

**American Contract Bridge League
North Saskatchewan Unit #575
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Saturday, October 19, 2024**

A total of 66 Unit members attended. Board Members in attendance. Michelle Bonneau, John Pulles, Linda Connell, Kate Logan, Phyllis Minielly, Brenda Jordan, Carol Beck, Marie Callbeck, Glen Fraser, Aileen Handyside.

Regrets: Jean Lawes, Tom Goodman.

1. **Call to Order:** Michelle Bonneau 4:15 p.m.
2. **Minutes of October 21, 2023:** As distributed.
Motion: Phyllis Minielly/Jay Anderson. The minutes be accepted as distributed.
Carried
3. **Business Arising from the Minutes** None
4. **President's Report:** Michele Bonneau
2024 was a busy year for Unit 575 with the NLM tournament in March and two sectionals in Saskatoon in June and September. All of this would not be possible without with out the team of volunteers that consistently work for the betterment of our unit. In addition to these tournaments, these volunteers helped with a district tournament in July.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a big thank you to Verla Zerebesky and Peggy McGregor for their many years serving on the Unit 575 board. I'm pretty sure ACBL will be shocked to remove Peggy from the Unit 575 mailing list, as I faithfully received reports from Peggy regularly. Even though Verla is stepping down from the Unit board, I hope she continues her excellent bridge lessons as part of the Saskatoon Bridge Club. The Saskatoon Bridge Club has maintained a healthy number of individuals on this board that have really continued to help our unit thrive.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve on the Unit executive committee. I encourage all bridge players to get involved with their respective club executives and this unit executive. It has been a learning experience. I have recently stepped away from bridge, but will not completely quit the game. See you at the table soon.

5. **Sectional Reports:** Phyllis Minielly
The U500 tournament was held March 1 -3 in Saskatoon. A terrible storm came through Saturday afternoon. We had to cancel Sunday's Swiss team event. We ended up losing \$556.62 on this tournament.

The Ken McGuirl Memorial Sectional tournament was held May 31 – Jun 2. We had 121.5 tables which was up from the year before and had a net profit of \$607.93.

Saskatoon Sectional was held Sept 13- 15. We had 124.5 tables which is 3 more tables than June sectional and 7 tables better than 2023. Our profit was \$1112.83

Next years dates: U500 Feb 28-Mar 2, 2025 with Brenda Jordan as tournament chair, Ken Mcguirl Memorial sectional May 30 Jun1, 2025, and Saskatoon Sectional Sept 26-28, 2025 with Phyllis Minielly as tournament chair. In addition there will be a Regional in Saskatoon in July 2025

6. Treasurer's Report: Cathy Walsh

This year the unit had a net profit of \$72.19. This was due to having 50/50 draws at the tournaments. We started these to earn money for hospitality at the Gold Rush regional held in July. After paying for the Gold Rush hospitality, we had a net of \$1,228.29. This is the difference between a loss of \$1,106.21 last year and a net profit of \$73.19 in 2024. Thank you to Mark Reinke, Sandra Simpson, Audrey Sadler and Glen Kusch for selling the tickets. Moving forward we are looking to have one 50/50 draw per day.

Our tournament profit is slightly ahead of 2023. We had increased attendance at the open sectionals. Unfortunately, the under 500 NLM tournament was on the weekend of a terrible storm. This resulted in a loss of \$556. The charges from the ACBL increase each year. At the September tournament the cost of sanction fees, director session fees, director's hotel and director's per diems came to over \$4,000. The 50/50 draws are allowing us to keep our table fees at \$13 per session. Without the 50/50 draws I would be asking to increase the table fees.

The unit provided advertising subsidies of \$500 to each of the Saskatoon Bridge Club and the Prince Albert Bridge Club.

