

**Minutes of the Unit 194 Board Meeting
Held Saturday May 28, 2005 in Bridgewater**

Present: Martin Pink, Bill Halliday, Karl Hicks, Kerry Hicks, Edgar Blinn, John Tolson, Bram Schwartz, Boyd Wells and Hilary Hayden.
Also attending: Lynn Tolson and Stuart Eastwood.

1. Martin Pink called the meeting to order at 11:00 and an agenda was reviewed.
2. Minutes from the April meeting in Truro were distributed and with no errors or omissions were moved for approval by Boyd Wells, seconded by Kerry Hicks; motion carried.
3. Martin Pink reviewed the bylaws and decided the current board could not appoint a Halifax representative to replace Barb Rees as it was stated in the bylaws that new appointments could only be made at the general meeting.

Motion: That a notice be published in the next issue of the Bridge Bulletin indicating that the bylaws be amended at the next annual meeting to allow the board to appoint a member to fill a vacated position. Moved by John Tolson seconded by Boyd Wells; motioned carried.

Motion: That a notice be published in the next issue of the Bridge Bulletin indicating that subsection 15.3 be added which allows another signing officer to be appointed from the same geographical region as the standing secretary treasurer. Moved by Boyd Wells seconded by Hilary Hayden; motion carried.

4. Martin Pink invited Stuart Eastwood and Lynn Tolson to remain at this meeting and suggested that any Halifax member could attend the next 2 meetings, albeit with no voting capability, to get a feel for the proceedings of board meetings.
5. Martin Pink noted the next meeting in Halifax was scheduled for 11-Nov, Remembrance Day. After a discussion it was agreed that this would be acceptable as long as the board hold a 2 minute silence in observance of Remembrance Day.
6. It was confirmed the increase to \$ 100.00 stipend for the local tournament organizers was effective for the last, Truro, sectional and the increase to \$ 25.00 per session Caddie Fees was effective as of the current Bridgewater tournament.
7. Bill Halliday noted that the Unit Web Site was up and running. The web address is: **WWW.Unit194.Org**

TOURNAMENT REPORT

8. Karl Hicks noted a potential problem with another district holding a STAC during the 1st week of Jan. 2006 which would be in conflict with our Unit 194 STAC. Edgar Blinn will look to ensure sanctions for this event are filed for the next few years. Edgar Blinn to coordinate with Mike Hartop to resolve this conflict in Jan. 2006.
9. Karl Hicks noted that with the World Federation Bridge Championships were being moved up next year and thus the Canadian Bridge Championships were also moved up so that the Canadian representatives could be decided. The end effect to the Unit is that the CNTC and CWTC Zone finals must be held this December in Truro. Boyd Wells will confirm the playing site availability when Karl Hicks gives him the dates.
10. Martin Pink noted the winter sectional was confirmed as the last weekend in Jan. 2006

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FINANCE REPORT

11. Gerry Callaghan presented the financial audit report for the year ending November 2004. The acceptance of the financial report was moved by Bill Halliday and seconded by Bram Schwartz, motion carried
12. Gerry Callaghan then discussed some plans for the upcoming 2006 Can-At indicating that the playing site would be the World Trade Center and that he was currently negotiating hotel space with the Prince George.
13. Motion: The unit will compensate any local club to the amount of \$35.00 per event for the use of their timer clock for all Unit 194 sanctioned events. Moved by Boyd Wells seconded by Hilary Hayden motion carried with one dissention (John Tolson who indicated it should only be for used for sectionals).
14. Boyd Wells moved seconded by Bill Halliday that the current meeting be adjourned with the next meeting scheduled for Coldbrook on 24th of September; motion carried.

**Bill Halliday,
Unit 194 Secretary Treasurer.**