

## **Minutes of the Unit 194 Board held 24<sup>th</sup> of April 2004 in Truro.**

**Present:** Bruce Renner, John Tolson, Karl Hicks, Boyd Wells, Bram Schwartz, Martin Pink, Edgar Blinn, Suzanne Edwards, Jo Ann Lynds, Bill Halliday, Kathie Macnab, Barb Rees

**Absent:** Ted Withers, Ron Legacy, Hugh Shankel, and George Holland.

1. Minutes from the last general meeting were distributed and with no errors or omissions were moved for approval by Martin Pink, seconded by Suzanne Edwards; motion carried.

### **FINANCE REPORT**

2. Bill Halliday presented the Financial Report. It was explained that there was a \$500.00 North American Pairs Expense. This was to cover an error in expense money distributed by the event co-coordinators. Both units 194 and 230 each contributed \$500.00 toward an airfare for the winning pair from District 1.
3. Barb Rees informed the board that "Basic Bridge 1" textbooks were available at the Nationals in New Orleans for \$5.00 each. Unfortunately Ms. Rees did not purchase any of these books while in New Orleans. Kathie Macnab will see if the special rate is still available when she does her annual order in August.
4. Mr. Halliday reported that the ACBL gave our Unit a "Unit Trend" bonus of \$339.00 US dollars. This is for the positive membership increases in our Unit over the past months.
5. Mr. L.G. Callaghan will present his audit report at the Unit meeting in Bridgewater in May.
6. No further information from the HST committee.
7. The Financial Report was moved for approval by Bram Schwartz and seconded by Boyd Wells.

### **TOURNAMENT REPORT**

8. Edgar Blinn handed out tentative tournament schedules for each tournament coordinator to confirm the dates for 2005. It was suggested that he find out the dates of the North American Bridge Championships so as to not conflict with a local tournament.
9. A discussion was initiated at the fate of the Halifax Winter Sectional currently scheduled for February. It was pointed out that there are several other events including the Unit 194/230 STaC in January and the CBF STaC in early February. Kathie Macnab and her committee would like to commit to one very well presented tournament in November and forgo the February Sectional. It was decided that a new committee be struck to organize the February Sectional. Chairman of that committee will be George Holland as he had expressed his interest in a previous telephone conversation with the Unit President. Kathie Macnab and her committee will continue to work on the Fall Sectional and hope to keep the current playing site of The Holiday Inn, Halifax.

### **BRIDGELINE**

10. Karl Hicks was congratulated on his excellent article on Joe Currie. He announced that the next Bridgeline would be ready around May 8th.

## **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

11. Barb Rees resigned as Intermediate/Novice Co-coordinator. Kathie Macnab will look for a suitable replacement, hopefully someone who is interested in the development of new players to our game.
12. The Teacher's "Get-together" held in Bridgewater last year will not take place this year as Kathie Macnab will be out of town for the tournament.
13. Everyone was reminded that if any "special" books were wanted by teachers to please notify Kathie before August 2004. This service, provided by the Unit, is mainly for teachers and bridge promoters of the smaller clubs in Unit 194.

## **CAN-AT REPORT**

14. Jo Ann Lynds gave an oral report received by her via telephone by George Holland confirming that all was going fine for the upcoming regional tournament. Anyone wanting to know about the tournament can log on at: **[www.canatregional.com](http://www.canatregional.com)**. Mr. Holland will present a full report at the Bridgewater meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

15. Bram Schwartz brought to the table an idea concerning a Team Game to rejuvenate an interest in competitive bridge. A team game with a cash prize was presented as an idea. This game, not be a Sectional Event, could see teams traveling around the province to play against other teams within the Unit. Unit Board members were asked to think about ideas for a competition of sorts for clubs throughout the Maritimes.

*Respectfully submitted*

*Bill Halliday*

**Next Meeting:** Will be Saturday May 29<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 am, Bridgewater.