

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE CALGARY COMMUNITY BRIDGE LEAGUE (CCBL)
HELD ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2020 AT 3:00 P.M.
VIA ZOOM**

In attendance:

Lamya Abougoush
Dave Adelman
Jim Berglund
Diane Campbell
Gordon Campbell
Arlene Connell
Philip Coppard
Howard Coren
Rae Cram
Mary Anne Crookes
Clarende Duby
Janice Eliasson
Beverley Erickson
Keith Falkenberg
Abdul Fakih
Rod Hilderman
David Johnson
Steve Lawrence
Marlene Lenstra
Crystal Mann
Doug Mann
Martin McDonald
Carol McManus
Dorothy Mersereau
Chris Murphy
Jim Murphy
Ken Penton
Emelie Quennell
Sandy Robinson
Janet Sharpe
Allan Simon
Lorraine Somerville
Elaine Stewart
Danuta Trafford
Tom Trafford
Jean Ward

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The President, Ken Penton, called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.
2. **WELCOME:** Ken Penton welcomed the CCBL Members and thanked them for attending the meeting. Keith Falkenberg explained how the ZOOM meeting would work.
3. **CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM:** As more than twenty people were in attendance, a quorum was established according to the Bylaws.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** **Diane Campbell** moved that we approve the Agenda as presented. **Marlene Lenstra** seconded the motion. The motion was carried.
5. **PROOF OF PROPER NOTICE OF AGM:** Notice was sent by email on November 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. A copy of the email is attached to these Minutes.
6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:** **Abdul Fakh** moved that the Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting be approved. **Clarende Duby** seconded the motion. The motion was carried.
7. **INTRODUCTION OF CURRENT BOARD:** Ken Penton introduced the current Board – Ken Penton, President; Abdul Fakh, Vice-President; Keith Falkenberg, Treasurer; Diane Campbell, Secretary; Danuta Trafford, Rae Cram, Lamya Abougoush and Mary Anne Crookes, Directors at Large.
8. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Ken Penton gave a CCBL status report for the past year. COVID has made things very difficult. We were excited to organize our Larry Cohen event with the leadership of Marguerite Paulsen, Debbie Hunt and Tracy Horan. Unfortunately, due to COVID, the seminar had to be cancelled. We have not lost sight of our vision for a permanent bridge centre. Last year we came close with a wonderful site on Macleod Trail but were unable to commit because of the uncertainty of bridge at this time. If the situation lifts, we will pursue it further. The Board has not been idle, but it has been difficult to move ahead in this environment.
9. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Keith Falkenberg read the Auditor's Report written by our auditor, Doug Mann, and presented the financial statements of the CCBL, copies of which are attached to these Minutes. Gordon Campbell questioned the fees for insurance coverage, considering we have been unable to run games. As of July 2020, we have directors and officers insurance, which costs about \$1,000. **Keith Falkenberg** moved that the Audited Financial Statements for the year end June 30, 2020 be accepted as presented. **Danuta Trafford** seconded the motion. Motion carried.
10. **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS FOR 2020/2021:** Doug Mann has indicated he is willing to perform the duties of auditor for the upcoming year, which he does at no cost to the CCBL. **Keith Falkenberg** moved that Doug Mann be appointed as auditor for 2020/2021. **Lamya Abougoush** seconded the motion. The motion was carried.
11. **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS:** The following people will continue to serve on the board: Keith Falkenberg, Diane Campbell, Rae Cram, and Danuta Trafford. Ken Penton, Abdul Fakh and Janet Galbraith have been nominated for a three-year term. We have two empty spots at this point. **Lamya Abougoush** moved that we approve the slate of directors as presented. **Rae Cram** seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ken advised that three of our members have resigned: Lamya Abougoush, Mary Anne Crookes and Marguerite Paulsen. Lamya was one of the original founders and organizers, and spearheaded CCBL fund raising. We will continue to call on her for ideas. He also thanked Mary Anne and Marguerite for all they have done for the CCBL.
12. **NEW BUSINESS –** Abdul Fakh provided an update on bridge lessons over the past year. We had many people enlist for classes, which were run during the latter half of 2019 and the beginning of 2020. We had ten classes planned and were only able to teach five due to COVID. We have returned the outstanding fees to the participants. We had 35 people involved in this set of classes, fewer than previous classes. There is interest in returning when circumstances permit. The next step is to figure out where to teach. Ken and Abdul met with the Bow Cliff Senior Centre staff on November 6 about renting the facility for an extended period of time for classes and social activities when possible. They are very cooperative and are willing to give us a three-year plan for Thursdays and Saturdays at a very nominal cost. They are also in need of funds and would be cooperative if we decide to soundproof the rooms. They would need to bring

it before their Board for approval. Right now, it is closed due to COVID. They will give us a proposal after COVID is done as to how we may move forward. At least we will have a place to teach or socialize for CCBL activities. The cost will not be more than \$100 a week. They would be also be willing to extend the facility if they receive approval.

13. **QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR:** Martin McDonald asked when our status with the AGLC will be restored. This will likely not happen for years. We do not qualify for a casino as far as they are concerned. The only way is to reinvent the CCBL as a senior's organization and have at least two years of operation. Ken added that it is frustrating because the Red Deer and Edmonton Clubs qualify. They were grandfathered in prior to the change before we got involved.
14. **ADJOURNMENT:** **Rae Cram** moved that the meeting be adjourned at 3:29 p.m. **Jim Murphy** seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Submitted by Diane Campbell
November 24, 2020