

## **Board of Directors' Meeting – 2025, January 17th at 9:30 am at the Omond Memorial Church**

1. Meeting was called to order at 9:35 am.

**Present:** Jim Lamorie, Andy Aitchison, Richard Guillemette, Mary Lepkan, Gisele Lynch, Frank Turbach, Jan Wood, Cathy Strawn, Julia Morton.

2. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of Friday December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, were presented and accepted.

Moved: Julia Morton  
Seconded: Jan Wood  
Carried

3. **Reports:**

- a. **Treasurer/Bookkeeper.** Richard Guillemette reported that there was a profit on the operating costs of \$1205.03 for the month of December.
- b. **Club Manager:** Andy Aitchison submitted a copy of the ACBL Unit Races unit 238 for 2024, complete with an explanation of the Mini-McKenny and Ace of Clubs designations. Gisele Lynch will include this in the next edition of the Club newsletter. Frank Turbach has been posting the list each month on the club bulletin board.

4. **Suggestion Box** nothing new.

5. **Special Games and/or Closures**

- a. February 5<sup>th</sup> is the next 4 is enough game. Board was encouraged to look for keen level 1's.
- b. February 17<sup>th</sup> is Family Day. It will be left up to the director and members to decide whether or not to cancel that session.

6. **Old Business**

- a. Jan Wood gave a report on the 2025 sectional grants and several others. Tourism North Bay will donate \$700, the city of North Bay has not responded yet.
- b. Our application to the Ontario Seniors is still in process. We are asking for \$4700 to be used to develop membership of the club.
- c. As recorded last month there is a plan to clean our floors while the sectional is on. The church will pay and will organize. We will get two quotes and make a decision.
- d. There was a discussion about future lessons. There is a plan to hold lessons in March/April on Book 4, the play of the game. Discussion re plans to start on Book 1. Frank will survey members of last falls group to see if there is interest in Book 2 /3. There was a lively discussion on the idea of evening lessons and/or games.
- e. The Wednesday morning 'practice' time will continue.

- f. Andy Aitchison reported that he has submitted an obituary notice for Joe Sauro to the Bridge Bulletin.

## **7. New Business**

- a. **Lessons:** With plans for several lesson sessions in the spring, a decision was made to order 20 copies of each level of the 1-4 lesson books. Plan to deal with our usual supplier, Vince Oddy Order Books. Jan Wood will manage this order.
- b. **Computer:** The computer hard drive is several years old and requires replacing. Andy Aitchison will investigate purchasing a replacement.
- c. **Bookkeeping:** There was a lengthy discussion regarding bookkeeping practices and it was decided that these topics would be best handled with a meeting of the treasurer, bookkeeper, club manager and chief director. This was set for February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- d. **Toonie Thursday:** Gisele Lynch presented a list of 6 possible new names for Toonie Thursday, submitted by a member. She will choose a few and offer them to the club on the next club newsletter. Board agreed the most important feature of Thursday is the single player aspect.

**8. Date of next meeting** – 7th Feb 2025 9:30 am.

**9. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 11.35 am.

Julia Morton (Secretary)