

REGINA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Held at the club June 25, 2019

Present: A constituted quorum

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion by Greg Hutchinson, seconded by Cal McLeod, that the agenda be adopted as presented.
Carried.

2. Adoption of the Minutes of June 26th, 2018

Motion by Colleen Campbell, seconded by Vivian Krakowski, that the Minutes of June 26th, 2018, be adopted. **Carried.**

3. President's Report

- Leslie Mortin gave introductory remarks, welcoming everyone to the first AGM to be held in our new facility. She said that operating costs at our new location are down from our previous location. Our relocation budget had been \$25,000. Actual expenditures came in under that, at \$21,700.
- Leslie commented on the recent 299er tournament held by the Unit at our Club, and noted its success. On Saturday, there was a turnout of 16 tables, including 7 that came from Saskatoon.
- Leslie expressed particular thanks to Club manager, Jim Bingaman for going above and beyond in helping the Club to run smoothly. She also extended thanks to Club members Doug Powley, Dale Wilde and Byron Seymour who are our duplimators. She extended special thanks to our Mister Fix-it, Doug Powley. She also acknowledged and thanked our game directors for their dedication in covering all of our games.
- Leslie introduced the current Board members. She expressed special gratitude to Lorna Bingaman, who stepped in as Treasurer when Ken Gabora was unable to complete his term, and who has done a wonderful job.
- Leslie thanked all of the Board members who served this year. She acknowledged the contributions of Joan Quinlan and Lyle Spencer, both of whom will not sit on the Board in this new fiscal year. She made special mention of Donna Barber's work with Community Bridge, of Gaylene Spence's work as Education Chair, of Nancy Welta's work with game management as our liaison with game directors, and of Greg Hutchinson's invaluable work as our computer guru.

4. Treasurer's Report

Lorna Bingaman presented the report.

- Lorna thanked Don Norman for his review of the financial records. She also thanked Ken Gabora for his help with the transition, and with showing her the ropes.
- Lorna gave explanation of some items on the statement of receipts and disbursements, in particular explaining the differences year over year, which mostly were a result of our changed circumstances at our new location, and fielded questions regarding some figures.
 - Tournament revenue: Unit is now not holding tournaments at the Club, so we received no revenue
 - Question was asked about 299er tournament. It was indicated that the Club did not charge for rental
 - Directors' fees showed an increase, reflecting the flat rate that is now paid. However, directors no longer receive a free play.
 - Overall, our expenses at our new location show significant savings over our old location (lower rent and common area fees, no utilities cost, no janitor fees)
- Lorna presented a budget for fiscal year June 1, 2019 to May 31, 2020, with comparison to the previous two fiscal years. She noted that now we look to be in a very positive financial position, with a significant projected surplus.
Question was asked as to whether going forward we intend to run a surplus or whether there might

be other plans. President Leslie Mortin answered that once we have had a chance to see how stable our financial situation is at the end of this fiscal year we would consider options, which might include a fee reduction.

Question was asked as to whether there was still any thought to building. Leslie noted that prior to our current move, this idea was explored and the costs were prohibitive, noting that we could not get a mortgage. Further discussion regarding money given by original donors at the time when building was contemplated: when asked, donors had not decided to take back their donations.

Motion by Lorna Bingaman, seconded by Bob Nell, that we accept the financial report as presented.
Carried

Motion by Lorna Bingaman, seconded by Donna Barber, that we accept the budget as presented.
Carried

5. Old Business

None

6. New Business

6.1 Committee Reports

6.1.1 Education - Chair Gaylene Spence

Angela Duczek presented the report on behalf of Gaylene, who was unable to be at the meeting. Gaylene reported a busy and productive year.

-Joyce Butler's workshops have been very successful

-Beginner lessons were offered (two sets of Level 1, and one set of Level 2) These were well-attended. Players have started playing Monday evenings

Gaylene reported that Open House attendance last September was a disappointment. Our new location means we are impacted by street closures caused by the Queen City Marathon, so both our Open House and fall lessons start will move forward one week.

Plans for this fiscal year include more of Joyce's workshops, Level 1 and 2 lessons and workshops. As well we are investigating a partnership with Regina Public Library to extend our community outreach.

