

**Unit 249 Annual General Meeting (AGM)
September 12, 2020, 10:30 AM, Zoom**

Call to Order: The AGM was called to order at 10:31 AM by the President, Tom Ramsay.

Present: Jennifer Verdam-Woodward, Pat Simpson, Raj Seth, Ted Boyd, Tom Ramsay, Tom Jolliffe, Hazel Hewitt, Jed Drew, Louise Caicco, Sharon Boyd, all members of Unit 249 in good standing. This constitutes a quorum for the purpose of conducting business on behalf of the Membership.

Approval of Minutes of last General Meeting: Moved by Tom Jolliffe and seconded by Ted Boyd that the minutes of the AGM held in St Thomas in September 2019 as posted on our ACBL Unit 249 website be approved - CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report: Jed Drew

2019 Review Engagement Report submitted by Gary Westfall attached

Raj Seth inquired as to whether free play vouchers were held on the balance sheet as a contingent liability. Jed answered that they were not because their use is not material and most expire. Rather, they are shown as expense in the period in which they are used.

2020 YTD Financials are also attached.

Jed Drew moved acceptance of the 2019 and 2020 YTD reports, seconded by Jennifer Verdam-Woodward - CARRIED

Appointment of the Accountant

Moved by Jed Drew and seconded by Ted Boyd that Gary Westfall continue as Accountant for 2020 - CARRIED.

President's Message: Tom Ramsay

President's Report 2020

It's been a difficult year for everyone due to Covid19, but Unit 249 has fared relatively well.

Although all our tournaments have been cancelled, our membership has held steady at about 1400 members. With no tournaments to run our expenses have been drastically reduced and we remain in a very healthy financial position, and we will be able to resume tournament play when Covid19 restrictions are removed. Unfortunately this may be well into 2021. Unit 166 has already cancelled its Jan 2021 sectional and Apr 2021 regional.

Fortunately, the ACBL and BBO have enabled our clubs to run virtual games online. These have been very successful and the unit board encourages all clubs and players to play in the online games. They are not the same as face to face bridge, but they at least allow us to play our favourite game safely and stay in touch with our fellow bridge players.

I hope you all stay safe and healthy and I look forward to seeing you at our tournaments when they resume.

-Tom Ramsay

Motion to approve the actions of the Board since the last AGM

Moved by Sharon Boyd and seconded by Tom Jolliffe that the actions of the Board since the last AGM be approved – CARRIED.

Next Board of Directors Meeting date: We will hold a board of directors meeting in January. As the London tournament has been cancelled, we are not tied to a specific weekend. Jennifer will send out an email closer to the month to determine which day is best for everyone to attend.

Next AGM date: No meeting date set.

Adjournment

Moved by Jennifer Verdam-Woodward that the AGM be adjourned.