

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF  
THE CALGARY COMMUNITY BRIDGE LEAGUE (CCBL)  
HELD ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2025, AT 12:00 P.M.  
AT THE CALGARY BRIDGE CENTRE**

In attendance: see attached list of CCBL members in attendance

Also: AJ Matsune, liaison assigned by the City of Calgary, as an invited guest.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** The President, Jim Murphy, called the meeting to order at 12:43 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; Keith Falkenberg, Treasurer; Sharon Dalton, Secretary; Richard Weinberger, Vice President of Operations; Keith Wallace, Keith Barry, Rick Wolfe, Blake Fleming and Sandy Robinson, Directors at Large. Jim Murphy announced that Margaret Nielsen had resigned from the Board in September due to health reasons.
- 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:** **Jamie Watt** moved that the Agenda be approved as presented. **Andrew Melton** seconded the motion. The motion was carried.
- 5. PROOF OF PROPER NOTICE OF AGM:** Notice of the Annual General Meeting and of the proposed Special Resolution to amend the Bylaws was sent by email on September 24, 2025, in compliance with the Bylaws which require ten days' notice of an Annual General Meeting and 21 days notice of a Special Resolution. A Reminder Notice of the Annual General Meeting was sent by email on or about October 10, 2025. Details of the AGM Notice and Special Resolution were also available on the CCBL website and referred to in the Notices.
- 6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**  
**MOTION:** **Keith Barry** moved that the Minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting, copies of which were placed on many of the tables in the room, be approved. **Gail Godwin** seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

**7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Jim Murphy -

- (a) Jim advised that our third fiscal year of operations at the Bridge Centre, from June 30, 2024 to June 30, 2025, has been very successful and we have moved into a small surplus.
- (b) There were 3 capital projects completed over the year: the furnace was replaced, our front yard was landscaped and we effected partial repairs to the back parking lot. We received \$23,262 in donations from 54 members which the Calgary Parks Foundation is holding, to be used for future approved capital projects. A new fundraising campaign will be started shortly.
- (c) Our table count continues to grow, Delores' 'bid and play' on Thursdays attracts more and more players and Antara Keelor runs Sunday lessons for new players. We are continuing to reach out into the community to grow our game.
- (d) Keith Falkenberg and Richard Weinberger will replace Margaret Nielsen as the liaison for CCBL with the city.
- (e) There are too many people to name who have helped contribute to the ongoing success of the CCBL.

**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, 2025. A copy of the Financial Statements was placed on many tables and are also available on the Calgary Bridge Centre website. Keith read the opinion paragraph of the Audited Revised Financial Statements and highlighted significant aspects of the statements.
- (b) Revenue including from our downstairs tenants and Saturday special games was \$85,688 less \$81,864 expenses gave us a profit of \$3,824. Our balance sheet shows we have \$167,000 invested and fixed assets of \$140,000 with few liabilities.
- (c) The table count has increased by 13%, up to or about 4,000 tables for the year
- (d) Keith thanked Charlene Delcourt for her assistance with the accounting. Speaking on behalf of the spouses of some board members, Janice Eliasson stood up to acknowledge all the unpaid hours of work performed by board members. A round of applause followed.

**9. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS FOR 2024/2025:**

**RESOLUTION:** Keith Falkenberg moved that Anthony Chiu with the Federation of Calgary Communities be appointed as Auditor for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2026. Gary Hanson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**10. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS:** The following people will continue to serve on the Board of Directors: Keith Barry, Sharon Dalton, Jim Murphy, Sandy Robinson, Keith Wallace, and Richard Weinberger. The following have been nominated in accordance with the Bylaws of the Calgary Community Bridge League to a three-year term: Keith Falkenberg, Blake Fleming, and Rick Wolfe.

**MOTION:** Gail Godwin moved that the slate of directors be approved as presented.

Cynthia Clark seconded the motion. The motion was carried. Jim thanked Margaret Nielsen for her years of service.

**11. SPECIAL RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CCBL BYLAWS:** Rick Wolfe

At last year's Annual General Meeting, the Board promised to review the membership clause in our Bylaws. 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 a member of the ACBL and to be resident in Unit 390's boundaries. There are people at present who do not qualify pursuant to one or both of these pre-conditions so the Board is seeking to amend Article 2.1 to give it discretion to admit new members who don't meet these pre-conditions. The motion was opened up for discussion from the floor. Frank Ayer stood up and suggested the wording posted in the Special Resolution sent to the membership was too vague and gave carte blanche to the Board to approve anyone they decided upon. A number of members spoke up to agree with Frank. Abdul Fakh asked how many persons currently did not qualify and yet were seeking admission to CCBL. Rick advised that the wording in the posted draft Special Resolution could not be amended at the meeting and had to be accepted or voted down at this AGM.

**UPON MOTION** by Keith Barry and seconded by Rick Wolfe, 78% of the members present (38/48 as counted by AJ Matsune, City of Calgary liaison), in accordance with the requirements of *the Societies Act* (which requires 75%), voted to approve the amendment to Article 2.1 of the Bylaws of CCBL ***"Other persons who do not otherwise qualify for membership may apply in writing to become a member of the Society, which application requires approval by the Board of Directors"***. These amended Bylaws will only come into force upon approval by the Registrar as defined in the *Business Corporations Act* of Alberta

**12. BRIDGE CENTRE UPDATE AND EDUCATION UPDATE:**

These topics were covered in the Treasurer's Report.

**13. QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR:** Dan Dover stood and advised the meeting that Lethbridge has implemented teaching bridge as part of the curriculum for Grade 6 students and perhaps we should look into this for Calgary schools.

**14. ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** Keith Wallace moved that the meeting be adjourned at 1:35 p.m. Chris Murphy seconded the motion. The motion was carried.