

Minutes of Unit 194 Executive Meeting November 9, 2013

Present: Lydia Prang, Denis Murphy, Terry Shaw, Bilgin Batman, Boyd Wells, Leo Wenigar, Karl Hicks, John Tolson, Linda Tuff, Doug Hamilton, Kathie Macnab, Bill Halliday, Bill Knoll, Dan Landry, Jo Ann Lynds

Regrets: Marilyn Bennett, Martin Pink

President Dan Landry called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

Minutes of the previous meeting (September 28, 2013) were approved as circulated.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

1. Dealing machine. 15 sets of boards and 9 cases of new cards arrived. Edgar Blinn will make the boards for the February tournament in Halifax. Machine has been purchased.
2. Karl will contact ACBL to see if the Pairs events on Saturdays - A/X division can be a two session event and continue with 2 separate single session events for the B/C/D pairs games.
3. Printer purchase. It is very difficult to find a wide carriage printer. Lydia stated Canon has an 11x17 printer. This will be investigated.
4. Bridgelines. Copies for clubs to charge back - Staples rate to be used for invoicing.

New Business:

1. Caddy fees:
Motion: It was moved by John Tolson and seconded by Boyd Wells that the caddies be paid \$40 per session instead of the current \$30 effective immediately. Motion Carried.
2. Montreal Nationals Levy:
To help cover the cost of such expenses as hospitality and hotel room subsidies at the upcoming NABC in Montreal, the Montreal organizing committee is asking for \$2.00 per table from our Regionals held from 2014 to 2019 be donated.

It was agreed that Unit 194 will not raise the fees at our Can-At to offset this cost. Playing fees for the Can-At will remain \$15 per person for all events.

3. Trophy Races:

Motion: It was moved by Boyd Wells and seconded by Bilgin Batman that effective January 2014, the masterpoints earned at the Unit 194 STaC will be removed from our Unit 194 Lagan and McLeod Trophy races. Motion Carried.

4. Charitable Donation:

Leo Wenigar, as ACBL District 1 representative, has been given the task of finding a suitable recipient for an ACBL Charity Foundation donation. It was agreed that \$250 will be given to Feed Nova Scotia this year.

5. Canada Bridge Week:

Kathie Macnab and Leo Wenigar brought up the possibility of Canada Bridge Week to be held in Halifax either in 2017 or 2019. A separate event will be held for the Women. Playing space needed is in the range of 6,000 to 8,000 square feet. The responsibility of the hosting Unit is hospitality.

Due to time constraints, the subject was tabled until the next meeting.

6. Doug Hamilton, District 1 President, states Units host STaC`s - the District does not. All funds from STaC`s stay in the hosting Unit.

A discussion was held regarding clubs in Unit 194 being invited to play in Sectional Tournaments at Clubs by other Units in our District without first receiving approval from the board of Unit 194. The point of the approval is that our local clubs should not be holding STaCs supporting other units when Unit 194 has a Sectional tournament that their players could be supporting.

Next executive meeting at the Don Cox Tournament, March 2014, Truro.

Bill Halliday moved the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann Lynds
Secretary, Unit 194