

SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO BRIDGE ASSOCIATION-UNIT 249
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, March 29,2025 at 9:30 a.m. By Zoom

Attendees: Ted Boyd, Jed Drew, Hazel Hewitt, Jennifer Verdam, Tom Jolliffe, Malkin Dare,
John Abbott.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:33

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented with an additional report on the progress of the free plays from Malkin.

Moved: Tom Jolliffe. Seconded: Malkin Dare. Approved.

3.Appointment of Gord Bryant to the Board

Motion: To appoint Gord Bryant to the Board as Supplies Manager.

Moved: Tom Jolliffe Seconded Jed Drew. Approved.

4.Appoint Gord Bryant as a signing officer

Motion to authorize Gord Bryant as a signing officer for Unit 249

Moved: Tom Jolliffe Seconded: John Abbott Approved

5.Approve payments of 2024 Sectional Tournament honorariums to Jed Drew for 2024, Jim Wright and Tom Jolliffe

Motion: To approve the honorariums for Jed Drew, Jim Wright and Tom Jolliffe

Moved: Jen Verdam Seconded John Abbott Approved.

6.Review Financial Reports

Preliminary results from 2024 sectionals indicate the following profits by sectional:

London +\$ 1,005.74
St Thomas +\$1,655.50
Cambridge +\$2,655.45
Goderich -\$ 1,360.43

Draft Profit and Loss statement January-December 2024: PROFIT \$1,448.01

7.Table fees for Local and Unit-sponsored Sectional Tournaments

Motion: To harmonize table fees for Local and Unit at \$3.00 per table.

Moved: Jed Drew Seconded: Ted Boyd Approved

8.Review 5-5-5 results

Jen will send out a link for the Return to the Fold members to the Board

9. Distribution of the Mini-McKenney medallions and Ace of Clubs Certificates
Tom will distribute his set.
10. Potential Webmaster replacement
Tom suggested the unit continue to use Pianola to host the unit's website. Jen advised that the webmaster does not have to be a Board member. Jen suggested John Hanemaayer be approached. for this position. Other suggestions include Paul Latimer and Sandy Graham.
11. Purchase of 24 dozen sets of cards for \$960 plus HST.
Most cards were replaced in board-sets in 2020. With Vince Oddy planning to retire, it was decided to double the request from 24 dozen to 48 dozen sets of cards.
Motion: to purchase 48 sets of cards from Vince Oddy
Moved Tom Jolliffe Seconded: John Abbott Approved.
12. Progress report on free plays:
Malkin reported that there was very little use of the blue free plays. Only 7 clubs of 18 have accepted the yellow Mentor Vouchers Malkin has distributed 412 Mentor Vouchers.

Malkin made a motion for another initiative to help the smaller clubs.

Motion to give \$500 to assist the smaller clubs
Moved by Malkin Dare: Seconded by Ted Boyd Discussion
There was a long discussion concerning parameters that the board could approve, including which clubs could qualify (eg.by table count), what expenditures would be acceptable: teaching materials, cards, prizes etc. Malkin withdrew the motion to find better wording.
13. Discussion regarding the board's recommendations towards the appropriate sanctions towards those accused of cheating by EDGAR. Consensus from the board that justice was being denied as there is no opportunity to prove innocence and that penalties are too extreme. Penalties should be limited on face-to-face bridge. Jenn Verdham will send a letter to the ACBL on behalf of the Board.
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14. Board Elections
Terms end in September. Jen to send out notice requesting current members to advise her if they wish to remain on the Board
15. Next meeting a Zoom meeting Saturday, July 19,2025
16. Motion to adjourn by Malkin at 11:10.