The unit gave out travel subsidies of \$1,000 this year. \$600 was for unit members playing in the CNTCs in Penticton. \$400 was for unit members playing in the GNTs in Toronto. The unit travel policy is posted on the bulletin board by the coffee maker. If you are hoping to attend the CNTCs, GNTs, or NAOPs, please read our travel policy to see if you qualify for any subsidy.

We have \$9,234.95 in cash and \$23,801.96 in term deposits. I may place another \$4,000 in a term deposit. \$5,000 is the minimum amount that I like to see in cash. This means we can issue \$1,000 in cheques for club advertising, \$1,000 in travel subsidies, as well as paying for certain items at tournaments before the cash is received.

The Non-Profit Corporations act has changed this year. An audit is no longer required. The act now looks at our revenue. We could have a Compilation done by an accounting firm. I just had a compilation done on a small company and the cost was \$1,110. We cannot afford this at the unit. I would like to make the following motion:

Motion: Lyle Markowski/Fraser Glen. Unit 575 does not have a compilation done of their books, but instead appoint a review committee, independent of the Executive, to scrutinize the books annually. This committee must be given complete access to all original documents pertaining to the finances of North

7. Elections: Linda Connell

The Unit has several new members and Linda took the opportunity to explain the differences between bridge clubs, units, districts and ACBL. She also introduced the Executive and Board Members of Unit 575:

President – Open

Past President – Linda Connell

Vice President – John Pulles

Treasurer – Cathy Walsh

Secretary – Aileen Handyside

Prince Albert Representatives – Marie Callbeck, Carol Beck

North Battleford Representatives – Jean Lawes, Fraser Glen

Flin Flon Representative – Tom Goodman

Saskatoon Representatives – Brenda Jordan, Kate Logan, Phyllis Minielly

Motion: Buz Trevor. Robin Striemer Nominate Cydney Hayes for the position of President of Unit 575. Carried.

8. Cheque signing authority: Cathy Walsh

Motion: Cathy Walsh/ John Pulles. Remove Michele Bonneau from the signing authorities of North Saskatchewan Bridge Unit 575 at TCU Financial Credit Union effective October 19, 2024. Carried.

Motion: Cathy Walsh/Fraser Glen. Add Cydney Hayes to the signing authorities of North Saskatchewan Bridge Unit 575 at TCU Financial Credit Union effective October 19, 2024. Carried.

9. New Business:

1. Changes to Unit 575 Constitution – as sent out to all members earlier.

Motion: Michelle Bonneau/Marie Callbeck. Change ARTICLE 5 UNIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS (e) MEETINGS to: The Unit Board of Directors shall usually hold a meeting at each Sectional tournament. No fewer than two Board meetings should be held in any calendar year. If provisions can be arranged a Board member may attend via telephone or video conferencing.

Any member present by these methods shall be deemed to be present for purposes of a quorum.. Only two open Sectionals are held per year. Carried.

Motion: Bob Halliday/Brian Sullivan Omit 2) under ARTICLE 10 DISCIPLINE (b) UNIT LEVEL The Unit will appoint a Unit Disciplinary Chairperson and either establish a Unit Disciplinary Committee or the procedure to establish one when necessary as as the ACBL has taken over this responsibility.

10. Mini McKenny awards – Michelle Bonneau

John Pulles and Michelle Bonneau presented the Mini McKenny awards to the 2023 recipients.

0-5	Marlene Baird, Prince Albert
5-20	Linda Clavelle, Prince Albert
20-50	Linda Ard, Meota
50-100.	Shelley Belheumer, Wakaw
100-200	S. Vicki Richert, Saskatoon
200-300	Brenda Jordan, Asquith
300-500	Zhuo Sun, Saskatoon
500-1000	Phyllis Minielly, Crossmount
1000-1500	Claire Cook, Saskatoon
1500-2500	Linda Fraser, Saskatoon
2500-3500	Garry Karst, Saskatoon
3500-5000	Jay Anderson, Saskatoon
5000-7500	John Pulles, Saskatoon
Over 10,000	Andy Anderson, Saskatoon

11. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned.