

**Minutes of the Unit 194 Board Meeting
Held Saturday, May 31, 2003 (Bridgewater)**

Present: Unit Board:

Jo Ann Lynds, Bruce Renner, Suzanne Edwards, Bill Halliday, Kathie Macnab, Karl Hicks, Edgar Blinn, Barb Rees, Dan Landry, Boyd Wells, Gerry Callaghan (financial audit)

Unit Accountant & Auditor: Gerry Callaghan, District Tournament Co-ordinator: Mike Hartop;

Spectator: Blair McMullin,

Absent – Hugh Shankel, George Holland, Judy Callaghan, Mary Moulton, Ron Legacy.

Old Business:

1. The Minutes of the Halifax, February meeting were approved as circulated by Boyd Wells, seconded by Suzanne Edwards.
2. Research concerning the conflict of a local club holding a STaC game which conflicts with a Unit sponsored Sectional Game indicates that there is an ACBL policy that states that a STaC cannot conflict with another Unit sponsored event
3. The Don Cox Memorial Sectional Tournament has been changed to APRIL 23 – 25.
4. The Halifax Fall Sectional is scheduled for November 14 - 16 and the Winter Sectional will be February 8 – 10, 2003. The Committee has tried to find a better playing site. Due to costs from various hotels the tournament will remain at Howard Johnson's, St. Margaret's Bay Road, Halifax.

Financial Report

5. Mr. Callaghan presented an overview of the Unit's audit. A discussion ensued concerning the repercussions of Unit Revenues and HST. Mr. Callaghan offered some solutions to the problem, which will need some further investigation. A committee of Martin Pink, Bill Halliday, Ted Withers and Gerry Callaghan was appointed to review the possibilities and present to the board their recommendations.

New Business

6. Boyd Well suggested a change in time for the Knockout Event to make it possible for all three rounds to completed at a reasonable hour on the first day of the Sectional. Changing the start time of the second round is NOT possible so the format will remain as is.
7. Martin Pink, chairman of the Yarmouth Sectional, was congratulated on the excellent job performed by him and his committee. Mr. Pink would like to hold another sectional tournament in 2004. The board agreed with his decision. The 2004 Sectional Tournament will be held the first weekend after March Break. It was noted that the bar has been raised for how a Sectional Tournament should be run.

Respectfully submitted

Bill Halliday

Next Meeting: Next Unit 194 board meeting will be the September 20, Coldbrook, NS