

**Agenda Planning Committee Minutes**  
District 2, ACBL  
April 3, 2015

MINUTES of a meeting of the Agenda Planning Committee of District 2 of the American Contract Bridge League held at the International Plaza Hotel, 655 Dixon Road, Toronto, Ontario on April 3, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Tom Ramsay 249 (chair)                      Linda Lord 246  
             Shirley Galler 181                                 Arlene Smith 212  
             David Halasi 166                                     Shirley O'Neil 238  
             Francis Gaudino 228

being members of the Committee.

Also Present: Gary Westfall, Auditor  
                 John Robertson 212  
                 Tracey Fuhr 228  
                 Flo Belford, Executive Assistant

The President, Tom Ramsay took the Chair and Flo Belford acted as Secretary of the meeting.

The Chairperson stated that in accordance with the by-laws of the Corporation, notice of the meeting had been e-mailed to all members of the Committee and a majority of the members of the Committee being present, he declared the meeting properly called and constituted for the transaction of business.

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

**Moved** by Shirley Galler, seconded by Linda Lord,  
***That the minutes of the meeting of the Agenda Planning Committee held on April 17, 2014 be accepted.***                      **Carried**

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- Jed Drew created a spreadsheet for regional tournament reports which was sent out yesterday.

### 3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2014 were reviewed.

It was noted that there is an error on the Statement of Income. The expense items need to be moved down one line.

**Action:** Gary Westfall will prepare a corrected Statement of Income for the meeting tomorrow.

**Moved** by Shirley Galler, seconded by David Halasi,  
***That the Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2014 as presented be accepted.*** Carried

### 4. AGENDA C

The Committee reviewed the General Meeting of the Board of Directors, Agenda C.

#### a) Effect of Nationals on Regionals

There was a discussion regarding the impact on table counts at Regionals when the Nationals are held in Toronto. The District has awarded the 2017 Nationals to Unit 166. There was a discussion regarding profit sharing for the District and/or units. It was noted that the following motion was tabled at the General Meeting of the Board of Directors on April 18, 2014.

Motion by Guinnar Kristiansen, seconded by David Chiasson,  
*That the District lower the table fees for those Regional Tournaments which are normally scheduled within 2 months of a Summer National in Toronto. The dollar amount would be determined by the drop in attendance from the previous tournament and limited to a maximum of \$1,000.00.* Tabled

The following motion was carried at the General Meeting of the Board of Directors on April 18, 2014.

Motion by Francis Gaudino, seconded by Hazel Hewitt,  
That the motion regarding lowering table fees at Regionals when the Nationals are held in Toronto be tabled. Carried

It was decided that at the General Meeting of Board of Directors tomorrow we would propose dealing with this issue in 2017.

b) NAP's

The proposal of staying with multi sites will be presented at tomorrow's meeting.

c) Increase of I/N attendance at London Regional

Tom Ramsay advised that the I/N attendance at the London Regional tournament increased significantly due to work by Hazel Hewitt, their I/N Coordinator. She will be sharing this info at the meeting tomorrow.

d) Tournaments

Shirley Galler advised that Winnipeg will not hold a sectional in January again. They would like a sectional in April 2016.

David Halasi advised that Caledon feels there is a conflict with their tournament as North Bay is scheduled for the same weekend. This question of how many players would attend both tournaments was discussed. No action was taken.

Sault Ste. Marie is unsure if they will host a regional in 2017.

e) Midflight Pairs Games

David Halasi advised that these games have been very successful. The ACBL are testing this event, and only one regional was approved for our District for this year. Tom Ramsay will talk to Paul Janicki to see how we can continue to offer these events, possibly for the Niagara Falls regional in 2015.

**Action:** Tom Ramsay will talk to Paul Janicki regarding offering Midflight Pairs Games at future regionals.

f) Board of Governors

We are entitled to a third representative on the Board of Governors so we should consider possible candidates.

## 5. BUDGET

The 2016 budget figures were discussed and a proposed budget was developed.

The 2016 budget will be presented at the General Meeting of the Board of Directors tomorrow.

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6. Other Business

a) Webpage

The webpage was discussed. We would like to see more information on the webpage and have it updated regularly. Tom Ramsay will send an e-mail to David Cohen regarding our expectations for the website.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Chairperson

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Secretary of the Meeting