

REGINA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of Board Meeting held at the Club February 22, 2025

Present: Ron Miller, Sandy Bingaman, Lorna Bingaman, Frank Fries, Geri Skilnick., Gaylene Spence, Avinash Bhende, Larry McCormick, Tanya Simes, beginner teacher apprentice

Ron Miller called the meeting to order at 10:00

1. Approval of the agenda as circulated: moved by Gaylene, seconded by Geri. **Carried.**

2. Approval of January 18 : moved by Avinash, seconded by Larry. **Carried.**

3. . President's Report

Ron reported that he had sent a letter of reprimand to Wayne Nattrass, who came to the club to apologize, and to all directors so they understood the situation and could deal with any future problems appropriately. He mentioned that he is still scrambling to find directors but all games continue to be covered. The Thursday night game for under-20 players is going well but will end this week because spring lessons then start on that evening, but will probably begin again in late spring.

Ron noted that he had received a letter from Lorraine Garratt on behalf of the Seniors Fitness association asking for use of the club for their bridge tournament on Sunday, April 6, and possibly one or two other days, which was agreed to without charge.

4. Financial Report

Lorna reported that the table counts remain high and that 19 recent graduates from Gaylene's lessons have used their free play vouchers, a much higher uptake than usual. She mentioned that it's possible that the club will not need to file an income tax return and will check with an accountant on this. Also, it is possible that the most recent Conexus bank statement is showing that we have four GICs instead of just three. She moved acceptance of her report, seconded by Frank. **Carried.**

4.5 Hosting STaC games in March

Sandy reported that Don Norman has tentatively scheduled some of these games at our club but is concerned that the cost of \$6 (possibly \$U.S.) is too high so asked if we wanted to hold these. After some discussion, there was consensus to have three of them, on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday afternoons, and then decide if they are worth the cost based on participation.

5. Remuneration for bridge teachers:

Gaylene, who has taught beginner lessons for several years, stated that she thought her successor should be protected against the risk of losing money if the enrolment was too low to cover the cost of Xeroxing. She added that it was important to have a simple procedure for paying teachers and possibly providing free plays for helpers if needed. After discussion there was consensus to pay teachers \$50 per class and to charge students \$8 + \$1 for materials per class, starting with the September lessons.

7. Tuesday afternoon game limit

In a continuation of last month's discussion of this issue which centres on the need to get more people playing on Monday and Friday afternoon open games, Sandy reported that attendance on Mondays had not improved since the club switched to the "4 is Enuf" format. It was agreed by consensus to end that experiment in March and return to a regular open game. The discussion then looked at lowering the Tuesday afternoon game limit to 750 points with the hope that players no longer eligible to play then would switch to the open games, with no agreement on this. Larry suggested a better option might be to

have directors and the newsletter emphasize the need for more players, with the decision on changing the limit deferred.

8. Sale of the bar fridge

Ron said he knew of a possible purchaser and would deal with this.

9. Need for new procurement volunteer

Because Angela Duczek who has been purchasing supplies for the club for the last seven years has tendered her resignation, we need someone to replace her. She suggested that it might be someone who is a Costco member since most of the coffee supplies come from there. Sandy offered to ask for a volunteer in the March newsletter. We also need one or more volunteers to help Frank selling memberships in March.

10. Committee reports—no report from any committees

11. Club Management – no report

16. Next meeting

Saturday, June 7, 2025, at 10:00.

Meeting moved adjourned by Larry at 12:10.