

**Unit 249 Annual General Meeting (AGM)**  
**September 10, 2023, 10:30 AM**  
**St Thomas Tournament**  
**225 Chestnut St, St Thomas, ON**

**Call to Order:** The AGM was called to order at 10:28AM by the outgoing President, Tom Ramsay.

**Present:** Tom Ramsay, Jennifer Verdam, Linda Tindale, Gary Robertson, Hazel Hewitt, Adrian Record, Roy Dandyk, Mary McLelland, Cindy Mahn, Paul Latimer; all members of Unit 249 in good standing. This constitutes a quorum for the purpose of conducting business on behalf of the Membership.

**Regrets:** Jed Drew, Tom Jolliffe, Brian Clark, Lee Gallacher

**President's Report 2023**

Hello bridge players in unit 249.

It's been an interesting year. After three years of membership decline, we finally grew our membership in the last quarter, though with 1218 members we're well below the 1400 we had pre-Covid. Attendance at our clubs and tournaments is coming back slowly. Our recent regional in Kitchener attracted 675 tables, only 65% of the total in our last regional in 2018 and we lost about \$10,000 for the week. We have a better (and less expensive) site in mind for our 2025 regional. We used to run nine sectionals per year but are only running four this year plus the local sectional that we ran in Sarnia last June. We hope to increase the number of sectionals next year, to the pre-Covid level of nine if possible.

Despite the regional loss, the unit is in sound financial position with over \$20,000 cash on hand. The unit is supporting director training as well as teaching programs for newer players. We have added some new faces to the unit board this year, and all will be working towards growing bridge in our unit.

-Tom

**Introduction of New Board Members**

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Ted Boyd	President
Brian	
Ewoud Van Goch	
Linda Tindale	Director at large

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**Treasurer's Report:** Jed Drew (presented by Jennifer Verdam as Jed was unavoidably absent)

It would have been my pleasure to present the following report to the members of Unit 249 at the Annual General Meeting scheduled for September 10, 2023 in St. Thomas. However, due to circumstances surrounding my recent illness, I am unable to attend the Annual General Meeting. Accordingly, I ask that you present this report on my behalf.

#### 2022 Financial Report

At the end of 2022 our financial records were presented to our Auditor, Gary J. Westfall, CPA, for his examination. Mr. Westfall submitted a detailed "Review Engagement Report" which was accepted by the Board of Directors on Feb. 4, 2023, and which was then posted on the Unit 249 website where it could be viewed by the members.

The Review Engagement Report noted that at the end of the 2022 we had net assets of \$38,880, of which \$33,418 was cash in the bank, our liabilities at the end of 2022 were accounts payable of \$1,017. During the year 2022 we had revenue of \$17,849, and expenses of \$23,856 for a net deficit of (\$6,007).

The detailed Review Engagement Report, as well as those for prior years, remains posted on the Unit 249 website.

It is my recommendation that the members of Unit 249 accept and approve the financial results for the year 2022, as outlined in the Review Engagement Report submitted on Feb, 4, 2023 by Gary J. Westfall, CPA, Licensed Public Accountant.

#### Personal Comments

In closing, I wish to thank all of the members of the Unit 249 Board of Directors, both past and current, who have unfailingly supported me during the past twelve years that I have been Treasurer of this Unit. During this period, we developed and/or refined processes and procedures that allowed improved control and reporting for all transactions, while supporting the needs of the Board of Directors, Tournament Chairs, and the members of Unit 249. I especially want to thank Gary Westfall for his many suggestions and guidance as I grew into the job. He was, and remains, a valuable resource.

As most of you know, I am resigning as Treasurer this fall. Quite simply, my eyesight is no longer good enough for me to carry out the job effectively. I do, however, intend to remain on the Board of Directors to ensure as smooth a turnover as possible, and to continue to contribute as best I can to the success of Unit 249.

Thank you.

Jed Drew  
Treasurer  
SWOBA Unit 249

Moved by Jennifer Verdum and seconded by Cindy Mahn that this report on the current financial status of Unit 249 be accepted. – **CARRIED**

#### **Appointment of Auditor**

Moved by Jennifer Verdam and seconded by Ted Boyd **that** Gary J. Westfall, CPA, Licensed Public Accountant be retained to perform a Review Engagement of the Unit's financial records for the fiscal year 2023. – **CARRIED**

**Motion to approve the actions of the Board since the last AGM**

Moved by Roy Dandyk and seconded by Adrian Record that the actions of the Board since the last AGM be approved – **CARRIED**.

**Next AGM date:** No meeting date set.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Ted Boyd that the AGM be adjourned.