

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE CALGARY COMMUNITY BRIDGE LEAGUE (CCBL)
HELD ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2024, AT 12:00 P.M.
AT THE CALGARY BRIDGE CENTRE**

In attendance:

ARMSTRONG, Dave	MURPHY, Jim
AYER, Frank	NIELSEN, Margaret
BALDWINSON, Helga	POLUJAN, Jadwiga
BARRY, Keith	SAVILLE, Brian
BERGLUND, Jim	SAVILLE, Joy
BOLTON, Roger	SHARPE, Janet
BOYD, Rick	STEPHURE, David
CAMPBELL, Diane	TRAFFORD, Danuta
CLARK, Cynthia	WALLACE, Keith
COREN, Howard	WALLACE, Pam
CROOKES, Mary Anne	WEBSTER, Barbara
D'AGUIAR, Mike	WIGGINS, Garth
DALTON, Sharon	WOLFE, Rick
DELCOURT, Charlene	
DOVER, Dan	
DUMKA, Don	
DUMKA, Willa	
ELIASSON, Janice B.	
ERICKSON, Beverley	
FAKIH, Abdul	
FALKENBERG, Keith	
FRENCH, Inge	
GODWIN, Gail	
HILDERMAN, Rod	
HURLBERT, L. Tanja	
JOHNSON, David	
LARKINS, Christina	
LAWRENCE, Steve	
LENSTRA, Marlene	
LIU, Anna	
MACTIER, Audrey	
MARTIN, Linda	
MATTON, Lois	
McKAIG, Andy	
MERSEREAU, Dorothy	
MURPHY, Chris	

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The President, Jim Murphy, called the meeting to order at 12:46 p.m.
2. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:** Jim Murphy welcomed the CCBL Members and thanked them for attending the meeting. He then introduced the current board: Jim Murphy, President; Margaret Nielsen, Vice President; Keith Falkenberg, Treasurer; Diane Campbell, Secretary; Richard Weinberger, Operations Manager; and Danuta Trafford, Rick Wolfe, Blake Fleming and Sandy Robinson, Directors at Large.
3. **CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM:** As more than twenty people were in attendance, a quorum was established according to the Bylaws and the Calgary Community Bridge League Annual General Meeting was officially called to order.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA: MOTION:** Gail Godwin moved that the Agenda be approved as presented. Howard Coren seconded the motion. The motion was carried.
5. **PROOF OF PROPER NOTICE OF AGM:** Notice of the Annual General Meeting was sent by email on September 30, 2024, at 10:52 a.m., and the Reminder Notice of the Annual General Meeting was sent by email on October 11, 2024, at 5:32 p.m., in compliance with the Bylaws which require ten days' notice of an Annual General Meeting. Copies of the emails are attached to these Minutes.
6. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: MOTION:** Margaret Nielsen moved that the Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting be approved. Chris Murphy seconded the motion. The motion was carried.
7. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Jim Murphy -
 - (a) Jim advised that our second fiscal year of operations at the Bridge Centre was from June 30, 2023 to June 30, 2024, and we have broken even. Too many people to name have helped in this endeavour.
 - (b) Our new Bylaws were passed at our last AGM. They were approved by the Province on May 14, 2024. There will be a small change to the Bylaws next year.
 - (c) On June 1, 2024, we held our Donors, Founders and Volunteers Wine and Cheese Night where we recognized the Founders of the Calgary Community Bridge League. There were 14 tables at this event. Jim expressed gratitude to the original Group of Founders: Lamy Abougoush, Jim Berglund, Walter Brock, Marlene Fuller, Marlene Lenstra, Elaine Stewart, and Ken Penton.
 - (d) Delores Hedley has been successfully running supervised bid and play in the lower level of the Bridge Centre on behalf of Unit 390. Jim thanked Delores and her volunteers for helping to develop newer players.
 - (e) Antara Keelor is teaching Beginner Bridge Lessons on Sundays and currently has 16 students. Anyone interested in these lessons may contact Antara.
 - (f) We have a strong relationship with the City of Calgary, the owner of this building. We are the lessee. Margaret Nielsen has been spearheading the grant application

process. We are considering redoing the parking lot as there is a problem with grading and drainage. The first quote was for \$210,000. We will be obtaining other quotes. We are making proper applications for a casino licence to fundraise to assist with this and other capital projects.

