

## **Minutes of the Unit 194 Board held 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2003 in Halifax.**

**Present:** Martin Pink, Karl Hicks, Edgar Blinn, Bram Schwartz, Suzanne Edwards, Dan Landry, Bruce Renner, Hugh Shankel, George Holland, Barbara Rees, John Tolson and Bill Halliday.

**Absent:** Ted Withers, Kathie Macnab, Ron Legacy, Jo Ann Lynds, Boyd Wells and Mary Moulton.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Minutes from the last general meeting were distributed and with no errors or omissions were moved for approval by Bruce Renner, seconded by Hugh Shankel; motion carried.
2. Motion deferred from the September meeting of "In lieu of honorarium for the Tournament Chairman of free room nights and free entries that the Unit reward \$200.00 cash to Edgar Blinn at each tournament" was discussed. After Edgar Blinn indicated that the motion be withdrawn; Bram Schwartz moved that the motion be rescinded seconded by Dan Landry; motion carried. A discussion ensued that resulted in the passing of the following motion:

**Motion:** Create the position of a "Supplies Coordinator" ( currently Ron Duplisea ) with the following responsibilities:

- ◆ Responsible for the storage and delivery of tables to all Unit 194 sectionals and regional tournaments.
  - ◆ Responsible for the storage and cleaning of the unit 194's tablecloths.
  - ◆ Responsible for the storage and delivery of unit 194's bidding boxes, boards, pencils, convention cards and pickup slips to all unit 194 sectional and regional tournaments. Notifying the secretary treasurer when inventory is getting low with the aim of replenishing inventory once or twice a year.
  - ◆ For Sectionals responsible for the setting up of the tables and delivering of supplies at least 1 hour before the start of the first event of the tournament.
  - ◆ For Can-At Regional, responsible for the setting up of the tables and delivering of bidding boxes ( no other supplies required ) at least 2 hours before the start of the first event of the tournament.
  - ◆ All supplies to be segregated from Unit 240's supplies and if possible stored in N. S. in a heated area.
  - ◆ Remuneration for the above responsibilities will be \$ 250.00 + tolls ( currently \$ 7.00 ) plus free entries for all sectional and regional tournaments in Unit 194.
3. Further to the previous discussion where the current duties for Tournament Coordinator were discussed the following motion was passed:

**Motion:** Revise the position of Tournament Coordinator to a volunteer basis with the following responsibilities:

- ◆ Liaison with the ACBL and the District 1 Zone representative to pre-arrange dates for all sectional and regional tournaments as well as special unit events such as the STAC in Unit 194. To ensure sanctions are obtained for all events up to 2 years in advance as per the rules and regulations as dictated in the ACBL Handbook.

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- ◆ Liaison with the local tournament chairpersons to ensure there is agreement on the selected dates and places for that region's tournament. In rare exceptions, ie no hotel space available or the playing space becoming unusable on the prearranged dates; the local tournament chairperson will contact the coordinator to work out an alternative date. Note: this should be performed 2 months in advance of the original planned date if possible.
- ◆ Liaison with the Bridge Line Editor to ensure all dates and tournament locations are accurate for notifications to the general membership.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

4. George Holland presented the preliminary CanAt budget noting the following:
  - ◆ That session fees would remain the same at 15.00 per player per session.
  - ◆ The preliminary budget is currently showing a profit of \$ 2,000.00 assuming that there are 425 room nights booked over the tournament. With only 300 to 425 room nights the cost of the playing site will rise by \$ 5,000.00 to about \$ 10,000.00 + HST.
  - ◆ All costs show a 5% increase over 2 years ago and that there will be one extra playing day so that the tournament will end on 1<sup>st</sup> of July. This extra day is also factored into per diems etc.
  - ◆ Jacqueline Holland has accepted the position of Head Caddy for 2004 CanAt
5. Martin Pink presented to the board that there were 2 candidates for the position of the Canadian Bridge Federation Zone representative for November 2003 to November 2005. The candidates were Barbara Rees from Unit 194 and Michael Hartop from Unit 230. Resumes for both candidates were presented to the board and a secret ballot was performed. The ballots were given to Bill Halliday who will then send them onto Jan Anderson of the Canadian Bridge Federation. Barbara Rees indicated the 2 ballots from Kathie Macnab and Jo Ann Lynds were not allowed as per the rules and regulations and they had to torn up. After a review of the regulations this was done.
6. Martin Pink presented an application from Maritime Cards and Games for 3 star status. Mr. Pink indicated that he had thoroughly reviewed all the materials and that he was satisfied that all requirement for 3 star status had been met. Barbara Rees moved that Martin Pink sign the application on behalf of the board seconded by Hugh Shankel; motion carried.
7. Martin Pink presented a note from Mary Moulton on behalf of the Canadian Bridge Federation expressing the desire to give a special recognition to Kathie Macnab and Balon Buckley of Maritime Cards and Games in Halifax for their excellent and hard work on the hand analysis for the Erin Berry Rookie – Master game held in October 2003.

*Respectfully submitted*

*Bill Halliday*

**Next Meeting:** Will be Saturday at the Truro sectional in April 2004 at 11:00.