

REGINA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Held at the Club June 28, 2016

Present: A constituted quorum

Joan Quinlan called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

1.0 Adoption of the Agenda

Motion by Gaylene Spence, seconded by Colleen Campbell, that the agenda be adopted as presented. **Carried.**

2.0 Adoption of the Minutes

Motion by Maureen Wagner, seconded by Lorna Taylor, that the minutes of the AGM of June 30, 2015 be adopted. **Carried.**

3.0 President's Report

-Joan Quinlan reported that 3 of our weekly games are being closely monitored by the Board, due to low table counts. These games are Tuesday evening, Wednesday morning and Thursday evening. However, the Board feels that each of these games has a special value and should be continued, with hopes of improved table counts.

-Specifically, Joan talked about the Tuesday evening game, which has had to be cancelled on occasion due to insufficient table count to hold a game. This is unfortunate for the players and director who have come out to play, and can result in players not coming out for future games. It was felt that this game is very important, however, because it is the only open evening game, and therefore may be the only opportunity for people still in the workforce to play in an open game during the week. Claire Jones then presented an idea for encouraging growth of this game. He suggested holding a special game, approximately once a month, on a Tuesday evening. He described his idea as a game with fewer boards (12-15), followed by discussion by the group as to how they bid and played the hands. Hand records would be available to use to review hands. The game would still be sanctioned, but would pay out fewer masterpoints (perhaps 60% of what a full game would pay). This might be encouraging to players who would like to improve their game strategies, and therefore this might also see more people coming out to play. Claire is willing to set up a schedule from now to December that would coincide with when he is available. He suggested that we could monitor the success and decide whether to continue into January.

-Lance Connell suggested another format that we might consider in future. That is, having one master play with three non-masters, followed by discussion hand-by-hand.

-Joan said that the Board has decided to cancel Thursday evening this week, as well as other evening games that coincide with Roughrider games.

-Joan said that John Groves, who is one of the board duplicators, has asked about the part of the computer program that allows for play of the bridge hands. He wondered if anyone was using it, and if not if it was worthwhile to include. Upon discussion, some people said that had not been aware of this possibility, others said they never used it, and one or two people said that they had used it. Because it takes very little extra time to provide this, it was decided to leave as is.

-Joan thanked Donna Barber for looking after Community Bridge, and thanked all the people who have participated, helped, or provided muffins. We get approximately 12 tables for a game, which

is down from previously but apparently other venues are also experiencing fewer numbers. Donna is looking for volunteers to help or to provide muffins. Next Community Bridge date is July 9th.

-Joan acknowledged the contributions of the members who are stepping down from the Board, and thanked them for their service. These members are Norma Barber, Larry Hall, Greg McNamara,

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Joanne Petrychyn and Dale Wilde. The volunteerism of all of these members was greatly appreciated.

-Joan gave special acknowledgement to Norma Barber, for her long-time service and support to the Club. She pointed out that Norma was president when we moved from our previous River Heights location in 1998, and talked about how much time and effort Norma put into this move. Former Club manager Jan Anderson also personally thanked Norma for her tireless efforts, right from designing the layout of our new location to actually going with her husband to Calgary to get affordable side tables from IKEA. Joan pointed out that from the bigger things to the many things we probably didn't even realize that she was doing, Norma has always stepped up to help. Don Norman talked about the huge job that Norma did for so many years as treasurer for the Club.

4.0 Treasurer's Report

Norma Barber presented the financial statement. She thanked Bob Nell for his idea to create graphs to illustrate and compare income and expenses over the last 6 years, as well as table count comparisons for the last 4 years. Bob thanked Don Norman for the work he did on these graphs, which were distributed to the membership.

Norma pointed out a few items from the financial report:

- Club donation to the Food Bank
- 50/50 profits from the Regional \$1875 (with thanks to those who worked 50/50's)
- Percentage jackpot \$164 (20% now to the Club)
- Increased operating cost (common area) to New West of \$87 per month
- Increase in table count over previous year (108.5 tables more)
- Unexpected expense of \$500 re: blocked urinal, apparently from sand and debris, last year, a problem and expense that we have once again incurred this year.
- Investment interest of \$637 on \$92,992.
- Sectional tournament, listed in miscellaneous, should be in tournament income - \$743
- Coffee shows net loss, but we still have supplies on hand so hard to calculate value
- Overall, fiscal year 2015 / 2016 showed a positive net income of \$3405

Motion by Norma Barber, seconded by Lorraine Garratt, to accept the financial report of 2015-2016 as presented. **Carried**

5.0 Old Business

5.1 Reports from the two active Strategic Planning Committees

5.1.1 Education Committee

Report presented by Chairperson Gaylene Spence (see Addendum #1)

5.1.2 Promotions and Advertising Committee

Report presented by Chairperson Lorraine Garratt (see Addendum #2)

6.0 New Business

No items on the agenda, and no items presented from the floor

7.0 Election of Officers and Board Members for 2016- 2017

Joan Quinlan presented the list of candidates

The following slate of Officers was presented:

President	Joan Quinlan (incumbent)
Vice President	Leslie Mortin (formerly Member at Large)
Treasurer	Ken Gabora (new)
Secretary	Ilsa Krukoff (incumbent)

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The following slate of Board members at large was presented:

Sandy Bingaman (incumbent)
Pat Carlson (new)
Lance Connell (new)
Marilyn Drever (incumbent)
Angela Duczek (new)
Gaylene Spence (incumbent)
Robert Stringer (new)
Nancy Welta (formerly Vice President)

The floor was opened to further nominations. There were none.

