

REGINA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of Board Meeting held at the Club April 21st, 2018

Present: Joan Quinlan, Angela Duczek, Ken Gabora, Sandy Bingaman, Larry Lazurko, Gaylene Spence, Nancy Welta, Lyle Spencer, Marilyn Drever, Lance Connell, Ilsa Krukoff

Regrets: Leslie Mortin

Joan Quinlan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Marilyn Drever, seconded by Nancy Welta, that the agenda be adopted as presented. **Carried.**

2. Adoption of the Minutes of March 17th, 2018

Moved by Lyle Spencer, seconded by Sandy Bingaman, to adopt the Minutes of March 17^t, 2018, as circulated. **Carried.**

3. President's Report

Joan Quinlan talked about the upcoming Moose Jaw Regional re: Duplimator and Bridgemates. She suggested that we should have extra batteries in the event that they become needed. Angela Duczek will look after buying. There was discussion about ensuring that the same equipment is returned to us; it was decided that they should be clearly marked RDBC. Joan talked about how a fee for use would be determined, and said that generally there is a per-table monetary amount paid.

Boards for the following week will need to be dealt prior to our sending the machine to Moose Jaw.

4. Treasurer's Report

4.1 Monthly report

Ken Gabora said that interest on redemption of \$25,000 will show up in May report.

Motion by Ken Gabora, seconded by Lance Connell, to accept the financial report as circulated. **Carried.**

4.2 Budget

Ken referred to his circulated document, which included the 2017-2018 budget and a projection for the 2018-2019 budget. He said that he had placed many question marks beside items, and asked that he receive input on these items so that he could make as accurate a projection as possible regarding anticipated income and expenses as he prepares his final budget. Some input was given, some numbers were not as easy to predict at this time. Gaylene Spence suggested that figures from last year could be used for some items, as it would not be possible to be totally accurate. It was agreed that those figures that could be more easily predicted would be made available to Ken for his budget preparation.

Investments: Ken said that 3 separate \$25,000 investments are coming due, one in May and two in June. Ken has researched interest rates for 1 year, 2 year, etc investments. General consensus was that we should go for shorter (1 year) investments at this time. It was also suggested that when the May investment comes due, we should keep it fluid for the time being (cashable GIC or high interest savings were suggested).

Motion by Angela Duczek, seconded by Gaylene Spence, that the GIC maturing in May be invested in a liquid investment. **Carried.**

5. Old Business

5.1 Signing authority addition

Nancy Welta has officially been added to the list of names with signing authority at Conexus

5.2 Update re: Rick Grieman presentation

Joan Quinlan updated the Board regarding further research she did. She said that she sought input from Doug Rankin, who stated that the Club has complete authority as to what is allowed re: bidding at the table. He also said that bidding meant to confuse others at the table is not acceptable if its main purpose is to destroy how opponents can bid. He referred Joan to ACBL Conventions Charts, which explicitly disallow such bidding.

It was agreed that we should inform / remind members of this regarding play at the Club level.

Motion by Lyle Spencer, seconded by Nancy Welta, that all players playing in Club games at the RDBC must adhere to the ACBL General Convention Chart, and specifically as per this chart, conventions and/or agreements whose primary purpose is to destroy the opponents' methods are disallowed. **Carried.**

5.3 Check on lease agreement for present location re: credit for last month's rent

Ken Gabora said that he had checked with our present landlord as to the conditions of our lease. He found that we had paid first / last month's rent at the time of signing the original lease, and that the amount for last month's rent would be credited to us (excludes common area costs)

6. New Business

6.1 Request from Regina Sport District to hold game at RDBC, Sunday May 7th – request submitted by Lorraine Garratt

Motion by Marilyn Drever, seconded by Lance Connell, that we rent the RDBC premises to the Regina Sport District on Sunday May 7th, 2018, for a nominal fee of \$30. **Carried.**

6.2 Request from Duplicating committee to reinstate free plays – submitted by Don Norman

Discussion focused on the very important role of the committee who have taken on this time-consuming weekly commitment. Previously, free plays were given in recognition, but the committee voluntarily stopped receiving these in order to help the Club's financial situation. With a better financial situation now, and in order to help with recruitment of more people to this committee, this request was submitted.

Motion by Gaylene Spence, seconded by Lyle Spencer, that we give 2 free plays each week to whichever member is doing the duplicating for the week. **Carried.**

6.3 Renewing of memberships for next fiscal year

Nancy Welta alone will sell. She will be available at a membership desk before games in May (many days but not necessarily all). Cards will have names on them in advance, to avoid duplication.

6.4 Phone and computer options at new location

A recommendation was received from Don Norman that we consider having a cell phone and a laptop. Board discussed pros and cons. It was decided that since a cell phone would need to be charged, this could be a problem if someone forgot to plug it in. A cell phone can also more easily disappear. The Board expressed a preference for keeping a landline, but with multiple cordless phones for convenience of having a second phone in another area. Laptop is a possibility. It was decided to ask Don Norman / Greg Hutchinson / Jim Bingaman to consider the computer size and type that would best suit our needs.

Motion by Gaylene Spence, seconded by Nancy Welta, that the Board approve the purchase by the committee of Don Norman/Greg Hutchinson/ Jim Bingaman, of a new computer and a landline phone with cordless second phone, to be installed at our new location. **Carried.**

6.5 Honorarium for Club Manager

Motion by Gaylene Spence, seconded by Nancy Welta, that the RDBC give Club manager Jim Bingaman an honorarium of \$1200 for fiscal year 2017/2018. **Carried.**

6.6 Appointment of Nominations Committee

Muriel Drew has volunteered to take on this role to seek nominations for the 2018/2019 Board.

Several members of the current Board indicated that they will let their names stand for another term, while some will still consider their intent. Joan Quinlan and Marilyn Drever indicated their intent not to let their names stand.

7. Committee Reports

7.1 Promotions and Public Relations

No report at this time

7.2 Facilities Maintenance

Nothing to report

7.3 Game Management

Nancy Welta commended the Game Directors for doing a great job at keeping games running when we were short. She thanked them for their dedication and their willingness to step up and help each other. Special thanks to Jim Bingaman for stepping up to cover many extra games.

7.4 Education

Gaylene Spence said that she will be teaching Level 1 for 8 weeks on Thursday evenings beginning May 3rd. She already has 8 registered.

Gaylene also said that the Club should be considering a succession plan for the future when at some point she will not be teaching. It was agreed that we should be looking for people who might train for and fill this role in future.

Gaylene also said that the present system of delivering education at our Club is one she inherited, with her functioning as an independent contractor, while the Club provides the facility and advertising. She said it was up to the Club as to whether this is the system they prefer to keep. The Board expressed their thanks for the good job that Gaylene is doing in encouraging newer players and in helping to grow our membership.

7.5 Relocation

Much work has taken place already in preparing our new facility

Following the Sectional, some cabinets from our Club will be moved to our new site.

8. Club Management

Nothing additional to report

9. Tournament Chair

Sandra Benson has organized everyone, but unfortunately will not be able to attend the session.

We thank Sandra all the work she did in preparation for this event.

10. Date of Next Meeting – Saturday 26th, 10:00

***NOTE: Not the regular meeting date, due to conflict with Regional**

Meeting was adjourned by Gaylene Spence