

Minutes of the Unit 194 Executive Board Meeting in Coldbrook, September 24th, 2011

Present: Karl Hicks, John Tolson, Bill Halliday, Doug Hamilton, Bill Batman, Lydia Prange, Kerry Hicks, Carol Weir and Peter Rans (for Marilyn Bennett)

Regrets: Marilyn Bennett, Jo Ann Lynds and Boyd Wells.

Call to Order 11:00

The board welcomed Peter Rans representing Marilyn Bennett of the Avalon Peninsula of Newfoundland.

Minutes from the last Executive meeting in Bridgewater in May 2011 and the financial report as of 16-Sep-11 were circulated.

Motion: Bill Halliday moved that the minutes of the May 2011, Bridgewater Executive Meeting have been circulated and approved. Seconded by Bill Batman. Motion Carried.

Business rising from the Minutes:

Doug Hamilton reported that he was still researching a new computer but noted that he was having an issue as new computers running under Microsoft Windows 7 do not support the DOS version of ACBLScore which is needed to generate the tournament financial reports.

Doug Hamilton indicated he has received a number of emails from Mike Hartop and George Retek discussing the STaC issues.

Doug Hamilton also noted that has not received a Report (? but several emails ?) from Leo Weniger on the District 1 board meeting.

Karl Hicks reported that the Friday evening pairs game will be an "International Fund game" requiring Unit 194 to subsidize the \$ 1.00 per person fee to the CBF to allow players to receive masterpoints at 100% regionally rated silver points.

Note: For Coldbrook this subsidy amounted to \$ 118.00.

Financial Report as of 16-Sep-11 was presented by Bill Halliday.

Motion: Bill Halliday moved that the financial report as of 16-Sep-11 has been circulated and approved. Seconded by Carol Weir. Motion Carried.

New Business:

A nominating committee of Doug Hamilton, Boyd Wells and Dan Landry was appointed to seek out nominations for area representatives (to serve for 2 years) as well as the Secretary Officer position to serve the last year term of Bill Halliday's current 2 year term.

There was a discussion of STaCs and whether Unit 194 clubs should be allowed to participate. Currently there is a Unit 192 198 199 230 STaC scheduled for: Nov 7 to 13, 2011 which overlaps with Nov 11-13 Halifax sectional. This could limit players from travelling to Halifax for November sectional as they can collect silver points at their clubs.

Motion: John Tolson moved that the clubs in Unit 194 should be contacted indicating:
The executive of Unit 194 unanimously recommends that clubs of Unit 194 do not participate in any STaCs during the week of any scheduled Unit 194 Sectional or Regional tournaments. Seconded by Peter Rans. Motion Carried.

It was also noted that Unit 230 should be contacted to determine if there is still an agreement between Units 194 and 230 that neither Unit would allow clubs to hold any "Special games" during the period of a Sectional or Regional or other special events, such as NAP or CNTC Finals in the other Unit. If this is the case then Unit 230 should contact their clubs

Karl Hicks noted that he had recently published a verified list of all ACBL clubs in Units 194 and 230 in the May 2011 Maritime Bridge Line.

Karl Hicks noted that he will contact Richard Kenny to offer the use of Unit 194's Bridgmates for a cost of \$ 0.75 per table for the Charlottetown October sectional.

Peter Rans indicated that St. John's Newfoundland is interested in holding a sectional tournament in August of 2012. It was noted that this needs to be approved at the General meeting in November.

Note: Received email from Marilyn Bennett indicating that this would be on the 1st weekend of August 2012 (3rd to 5th).

Motion: Carol Weir moved that the St. John's tournament be added to the list of tournaments to be approved at the November General meeting. Seconded by Lydia Prange. Motion Carried.

There was a discussion of the use of the Bridge Studio's Time Clock which Unit 194 by agreement has been using for the last 5 years.

Motion: Bill Halliday moved that the Unit spend approximately \$ 500.00 US to buy their own time clock. Also Bill Halliday will contact Unit 230 to see if they wish to share the cost of this clock. Seconded by Bill Batman. Motion Carried.

Bill Halliday moved for closure of current meeting with the next meeting scheduled for 10:30 am Saturday 12th November at the Halifax Fall sectional.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Halliday, Unit 194 Secretary Treasurer