

REGINA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB
Minutes of Board Meeting held at the Club December 4, 2021

Present: Leslie Mortin, Donna Barber, Sandy Bingaman, Gaylene Spence, Ilsa Krukoff, Paul Omilon, Lance Connell

Regrets: Nancy Welta, Larry Lazurko, Angela Duczek, Nancy Welta, Lorna Bingaman

Leslie Mortin called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

1. Adoption of the agenda: moved by Gaylene, seconded by Donna. **Carried.**

2. Approval of October 2 minutes: moved by Paul, seconded by Donna. **Carried.**

3. President's Report

Leslie reported that she was pleased with attendance at our games and that our sanitizing protocols seem to be working well. She also reported that she had submitted a request for approximately \$1,100 to the unit for their start-up grant.

4. Financial Report

Lorna was unable to be present but circulated financial reports covering the period June 1 to October 31 prior to the meeting, which were accepted as presented.

5. Old Business

5.1 Coffee Machine

Sandy reported that Doug Powley had been able to access the money, approximately \$50, from our disabled coffee machine and then enlisted the help of his son to haul it to the dump. Our current plan is to replace it with a self-serve Kuerig once the provincial mask mandate is lifted.

5.2 Perfect Percent Pot (a.k.a. lottery jar)

Sandy reported that there were possible problems with keeping track of participants since we no longer use paper entry forms for games on which this was reported, and also that there was no longer need for the change the jar provided since we are now cashless. It was agreed not to reinstate this promotion at this time.

6. New Business

6.1 On-line Bridge

Leslie presented a detailed proposal from the unit for our club to participate in an on-line game to be held on Sunday afternoons hopefully starting in January 2022. This will offer both open and under 300 games, at a cost of \$5.00 U.S. per player. Two members have agreed to take the course necessary to direct this game. Sandy moved and Gaylene seconded that we start this game as soon as possible. **Carried.**

6.2 Plans for future games

Leslie reported that, with one exception, attendance at our current games has been growing, especially in the first week of November at the STaC. The exception is the Tuesday night open game which has had a maximum of 4 tables once and recently had to cancel two games, one due to weather and the other due to insufficient numbers. E-mails from Claire Jones and Larry Luzerko suggested assorted changes to eligibility for other games to ensure that there would be playing opportunities for working people with more than 1000 points.

There was acknowledgement that this is a significant problem but no consensus about the best solution, particularly given our current shortage of directors. Leslie will talk to Claire and Joyce, the

director of our two other evening games, to see what suggestions they have. Also, the board will monitor attendance on Tuesday evening to see if the problems are chronic.

Sandy outlined the various possibilities and costs for special games. It was agreed that we hold local championships but do not participate in the more expensive ACBL or STaC games at present, due to their high costs.

6.3 Directors

The club currently has only four active directors, covering eight weekly games, but this is not enough to expand our offerings or provide substitutes if one or more of these become unavailable. Leslie agreed to talk to the directors who are now on leave to see when or if they might return, and we will try to recruit new people to train.

7. Committee reports

7.1 Promotions and public relations – no report

7.2 Facilities Management: one ceiling board needs repair

7.3 Game Management: no report

7.4 Education

Gaylene reported that all 28 of her students completed the fall courses and several have already started to play at the club. She gave out 21 free plays to these people.

She is planning to start Part 2 of her beginner lessons for an anticipated 12 students on January 13, with these lessons on Thursdays when there are no other games at the club so noise will not be a problem.

Gaylene moved that people who finish these lessons be given free memberships to the club for the current (2021-22) year. **Carried.**

7.5 Community Bridge

Donna reported that she continues to be in touch with community bridge organizers in other centres and that bridge games have resumed at two seniors centres in Regina. If the Covid-19 situation allows she will probably organize a game at the club in late January and plan a second for February if there is interest.

8. Club Management: no report

9. Next meeting

Saturday January 29, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting moved adjourned by Lance Connell at 11:40.