

Minutes of Unit 249's Board of Director's Meeting

Via Zoom
Saturday, May 15, 2021
10:00 AM

Present: Jennifer Verdam-Woodward, Hazel Hewitt, Tom Ramsay, Jed Drew, Ted Boyd, Louise Caicco, Tom Jolliffe, Raj Seth

Regrets: Ewoud Van Goch, Pat Simpson

Meeting: A quorum being present, the meeting chaired by Tom Ramsay was called to order at 10:05 AM

Approval of the Previous Minutes:

Moved by Ted Drew and seconded by Tom Jolliffe that the minutes of the last Board Meeting held January 15, 2021 be approved as circulated – **CARRIED**

Nominations

All board members submitted nominations in accordance with the articles of constitution with the exception of Pat Simpson and Ewoud Van Goch. We also had one new nomination, Brian Clark, who is a member of the Tillsonburg, St Thomas, and Simcoe clubs.

As a result of the nomination process, we have nine of a possible ten elected officials.

Moved by Jed Drew that the Board recommend the following members and new nominees for acclimation:

Ted Boyd

Louise Caicco

Brian Clark

Jed Drew

Hazel Hewitt

Tom Jolliffe

Tom Ramsay

Raj Seth

Jennifer Verdam-Woodward

Seconded by Hazel Hewitt - **CARRIED**

Ted Boyd will take over as Vice Chair and remain as Tournament Chair

We will invite Brian Clark to the next meeting to formally welcome him to the Board.

In addition to the acclaimed individuals above, we can appoint up to four board members. Suggestions for appointment include Lee Gallagher (Owen Sound), Gary Robertson (Windsor, Chatham, Essex), Lee Easterbrook (Windsor, Chatham, Essex).

Hazel will approach Lee Gallacher. Jed will approach Gary Robertson and Lee Easterbrook

Tom Ramsay will send letters of thanks to Pat Simpson and Ewoud Van Goch.

Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report

This report (attached at the end of these minutes as Appendix A) includes the year to date financial statements for 2021.

SWOBA Unit 249
Balance Sheet
As of April 30, 2021

	<u>Apr 30, 21</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Chequing Account - TD	36,209.70
Total Chequing/Savings	36,209.70
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	-36.27
Total Accounts Receivable	-36.27
Other Current Assets	
Advances - Tournaments	2,000.00
Prepaid Expenses	1,324.01
Total Other Current Assets	3,324.01
Total Current Assets	39,497.44
Fixed Assets	
Bridgemates	
Depreciation	-8,050.18
Bridgemates - Other	15,209.55
Total Bridgemates	7,159.37
Total Fixed Assets	7,159.37
TOTAL ASSETS	46,656.81
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
GST/HST Payable	-163.21
Total Other Current Liabilities	-163.21
Total Current Liabilities	-163.21
Total Liabilities	-163.21
Equity	
Unrestricted Net Assets	46,270.35
Net Income	549.67
Total Equity	46,820.02
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	46,656.81

SWOBA Unit 249
Profit & Loss
 January through April 2021

	Jan - Apr 21
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Membership Dues	3,178.76
Total Income	3,178.76
Gross Profit	3,178.76
Expense	
Honoraria - General	1,200.00
Insurance	35.29
Kibitzer	488.31
Office Supplies	
Postage and Courier	79.53
Office Supplies - Other	138.46
Total Office Supplies	217.99
Supply Costs - Unit	687.50
Total Expense	2,629.09
Net Ordinary Income	549.67
Net Income	549.67

Moved by Jed Drew and seconded by Tom Jolliffe that the year to date financial reports be accepted by the Board – **CARRIED**

Secretary’s Report

Correspondence includes the face-to-face guidelines for a return to face-to-face tournaments (discussed under the tournament reports).

Membership Report

Unit membership declined by 4.3% for the 12 months ending 31 Mar 2021 due to the COVID pandemic.

Tournaments

Tournament Report

Tournaments remain cancelled for the remainder of 2021 and will start up again in 2022, assuming that Canada and Ontario have a reasonable level of herd immunity and we can hold tournaments safely once again.

Kitchener will hold the Regional in 2023.

Ted will get the sanction for the Regional for Kitchener in 2027. IT will be easy enough to change the site if need be.

Jennifer will email the presidents of the Kincardine Friday and Goderich clubs to see if they have dates in mind.

Tom will send out a letter about a Unit-Wide game.

Supplies

No report

Webmaster

No report

Education

There is a lot of education going on. There are a number of people doing fifth chair type arrangements. Tom Rajnovich has a lecture on Wednesday mornings and has 87 people.

Anyone who has an interest in holding classes can reach out to Hazel Hewitt and she will send instructions and assist in setting them up.

Letter received from the Kitchener Club asking to extend the free plays to virtual clubs
Hazel asked them to provide proof that free plays would bring more players into the games.

Is this something that we could give to people as we begin to return to face to face bridge

Jennifer states that getting people into the virtual clubs is easy. Getting people into the bricks and mortar clubs once the pandemic is over is going to be harder. So why don't we give people free plays for physical play? Several of the clubs have had their best years ever as virtual clubs already.

The Unit will not subsidize virtual free plays but has no objection to clubs giving out virtual free plays themselves. Unit free plays cannot be used in virtual clubs.

Tom Ramsay will send out a response to the Kitchener club.

Moved by Ted Boyd that the expiry date of the Unit face to face free plays be extended to December 31st, 2023. Seconded by Raj Seth. CARRIED

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

None

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be August 21st at 9:30 am

The AGM will be August 21st at 11:00 am

Adjournment: Moved by Ted Boyd that the meeting be adjourned - **CARRIED.**

**CLUB MANAGERS and DIRECTORS,
PLEASE, POST and ANNOUNCE THIS
ASAP TO THE PLAYERS IN YOUR AREA.**