

## **REGINA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB**

Minutes of Board Meeting held at the Club February 18th, 2017

**Present:** Joan Quinlan, Leslie Mortin, Angela Duczek, Ken Gabora, Lance Connell, Gaylene Spence, Sandy Bingaman, Ilsa Krukoff

**Regrets:** Robert Stringer, Pat Carlson, Nancy Welta, Marilyn Drever

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

### **1. Adoption of the Agenda**

**Motion** by Gaylene Spence, seconded by Leslie Mortin, to adopt the agenda as presented. **Carried**

### **2. Adoption of the Minutes of January 7th, 2016**

**Amend 3.4** re: gift certificate to show discussion and new motion to replace motion of Nov 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Motion** by Gaylene Spence, seconded by Sandy Bingaman, to adopt the minutes of January 7th, 2016, as corrected. **Carried.**

### **3. Business Arising from the Minutes of January 7th, 2016**

**3.1** Name tags – This idea, previously tabled, was originally presented by Doug Powley. We need to determine pricing and what the name tags would look like. Joan Quinlan will follow up.

**3.2 Contact committee** – This idea, originally tabled, was presented by Gaylene Spence for Board consideration. In order to follow up, some ideas presented were:

- Get input from game directors
- Check Club data base re: players who have not been playing
- Get list of members, and former members
- Start a committee. Some names have been suggested. Joan Quinlan will pursue and report back in March.
- Get input from Della Irvine when she returns in April

### **4. President's Report**

Joan Quinlan thanked Sandy Bingaman and Leslie Mortin for chairing the last meetings. She also thanked each Board member and acknowledged their special contributions to our Club.

### **5. Financial Report**

Presented by Ken Gabora.

- Worker's compensation is now up to date
- Ken said that a letter is to be sent to each of the following, advising that as treasurer and with Board approval, that he be provided with a list of investments that each of the following hold on our behalf and asking for all details as of December 31, 2016. Letters to be signed by president and secretary.
  - Canadian Western Bank
  - Desjardins Financial
  - Royal Bank
  - Home Trust
- Balance sheet presented – does not yet include interest income
- Profit /loss YTD overall net is positive (\$3390)
- Christmas Banquet is listed separately, rather than with miscellaneous
- Community Bridge profits down, but not just at our Club
- Table counts up

- Ken asked about Directors' fees and how they are calculated, ie playing director, non-playing director. Slips he receives don't necessarily reflect the amounts with consistency. Are Directors fully aware? Nancy Welta will be asked to clarify for Directors.

**Motion** by Ken Gabora, seconded by Sandy Bingaman, to accept the financial report as presented.

**Carried**

## **6. Old Business**

- 6.1** Bridgmate purchase for their portion of the purchase price will be presented for approval by the Unit at their meeting at the Spring Sectional.

## **7. New Business**

### **1. Psychic Bidding**

-Committee membership – It has been brought to our attention by Club manager Jim Bingaman that one member of this committee, Dick Anderson, is no longer at our Club. Other members of the committee are Rick Gaucher and Claire Jones. Lance Connell agreed to become a part of this committee, and also liaise with the Board as needed.

-Rules and enforcement – ACBL policy allows psychic bidding, but rules are in place regarding frivolous psyching and also regarding psych bidding with frequency. In addition, our Club has a policy that strongly discourages psych bidding in any games that are meant to include rookies and inexperienced players. A recent case of psych bidding in a Wednesday evening game was brought to the attention of the Director, and our policy was discussed with the player in question.

- When psych bidding is used, the opposition can advise the Director and can write up the incident in a book kept for this purpose. Keeping such a record will show whether a psycher psychs with such regularity that it implies partnership agreement.
- Penalties can be applied
- Psych bidding is confusing and discouraging to newer players who are trying to learn the standard rules and conventions of bridge. At our Club, we strongly discourage such bidding against these players in restricted games. We trust that our experienced players will show good sportsmanship and will help to encourage less experienced players by avoiding psych bidding against them, even in open games.

-Ilsa Krukoff will include a reminder in the next CLUB NEWS.

### **2. Posting of Minutes**

Ilsa Krukoff apologized for the delay in posting of minutes. No minutes will be posted until after they are adopted by the Board at a subsequent Board meeting. However, after a meeting, minutes that are approved should be posted in a timely fashion, and she will ensure that this happens.

## **8.0 Committee Reports**

### **1. Promotion and Public Relations**

Lorraine Garratt and her Committee have been working with the professor and students of the Nonprofit Sector Leadership and Innovation (NSLI) Certificate Program at the University.

As a culmination of this endeavour, the class will hold a Bridge Tournament on March 11<sup>th</sup> at the University. Lorraine has recruited some of our Club members to help with this exciting event.

### **2. Facilities Maintenance**

The condition of our carpet is a continuing issue. For now, we will continue to use duct tape for temporary repair.

### **3. Game Management-**

No report – Nancy Welta absent

**4. Education Committee**

- Gaylene Spence reported that her lessons are down to 4 players. Several students from the fall have either gone south or west for the winter. She has cancelled Thursday night workshops.
- Gaylene said that at the next Committee meeting, they will consider alternatives that might better suit the needs of prospective students.
- Gaylene plans to hold a beginner workshop series starting in April (Friday evenings), working with Geri Skilnick, assuming that this proves to be a viable plan.

**9.0 Club Management**

No report

**10.0 Tournament Chair**

Spring Thaw, April 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>.

- Rose Dunitz will Chair.
- Pat and Ray Carlson will look after partnerships

**11.0. Date of Next Meeting – March 18th, 10:00 am**

**12.0 General discussion**

- Education committee is looking for any input – submit your ideas
- Christmas Party needs to be booked early. We will try for Tuesday December 5<sup>th</sup> if caterers are available. Leslie or Joan will check.
  - We should invite Lorraine Garratt to attend the March 18<sup>th</sup> Board meeting
  - Strategic Planning – we have two very active and ongoing committees, Promotions and Education. Others are on the back burner. Relocation committee will need to become more active in the near future.
  - Budget (yearly) – Gaylene said that we have not been doing this, and that establishing an annual budget would help with forward planning. Treasurer Ken Gabora strongly agreed that this would be a good idea. The Board favoured this idea.

**Gaylene Spence moved meeting adjourned.**