Gaylene thanked the members of the Committee

Della Irvine	Tina Allen	Geri Skilnick	Marian Hutchinson
Shirley Strohan	Ilsa Krukoff	Joyce Butler	

Gaylene also thanked Lorraine Garratt and the Promotions Committee for their help and expertise with the Club's advertising.

Scott Rosom brought to the attention of the Committee that it would be helpful to update the website connection and content for use by people interested in taking lessons, etc.

6.1.2 Promotions - Lorraine Garratt

Lorraine reported on actions accomplished since June of last year:

-Articles and announcements placed in newspapers, radio and TV about the Club in general, its move, the beginner and play-of-hand lessons and Open House. (Editorial pieces - no cost)

-Posters about our move distributed to businesses and organizations in the immediate area, community neighbourhood recreation centres, libraries and Lifelong Learning Centre.

-Paid advertising insertions for Sept open house and lessons (City of Regina Activity Planner, QC)

-Paid advertising space promoting May/June 2019 beginner lessons (Prairie Dog, QC)

-Lorraine noted that co-op marketing is inexpensive as ACBL and District 18 returns 75% of the cost to the Club of the above advertising and poster campaigns.

-Regina Senior Fitness Association extended our outreach by including our Club information and events on their website, in their newsletter and their email database marketing.

New undertakings:

- Arranged a bridge night at Boardgames Bistro, unfortunately without success.
- Purchased Double Dummy movie and are planning one or more screenings.

Evaluation:

- We track enquiries to our marketing efforts and people reported having noticed print editorials, there were telephone and email enquiries tracked to the promotions, and several were converted to new lesson participants and players. Enquirers reported the specific source of their enquiry was the Leader Post, Prairie Dog and QC, the website, and word of mouth. A member of Regina Senior Fitness Association also came to lessons.

Thanks:

- Lorraine thanked committee members Ilsa Krukoff, Lance Connell, Greg Hutchinson, and Joan Quinlan
- Lorraine and the committee appreciated the assistance of Gaylene Spence, Jim Bingaman, Dow Cooney, Geri Skilnick, Joyce Butler, Rick Grieman and Robert Stringer in helping us with our promotional initiatives.

6.2 The Common Game

Jim Bingaman explained that the Common Game is run separately from ACBL, although closely coordinated. There are 21 possible sessions per week. The common game files can be accessed, duplimate, etc. The Board has decided that we will take part for all pairs games.

Participation does not impact your results in any Club game. However, it allows you, if you wish, to compare your results against thousands of others who played the same hands, with results being sent to your email address to access. In addition expert commentators review some hands and give extra commentary. There is no cost to us.

6.3 Motion regarding Tuesday evening game

Motion by James Dulmage seconded by Scott Rosom, that the Board of the Regina Bridge Club begin an investigation into Tuesday evening games to determine how best to increase attendance.

Discussion:

- Numbers haven't really changed over the years and attendance remains low.
- This is the only open evening game, which is important for people who are working.
- People are encouraged to submit ideas, but still keeping this as an open game
- Perhaps approach from the perspective: "Why don't people come?"
- Could revisit both Tuesday and Thursday evening - open to ideas and to people who might be willing to work on a committee.

Motion was Carried.

6.4 Items brought from the floor

None.

7. Election of Officers and Board Members for 2019-2020

Conducted by Muriel Drew

Slate of candidates letting their names stand:

For Executive:

President - Leslie Mortin

Vice-President - Angela Duczek

Treasurer - Lorna Bingaman

Secretary - Ilsa Krukoff

As members at large:

Donna Barber

Sandy Bingaman

Lance Connell

Greg Hutchinson

Larry Lazurko

Paul Omilon

Gaylene Spence

Nancy Welta

Muriel called for any further nominations.

As there were none, the above slate was declared elected by acclamation.

8. Recognition of Club Champions and new Life Masters

Presented by Gary Johannsson

Gary presented the list of winners of the various Club Championships, and highest percentage games, and winners were asked to stand and be recognized. Gary gave interesting commentary about some of the awards and for whom they were named.

There was one new Life Master, Maureen Wagner.

Gary also acknowledged the following winners:

Joan Schneider Player of the Year - Barb Miller

The U 100 Player of the Year - Dolores Spreitzer

Rookie of the Year - Marilyn Kotylak

(*Note: Names of all winners can be found on our website under "The Club" - Club Champions)

9. Meeting adjourned by Donna Barber at 6:55