

**REGINA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB**  
**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**  
**Held at the Club June 27, 2017**

**Present:** A constituted quorum

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

**1.0 Adoption of the Agenda**

**Add 5.1.3** Relocation

**Motion** by Lyle Spencer, seconded by Rick Gaucher, that the agenda be adopted as amended. **Carried.**

**2.0 Adoption of the Minutes**

**Motion** by Wayne Natrass, seconded by Dean Allen, that the minutes of the AGM of June 28, 2016 be adopted. **Carried.**

**3.0 President's Report**

- Joan Quinlan said that the Club has been growing in both membership and game attendance. She said that we have been monitoring the 3 games which had concerned us due to low table counts, and commented on the improvement we have seen in these games, in no small part thanks to our game directors, as well as the teaching component that directors Claire Jones and Pamela Keim added during some of these games, to improve interest and attendance. She also mentioned the great work by Jason Larrivee in the Thursday evening initiative, in providing a valuable and well-received educational component.

-Joan also said how happy we were with the success of the popular Wednesday evening master / non-master game, with special thanks to those who have stepped forward to mentor, and to all the <200 players whose interest and attendance are helping to make this such a good game.

- Joan talked about the kindness, the family feeling, generosity of spirit, and fun and laughter that she has observed at the Club, as we build on our positive and welcoming atmosphere.

-Joan talked about the proposal which came from the Unit regarding a shared purchase of Bridgmate 2's between the Unit and the Club. She then spoke of how Club member Peter Worby has stepped forward, showing tremendous generosity in offering to pay both the Unit portion and the Club portion of this purchase. She extended the sincere thanks of the Club on behalf of all of our members for this very generous gift from Peter and his wife Trish.

**4.0 Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Ken Gabora shared the Balance Sheet and the comparative Profit/Loss statement for this fiscal year compared with the previous fiscal year, as well as a proposed Budget for fiscal year 2017-18. Some points mentioned:

- The amount in chequing has now been reduced by \$10,000, which has been transferred to high interest savings.
- A few items have been reclassified from where they were in previous year's statement, in order to streamline.

- Table fee revenues are up 11.5% year over year, due to increased table counts.
- Memberships are up almost 10%.
- We have seen an increase in income from Tournaments, but less income from interest on GICs.
- Costs are up for alarm system (fee increase), janitorial supplies, bridge supplies, telephone/web (enhancements to website)
- Advertising/promotions costs are defrayed by a rebate from ACBL.
- Club Manager position – Board increased honorarium by \$50 per month to reflect the large time commitment. Honorarium this year was \$1200.
- In response to a question regarding increase in total paid to game directors, it was pointed out that directors’ pay varies according to how many tables there are, so more tables means slightly higher pay. Also, there were fewer cancelled games. If a game is cancelled due to insufficient attendance, the director does not get paid for this game.

**Motion** by Ken Gabora, seconded by Rick Gaucher, to accept the financial report of 2016-2017 as presented. **Carried.**

## 5.0 Old Business

### 5.1 Reports from Strategic Planning Committees

#### 5.1.1 Education Committee

Report presented by Della Irvine, on behalf of Chairperson Gaylene Spence

- Thanks to hard work of committee members and in particular to Gaylene, who has brought many good ideas and is always accommodating to new people and new ideas
- Fall lessons, and fall and spring workshops were highly successful. Winter lessons (Level 2) were less well attended with so many people not available to follow through
- Workshops remained well attended throughout, with most attendees continuing to play
- Plan for this fall: Open House/Coffee Party Sept 10<sup>th</sup>, Lessons begin Sept 11<sup>th</sup>, Workshops begin following week. October/November to offer Level 2.
- Wednesday evening pre-game mini-lessons: Thanks to Lance Connell who stepped up to offer many helpful sessions..
- Monday evening: Thanks to Monday evening directors for their lessons and support to encourage new players.
- Contact committee: phoning to encourage people to come back to the Club.
- Always looking to offer more lessons in innovative ways, and looking to our members for good ideas to share with the committee.

#### 5.1.2 Promotions and Advertising Committee

Report presented by Lance Connell, on behalf of Chairperson Lorraine Garratt

-Actions accomplished:

- editorial promotion newspapers, radio and TV about our Club, lessons and open house (also circulated via Retired Public School Teachers’ email, Regina Newcomers Club, and Prairie View Community Association newsletters).
- posters produced and distributed to community neighbourhood and recreation centres, libraries and Lifelong Learning Centre.
- advertising in City of Regina Activity Planner and QC (co-op marketing for which the ACBL and District 18 reimbursed)
- reciprocal promotion continuing with Regina Senior Fitness Association through our respective websites, as well as Regina Senior Fitness newsletter and email marketing including our bridge club information and events.

-New undertakings:

-Revitalized website: A big thank you to Greg Hutchinson and Morgan Wadsworth for their extensive work on this project. Among their many good ideas is the merge feature that enables a view of hands simultaneously with scores. Thanks to Gary Johannson for updating the Club history, and for his offer to have an “Ask Gary” feature added in the near future. And special thanks to Jason Larrivee who continues his good work as our webmaster.