- (g) On an operational basis, we are breaking even but we do require money for capital projects. We are hoping to get approval from the AGLC to hold a casino as a source of fundraising. Personal donations are always appreciated as well.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT: Keith Falkenberg –

- (a) Keith presented the Audited Financial Statements prepared by Anthony Chiu of the Federation of Calgary Communities, for the year end June 30, 2024. A copy of the Financial Statements was on each table and are also available on the Calgary Bridge Centre website. Keith read the opinion paragraph of the Audited Financial Statements and highlighted significant aspects of the statements.
- (b) Janice Eliasson asked what proportion of income comes from playing bridge or from other sources. We rent the downstairs to various tenants. Approximately 25% of our income comes from hall rentals that are not bridge related. The arrangement with the bid and play downstairs is a joint venture between the Unit and the Calgary Bridge Centre. Delores Hedley and her volunteers are running a successful bid and play with up to seven tables. Seven of those players attended the Addicted to Bridge restricted game last week.
- (c) Steve Lawrence asked whether the Parks Foundation takes donations and issues receipts. They do take donations for specified purposes, and we use it for capital projects and to improve the building. We have raised more than \$6,000 over the last fiscal year. We will run a year-end donation campaign for improvement costs. Bev Erickson asked whether we could donate directly to the CCBL. We can receive donations but are unable to issue tax receipts. To obtain a tax receipt, donations must be made through the Parks Foundation.
- (d) Keith thanked Charlene Delcourt for her assistance with the accounting.

9. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS FOR 2024/2025: Keith Falkenberg advised that the Federation of Calgary Communities and Anthony Chiu are re-appointed as auditors for the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2025. **RESOLUTION:** Keith Falkenberg moved that the Federation of Calgary Communities be appointed as auditors for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025. Rod Hilderman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

10. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS: The following people will continue to serve on the Board of Directors: Keith Falkenberg, Margaret Nielsen, Blake Fleming, Sandy Robinson, Richard Weinberger, and Rick Wolfe. The following have been nominated in accordance with the Bylaws of the Calgary Community Bridge League to a three-year term: Jim Murphy, Sharon Dalton, Keith Barry, and Keith Wallace. **MOTION:** Joy Saville moved that the slate of directors be approved as presented. Marlene Lenstra seconded the motion.

The motion was carried. Jim thanked Danuta Trafford and Diane Campbell for their six years of service.

11. BRIDGE CENTRE UPDATE AND EDUCATION UPDATE: This was covered in the Treasurer's Report.

12. CCBL MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS: Rick Wolfe - Discussion of Possible Changes. At last year's Annual General Meeting, the Board promised to review the membership clause. It is not necessary to be a member of the CCBL to play bridge at this facility. It is also not necessary to be an ACBL member to play. Being a member of the CCBL entitles one to have a vote at the AGMs. It allows a member to have input into how the organization is run. It entitles members to receive a discount on renting the facility. Membership is free. The only current requirement to become a CCBL member is to be an ACBL Unit 390 member and to sign the form agreeing to be a CCBL member. The CCBL Bylaws from 2016 stated that any Alberta resident could be a member. The Board felt we needed to change the membership requirements to be restricted to those with an affinity for bridge. The proposed change basically states that if you are an ACBL Unit 390 member, you just fill out a form and automatically become a CCBL member. Otherwise, you need to fill out a form for assessment by the Board.

13. QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR: David Stephure asked whether there is liability to any member of the CCBL in the event the CCBL has a large financial claim against it. There is no liability to CCBL members.

14. ADJOURNMENT: MOTION: Howard Coren moved that the meeting be adjourned at 1:35 p.m. Danuta Trafford seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Submitted by Diane Campbell
October 21, 2024