

REGINA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of meeting August 21, 2021

Present: Leslie Morton, Angela Ducek, Lorna Bingaman, Sandy Bingaman, Gaylene Spence, Donna Barber, Paul Omilon, Greg Hutchinson

Regrets: Nancy Welta, Larry Laruzko, Lance Connell, Ilsa Krukoff

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

1. Approval of amended agenda: moved by Gaylene and seconded by Greg: **Carried.**

2. Approval of minutes of June 26 and July 24: Moved by Gaylene and seconded by Angela: **Carried.**

3. President's report:

Leslie reported that our early games went well with sanitization measures working and our new cashless system with Clover payments being accepted by players. 63 people have paid their memberships.

4. Financial report:

Lorna reported July results in her financial statement and said that the payments made on Clover were appearing in the bank properly.

5. Old business:

Report on August games

Sandy reported that most of our games have attracted four or five tables, the exceptions being Monday evening (under 100) which had 2 tables the first night and not enough to play the next two, and Tuesday evening (open) which had no games because not enough people indicated interest.

6. New business:

6.1 Plans for future games:

After discussion it was agreed that the directors for Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday night should ask about interest in a monthly team game and proceed with these if players are interested. Also, the club will not be offering any special games right now because the ACBL's cost for these is \$4 per table as opposed to \$1 per table for ordinary games, and we need to save money.

One member has expressed concern about the lack of open evening games for working people, so Leslie will investigate the possibility of either attracting previous players from Thursday night to Tuesdays or making Thursday evening an open game if a director is available.

6.2 Air quality at club:

One member suggested that the club purchase HEPA filters but this was rejected as too expensive.

6.3 Questionnaire to membership:

One member suggested that the membership be polled about their reactions to the club's current offerings and their plans to play or not, and it was agreed that we ask Lorraine Garrett to develop a Monkey Survey asking members for their reasons for staying away.

6.4 Request from scrabble club for rental:

The meeting agreed to rent the club to the scrabble group Sept. 24-26.

6.5 Unit Grant:

ACBL Unit 273 has offered the club up to \$1200 to help with re-opening costs, and the club will accept this offer. Expenses include free plays and directors' fees for the first week, sanitization supplies, and upcoming advertising costs.

6.6 ACBL townhall meetings:

These meetings with clubs' managers and executives have been held on-line to discuss how clubs are dealing with the challenges of virtual vs face-to-face bridge. The ACBL will provide a report on problems identified and/or conclusions reached.

6.7 Lost punchcards:

Angela reported that one member had contacted her about an unused lost card and asked about the possibility of replacement. While sympathizing with the member, the meeting felt that there could be too many problems policing this in the future so our policy would be not to offer a replacement.

7. Committee Reports

7.1 Promotion and public relations: no report

7.2 Facilities management:

Leslie will seek clarification about cleaning dates and parking rules.

7.3 Game management:

Greg will help with computer problems.

7.4 Education:

Gaylene has students interested in both beginner and refresher lessons. She will hold an open house for anyone interested on September 19 and then start lessons on the following Tuesday and Thursday. She will also talk to Joyce about possible lessons on Monday nights.

7.5 Community bridge:

Donna reported that the organizers for this have two other groups possibly interested but no commitments to dates yet. The meeting agreed with her suggestion that our club host two of these on available Saturdays in October and November as a way of raising both interest in the game and funds for the club, and Gaylene agreed to help with the organization.

8. Club management: no report

9. Date of next meeting: Saturday October 2 at 10:00 a.m.

10. Adjournment: moved by Gaylene