-U of R project: We coordinated a project involving students producing a strategic communications plan, providing publicity tools and hosting mini-bridge lessons and a tournament at the University.

-Evaluation: Our profile has been raised through media promotion. We have received inquiries, new lesson participants and new players through these various initiatives.

-Lorraine wished to thank committee members Lance Connell, Marilyn Drever, Ilsa Krukoff, Robert Stringer and Joan Quinlan (ex officio). She also extended thanks to Gaylene Spence, Geri Skilnick, Greg Hutchinson, Jim and Sandy Bingaman, Jason Larrivee, Mo Perepelkin and Darien Cozart for their assistance in a variety of ways.

-Lance also talked about “It’s Your Call”, for which he is the contact person, and encouraged people to try it out.

### 5.1.3 Relocation

Update by Audrey Bruch. Audrey reminded us that our lease end-date is July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Some ideas are already being explored, but most places can offer no guarantees this early. Audrey said that the search will start in earnest in January. However, she asked members to please submit ideas if they know of, or find out about, a possible location. We will need 2000 sq feet minimum, with accessibility and parking.

## 6.0 New Business

**6.1 Motion:** Moved by Sandy Bingaman, seconded by Nancy Welta, that we continue to have standbys from September through June on Monday afternoons and Wednesday mornings, but not on Friday afternoons.

**Discussion:**

-Rationale that Friday standbys have rarely been used, and that the few times a standby has been needed it has been for out-of-towners who have contacted the Club Manager for an arrangement.

-Other alternatives such as going to website or using our partnership email group exist

-It is a big job to try to get enough suitable standbys to cover 3 days a week; some of our members are unavailable or unwilling or unable for other reasons to fulfill this role, so it falls to a more limited group.

-Lise Lundlie said that she preferred our previous approach of posting a list so that people could see who was on standby and could switch with others if needed.

-Mo Adams spoke about the difficulty in balancing who was away during the winter, trying to assign people who would then refuse, or having to tap the people who have already done standby over again in order to cover all the dates.

-Lyle Spencer suggested that we could do away with standbys altogether, considering the alternatives that are available.

-It was pointed out that not all people are computer savvy, and some may not have a computer

-At present, a list is sent out in 2-month increments to people assigned as standbys for that period, so they can then seek to switch with others as needed.

-Joan Quinlan said that standbys have been traditionally used, so we should consider staying with the “status quo” at least for this final year at this location, rather than not provide standbys.

**Question** was called, and motion was **carried**, with 2 opposed.

**6.2 Motion:** Moved by Leslie Mortin, seconded by Marilyn Drever, that effective fiscal term 2017-2018, our bylaws regarding Board composition be amended to include Past President as a Board position.

**Discussion:**

Amendment was suggested that a time- limit should be included.

**Amended Motion:** Moved by Leslie Mortin, seconded by Marilyn Drever, that effective fiscal term 2017-2018, our bylaws regarding Board composition be amended to include Past President as a Board position for a one-year term. **Carried** unanimously.

**6.3 Items brought from the floor**

None

**7.0 Election of Officers and Board Members for 2017-2018**

Joan Quinlan thanked the present Board for their dedicated service. She noted that Pat Carlson and Robert Stringer would be stepping down, and she expressed the appreciation of the Club for their service during their tenures. She then presented the current list of candidates.

The following slate of Officers was presented:

President	Joan Quinlan (incumbent)
Vice President	Leslie Mortin (incumbent)
Treasurer	Ken Gabora (incumbent)
Secretary	Ilsa Krukoff (incumbent)

The following slate of Board members at large was presented:

Sandy Bingaman (incumbent)  
Lance Connell (incumbent)  
Marilyn Drever (incumbent)  
Angela Duczek (incumbent)  
Larry Lazurko (new)  
Gaylene Spence (incumbent)  
Lyle Spencer (new)  
Nancy Welta (incumbent)

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

**Motion** by Lise Lundlie, seconded by Joanne Petrychyn, 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**

Dale Wilde made the presentations to the winners of our various championships, as well as recognizing the individual achievement of new Life Master milestones. The winners' names can be seen prominently displayed on the Wall of Fame. A complete list of the winners will be posted on our Club web-site. Joan Schneider Player of the Year was awarded to Wayne Natrass and Player of the Year for players under 100MP was awarded to Darien Cozart. A cake was provided in honour of Wayne's achievement as Joan Schneider Player of the Year.

**9.0 Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm

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Following the AGM, the new Board met briefly to decide on a date for the first Board meeting of fiscal year 2017 / 2018. It will be held on **Saturday August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**

Minutes of June 3, 2017 amended 5.0 to read “. . . one for \$59 . . . )

**Motion** by Sandy Bingaman, seconded by Nancy Welta, to accept the minutes of June 3, 2017, for posting. **Carried.**