

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE CALGARY COMMUNITY BRIDGE LEAGUE (CCBL)
HELD ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023, AT 2:00 P.M.
AT THE CALGARY BRIDGE CENTRE**

In attendance:

Jim Berglund
Pauline Boyd
Rick Boyd
Diane Campbell
Mike Covey
Naushad Dada
Jim Davies
Clarende Duby
Janice B. Eliasson
Abdul Fakhri
Keith Falkenberg
Blake Fleming
Janet Galbraith
Garry Hanson
JoAnn Hanson
Rod Hilderman
L. Tanja Hurlbert
Nancy Klym
Marlene Lenstra
Linda Martin
Lois Matton
McWilliam
Chris Murphy

Jim Murphy
Pat Murphy
Margaret Nielsen
Dennis Ooms
Elizabeth Pineo
Jadwiga Polujan
John Prance
Sandy Robinson
Brian Saville
Joy Saville
Janet Sharpe
John Sharpe
Ann Slattery
Lorraine Somerville
Liz Sprague
David Stephure
Danuta Trafford
Keith Wallace
Pam Wallace
Richard Weinberger
Olga Williams
Rick Wolfe

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The President, Jim Murphy, called the meeting to order at 1:58 p.m.
2. **WELCOME:** Jim Murphy welcomed the CCBL Members and thanked them for attending the meeting.
3. **CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM:** As more than twenty people were in attendance, a quorum was established according to the Bylaws.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Janet Galbraith moved that the Agenda be approved as presented. Richard Weinberger seconded the motion. The motion was carried.
5. **PROOF OF PROPER NOTICE OF AGM:** Notice of the Annual General Meeting and Special Resolution was sent by email on September 21, 2023, at 3:45 p.m., and the Reminder

Notice of the Annual General Meeting and Special Resolution was sent by email on October 3, 2023, at 6:07 p.m., in compliance with the Bylaws which require ten days' notice of Annual General Meeting and twenty-one days' notice of a Special Resolution. Copies of the emails are attached to these Minutes.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:** **Margaret Nielsen** moved that the Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting be approved. **Richard Weinberger** seconded the motion. The motion was carried.
7. **INTRODUCTION OF CURRENT BOARD:** Jim Murphy introduced the current Board of Directors – Jim Murphy, President; Abdul Fasih, Vice-President; Keith Falkenberg, Treasurer; Diane Campbell, Secretary; Blake Fleming, Janet Galbraith, Danuta Trafford, Richard Weinberger, and Rick Wolfe, Directors at Large.
8. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**
 - (a) On January 31, 2023, our President, Ken Penton, passed away. He was a founding member of the CCBL and served on this Board until his death. He was President for nine of those years and was instrumental in finding this Bridge Centre. In October of 2020, on a tip from Marcia Andreychuk, Ken and Keith Falkenberg were able to pursue the possibility of leasing the Ramsay Community Centre, and with the assistance of Larry McDougall, the Bridge Centre was on its way. Renovations started in August 2021 and Operations commenced in February 2022. The chairs that we are sitting on were donated by Country Hills Golf Club, again thanks to Ken. We are grateful to Ken for his vision, initiative, and perseverance.
 - (b) It took many years and a sizeable amount of money to get to this point. There was fund raising in the form of regular Bow River bridge games, casinos, special speakers, and donations large and small. We would not be here without these people. Accordingly, on Saturday, April 20, 2024, we will have a special luncheon and game to honour these founders, donors, and volunteers.
 - (c) Since we opened, three bridge clubs have been operating out of our Centre, and there have been several special Saturday events, barbecues and potlucks run by the CCBL. Unit 390 has been running bid and play lessons for the past couple of months, as well Future Masters Games. Sandra Evans has offered bridge lessons. In July, the District ran a Non-Life Master 0-750 Regional.
 - (d) Jim pointed out that the Bridge Centre belongs to all Unit 390 members and thanked them and the CCBL Board for their support.
9. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Keith Falkenberg presented the Audited Financial Statements prepared by Anthony Chiu of the Federation of Calgary Communities, for the year end June 30, 2023, which were tabled at the meeting 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. **Keith Falkenberg**

moved that the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2023, be accepted as presented. **Rick Wolfe** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

10. **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS FOR 2023/2024:** Keith Falkenberg advised that the Federation of Calgary Communities and Anthony Chiu are appointed as auditors for the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2024. **Keith Falkenberg** moved that the Federation of Calgary Communities be appointed as auditors for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. **Marlen Lenstra** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

11. **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS:** The following people will continue to serve on the Board of Directors: Jim Murphy, Keith Falkenberg, Diane Campbell, Blake Fleming, Danuta Trafford, and Rick Wolfe. The following have been nominated in accordance with the Bylaws of the Calgary Community Bridge League to a three-year term: Richard Weinberger, Margaret Nielsen, and Sandy Jean Robinson. **Chris Murphy** moved that the slate of directors be approved as presented. **Jim Berglund** seconded the motion. The motion was carried. Jim thanked Abdul Fasih and Janet Galbraith for their service.

12. **SPECIAL RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE BYLAWS:** Keith Falkenberg reviewed the proposed amendments to the Bylaws, copies of which were provided on the tables, and available on the Calgary Bridge Centre website. **SPECIAL RESOLUTION:** Be it resolved that the members of the Calgary Community Bridge League approve the amended Bylaws of the Society as provided on the Society's website. These amended Bylaws will only come into force upon approval by the Registrar (as defined in the Business Corporations Act of Alberta). **Keith Falkenberg** moved that the Special Resolution to amend the Bylaws be approved. **Margaret Nielsen** seconded the motion. There were thirty-one votes in favour and ten against, satisfying the requirement that 75% of the votes cast are in favour. The motion was carried.

13. **NEW BUSINESS AND BRIDGE CENTRE UPDATE:**

(a) The Operations Committee meets once a month. In the past 12 months we have had 131 major topics on our agenda. The Operations Committee is responsible for general maintenance, snow removal, landscaping, yard maintenance, rental agreements for bridge and non-bridge tenants, lessons, bridge education, City lease, and the five-year plan prepared by Blake Fleming, as well as potlucks, fire and safety, gardening, and the defibrillator. Some problems have included security alarms, fire alarms, and water leakage. There is no remuneration given to these volunteers. It takes many people to run this Bridge Centre and we could use additional volunteers in many ways.

(b) Abdul Fasih spoke about bridge education.

14. **QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR:** Marlene Lenstra asked whether we are looking into opportunities to run a casino. There is an intention to obtain another casino licence. Lois Matton asked the Board to consider amending the Bylaws in the future to include

CCBL membership to CBF members and non-members of the ACBL. The Board undertook to consider this matter.

15. **ADJOURNMENT:** **Chris Murphy** moved that the meeting be adjourned at 3:15 p.m. **Paulette McWilliam** seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Submitted by Diane Campbell
October 17, 2023