little or no representation at District 1 board meeting in Montreal during the Montreal regional in August every year. We are entitled to appoint 3 representatives beyond who ever is on the executive of the district board. Doug suggested that we consider subsidizing our representatives to say \$350.00 if they attend the meeting. It was suggested that this might be a waste of money as we will never be able to out vote the Montreal units. Possibility one representative might be more reasonable / affordable. No agreement or consensus was reached and the discussion was tabled for further review at the next board meeting in Bridgewater.
- 6) Bilgin Batman brought up an issue that Halifax Bridge World was holding a Special Charity Team game on Sunday the 29th May during their Bridgewater sectional. Dan Landry confirmed he will contact HBW to confirm the issue. Dan Landry later confirmed after the meeting that HBW will not be holding a special game during the Bridgewater Sectional.
- 7) Jo Ann Lynds moved for closure of current meeting with next meeting schedule for 11:00 am Saturday 28th May at the Bridgewater sectional.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Halliday, Unit 194 Secretary Treasurer