

REGINA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Held at the Club June 28, 2022

Present: A constituted quorum of approximately 40 members

Leslie Mortin called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda: moved by Donna Barber, seconded by JoAnne Petrychyn, that the agenda be adopted with the addition of point 6.4. **Carried.**

2. Approval of the Minutes of June 25, 2019 and two presented reports submitted by e-mail on June 23, 2020 and June 29, 2021. Moved by Dennis Butler, seconded by Doug Powley, that these three documents be accepted. **Carried.**

3. President's Report

After welcoming everyone, President Leslie Morton introduced the current executive of vice-president Angela Duczek, secretary Sandy Bingaman, treasurer Lorna Bingaman, and board members Gaylene Spence who chairs the education committee, Donna Barber who organizes community bridge, Greg Hutchinson our resident computer guru, Nancy Welta who served as liaison with directors, Lance Connell, Larry Lazurko, Ilsa Krukoff, and Paul Omilon.

Leslie then thanked members who have made special contributions to the club; manager Jim Bingaman who worked hard maintaining the club through Covid and now unflappably helps games run smoothly; Dale Wilde, Byron Seyour and Doug Powley who work weekly to have boards duplicated for all games; Doug Powley who is our smiling resident handyman able to fix everything; and our game directors Joyce, Claire, Jim, Kevin, and Pam who are indispensable to the club. She pointed out that the club does need new people to train for this important job and asked for volunteers to whom she promised lots of help to learn the ropes.

She then mentioned our first post-Covid in-person tournament, run successfully by the unit at our club two weeks ago, which attracted seven tables with six people from Saskatoon and realized a small profit.

She noted that the club had made a small foray into on-line bridge hosting s Sunday afternoon game throughout the winter, with Cal McLeod and Lorraine Garrett alternating directing. This game, now on hold for the summer because of decreasing participation, was part of a provincial initiative with the profits shared with clubs whose members participated, following Saskatoon's example with their on-line games. Our club received about \$300 per month from Saskatoon based on the number of our members who played.

The South Saskatchewan Unit #574 has been very generous with their financial support through both the shutdown caused by Covid-19 and our efforts to return to our normal games. We offer our heartfelt thanks for their contributions and continuing support to the welfare of bridge in Regina and southern Saskatchewan.

Leslie ended by thanking Angela Duczek who headed up the club's membership drive for 2022-23 which to date has resulted in 107 memberships sold.

4. Financial Report

Lorna Bingaman presented her four-page financial report, starting by thanking Don Norman for reviewing it.

The first page was the club balance sheet as of May 31, 2022, which showed the club's assets at \$83,846.53 in cash and investments and no liabilities. The second page, the statement of receipts and disbursements, showed the club with an operating deficit of \$4,639, based on \$58,553.17 receipts and \$63,192.17 expenses. She explained that the receipts included two sets of membership payments, one for

each of 2021 and 2022, the former being collected later than usual because of the club's late opening in that year. This statement also included a comparison with the 2021 fiscal year, for which there were almost no entries because the club was closed; she explained that our rent charges were \$17,325 lower that year than the current one because the club received a Covid-related grant to cover part of them. The third statement provided the table counts for 2021-22, which showed a total of 1373.5 tables, broken down by sessions.

The last page of the report was the budget for the 2022-23 year which Lorna explained was based on three premises: 140 tables per month at \$28 per table x 12 months = \$47,040, 100 memberships at \$25 per person, and directors' fees for 8.5 games per week x 52 weeks x \$25 per game. She noted that these premises, which are quite conservative, would lead to a deficit of about \$12,000 for the year, an amount that could easily be covered by our current assets.

Lorna moved, seconded by Donna Barber, that this report be accepted. **Carried.**

5. Covid-19 Protocols

Leslie briefly reviewed the Covid-19 precautions which the club has followed to keep players feeling safe since play resumed last August. At first, these included proof of full vaccination, sanitizing all the furniture, no food in the club, and wearing masks at all times. Since the number of cases has dropped over time and other organizations such as the ACBL and the Saskatoon Bridge Club have relaxed some rules, our club has followed suit, keeping the vaccinations requirement and sanitizing the tables but now requiring masks only when other players at a table require them, sanitizing the tables only, and allowing food and drinks for private consumption but not for sharing.

6. New Business

6.1 Leslie stated that our current lease will expire in June 2023 and asked if anyone had any reservations about our current space. Since none were raised, she said she would pursue negotiations for renewal.

6.2 Committee Reports

6.2.1 Promotions-Advertising Committee

Chair person Lorrain Garrett thanked her committee members, Ilsa Krukoff, Lance Connell, Greg Hutchinson, and Joan Quinlan for their help and also Gaylene Spence, Joyce Butler, and Donna Barber for their work to promote the club's initiatives. In September 2021 and also later, the committee placed articles and announcements in newspapers, on radio, TV, and our website about beginners' lessons and later Level 2 lessons and an April workshop. These advertisements were paid 25% by the club and 75% by grants from the ACBL and District 18. The committee analysed what exactly had attracted people to the club and found that half came from friends' recommendations and half from various advertisements.

6.2.2 Community Bridge Committee

Chair person Donna Barber reported that the first post-Covid community bridge game at our club occurred on May 28, 2022, attracting four tables and making a small profit for the club. Two more games are scheduled for July 23 and August 27, which will hopefully attract more players since our rules now allow coffee and individual wrapped foods.

6.2.3 Education Committee Report

Chair person Gaylene Spence reported that she had offered both beginner and refresher lessons starting in September 2021 and continued the beginner sessions in January. Joyce Butler also offered a one-day workshop and a series of lessons on playing the hand. Gaylene did not hold committee meetings during the past two years but would now like volunteers to continue its work.

6.2.4 Upcoming Sectional Tournament

Chair person Gary Johannsson announced that the club will host a sectional tournament from October 20-23, 2022, at St. Mary's Hall. He asked for volunteers to provide food and help with clean-up and urged members to come to play in it.

7. Election of Officers

Leslie announced that four member of the current executive, whom she thanked for their service, will not be continuing: Lance Connell, Angela Duczek, Larry Lazurko, and Nancy Welta. That leaves eight remaining members: Leslie Mortin, Lorna Bingaman, Sandy Bingaman, Donna Barber, Greg Hutchinson, Ilsa Krukoff, Paul Omilon, and Gaylene Spence. Leslie suggested that this number would be enough to run an organization with 100 members but that she would welcome any volunteers or nominations from the floor. With no one coming forward, Pat Harlton moved and Diana Ermel moved that nominations cease and Leslie declared the eight people mentioned above elected. **Carried.**

8. Recognition of 2021-22 award winners

Gary Johannsson presented a list of the players who won the various club championships, who stood to be recognized. There were two players who moved to a higher master point category this year; Joyce Butler became a silver life master and Kevin Young a sapphire one. The Joan Schneider player of the year was Joyce Butler, the Under 100 best player was Maria Wieggers, and the rookies of the year were Don and Marion Evans.

9. Motion to adjourn

Joyce Butler moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:40.