Motion by Don Norman, seconded by Maureen Wagner, that nominations cease and that the slate of candidates be accepted.

Carried. The Officers and Board were approved by acclamation as presented.

8.0 Trophies and Awards

President Joan Quinlan introduced this section of the meeting by acknowledging the balance of competitiveness and positive environment of play that make our Club such a pleasant and hospitable place in which to enjoy the game of bridge.

Dale Wilde made the presentations to the winners of our various championships, as well as recognizing the individual achievement of new Life Master. The winners' names can be seen prominently displayed on the Wall of Fame. A list of the winners is included with these minutes, and will also be posted on our Club web-site. Joan Schneider Player of the Year was awarded to Peter Worby and Player of the Year for players under 100MP was awarded to Robert Stringer.

9.0 Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm

Following the AGM, the new Board met briefly to decide on a date for the first Board meeting of fiscal year 2016 / 2017. It will be held on Saturday July 30th. The following changes will be in effect:

Former treasurer Norma Barber – no longer will have signing authority

Former vice president Nancy Welta – no longer will have signing authority

Motion by Nancy Welta, seconded by Pat Carlson, that the following will have signing authority for fiscal year 2016 / 2017:

President – Joan Quinlan

Vice President – Leslie Mortin

Treasurer – Ken Gabora

Secretary – Ilsa Krukoff

Club Manager – James (Jim) Bingaman
Carried

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ADDENDUM #1 - EDUCATION REPORT

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION TO AGM 2016

Presented by Gaylene Spence – AGM June 28, 2016

I wish to start by thanking these committee members who have served this past year: Darien Cozart, Della Irvine, Ilsa Krukoff, Rosemary Malkelki, Shirley Strohan, Joyce Butler, and Geri Skilnick.

The past year has involved several initiatives:

First, in the fall of 2015 a 2/1 workshop was offered by Gary Johannsen with 29 students registered.

Second with regard to our lesson program:

For the second year two blocks of eight lessons were offered: Level 1 in September-October and Level 2 in January and February. There were accompanying workshops each week to allow students to apply and practise concepts from the lessons.

In January we hosted a welcome back coffee party. This was our second annual. The number of people attending doubled from the first one.

This spring five review workshops were offered at students' request. The content of the workshops was based on student's requests.

Third, the mini-lessons were offered on Wednesday nights before the Master –Rookie game. We are always looking for presenters willing to share their knowledge. Please think about volunteering to share. We are always looking for new mentors as well.

Fourth, we spent considerable time this year researching the franchise, Learn Bridge in A Day. After much thought it was decided to put this initiative on the back burner as there was financial risk with no guarantee of membership gain.

Fifth, on September 10 at 10am the committee will host a coffee party to welcome people to the club and our offerings. Think about bringing someone new to introduce them to the Regina Bridge Club.

Lastly, I would like to thank the Promotions Committee for their work on behalf of the Education Committee.

ADDENDUM #2 - PROMOTIONS REPORT

PROMOTIONS-ADVERTISING COMMITTEE REPORT

Presented by Lorraine Garratt - AGM June 28, 2016

Actions accomplished since last June:

Announcements in newspapers, radio and tv about the club in general and lessons

Three interviews on radio and tv

New undertakings:

- “It’s Your Call” challenge
- Percentage jackpot game

New brochure produced – distributed to libraries, city neighbourhood and recreation centres and Lifelong Learning Centre—also being used for handouts at presentations and lessons as well as other venues

Posters produced and distributed to community neighbourhood and recreation centres, and to libraries and Lifelong Learning Centre

Presentation to Regina District Dental Society; continuing to encourage members to speak to their past career colleagues about trying duplicate bridge, e.g., teachers, medical, crown corp and government colleagues

Advertising placed in four community association newsletters with another complementary ad coming in the fall/winter Prairie Place Community Association newsletter. This was co-op marketing in which the ACBL and District 18 reimbursed funds expended by the club

Outreach mentorship bridge sessions were promoted in Regina’s 2016 winter/spring leisure guide and Cathedral Community Association newsletter. There was also free insertion of our ad in the Hillsdale Community Association newsletter.

Reciprocal promotion has been undertaken with the Regina Senior Fitness Association through their respective websites. The Regina Senior Fitness newsletter and email marketing has included club information. In August photos, in addition to the duplicate bridge results will appear on the www.ssfa.ca website under Regina District.

We're continuing research into enhancing the club website as a marketing tool; also social media is being explored.

Evaluation: Profile has been raised through media promotion, people reporting having seen print and tv editorial; there were several telephone and email enquiries tracked to the promotion, and several converted to new lesson participants and players.

Thanks to committee members: Ilsa Krukoff, Lance Connell, Marilyn Drever, Pat Beharry, Joan Quinlan (ex officio) as well as to Jason Larrivee, Pat Harlton, Rick Grieman, Robert Stringer, Shirley Strohan and Dale Wilde who provided advice, expertise, interviews and presentations.