

## **REGINA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB**

Minutes of Board Meeting held at the Club January 20, 2018

**Present:** Joan Quinlan, Angela Ducek, Ken Gabora, Sandy Bingaman, Nancy Welta, , Larry Lazaruko, Gaylene Spence, Leslie Mortin, Lyle Spencer, Lance Connell, Ilsa Krukoff,

**Regrets:** Marilyn Drever

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

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

**Add 5.3** Christmas Party **5.4** Bob Livingston query and response. **6.3** REACH

**Motion** by Nancy Welta, seconded by Sandy Bingaman, to adopt the agenda as amended. **Carried**

### **2. Adoption of Minutes of Nov. 18th, 2017, and of extraordinary meeting Nov. 24th, 2017**

**Motion** by Lyle Spencer, seconded by Angela Ducek, to adopt the minutes of November 18th, 2017, and the minutes of the extraordinary meeting of November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017, as circulated. **Carried.**

### **3. President's Report**

- Joan Quinlan commended club members Donna Barber and Stan Barber, as well as all other volunteers, in hosting Community Bridge games at the Club. Donna has prepared a comprehensive spread sheet showing revenue, expenses and volunteers. The Board found this to be a very thorough and helpful overview. A question was posed by a player as to the holding of 50/50s at these events, in terms of licensing. Donna and Club manager Jim Bingaman are doing further research.

### **4. Financial Report**

Presented by Ken Gabora. Ken noted that the negative amount showing as excess of receipts (disbursements) reflects moneys put into first month / last month for our new lease. He also noted that timing issues as to when bills are paid can affect numbers in any given month, but they level out over time.

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

### **5. Old Business**

**5.1 Psyche Bidding** - Lance Connell presented a report which shows a great deal of research and background. He stressed that psychic bidding is legal, but that a clear definition must be understood as to what constitutes acceptable and what constitutes frivolous or otherwise unacceptable. Some points he raised are:

- Artificial bids cannot be psyched
- In games involving rookies, or meant to include players with <200 mps, there should not be psyching.
- Bids not within 2 points or within 2 cards in length of expected are considered psyches
- It is legal to do 2 psyches with impunity in a game (must not have any partnership understandings, nor be frivolous, etc)
- A clear procedure should be outlined for how we will handle psyches.  
Thoughts expressed by Board members:
- Directors need a clear-cut and easy to interpret policy in order to be able to address.
- Lance's document provides excellent research and background for reference; now we need a summarized specific policy for implementation.

It was also decided that our players must be educated regarding recognizing psyching and what they can do to report matters of concern. It was acknowledged that many players may not recognize the psyche until afterwards (or once they look at the hand records later); they may also not feel comfortable making an issue of it at the table, and may not report it either because of their lack of knowledge or because they just want to get that hand over with and move on.

There was a feeling expressed that we could emphasize how the spirit of the Club has been improved in recent years, and that psyching can be unhelpful, especially when playing against players whose enjoyment and understanding of the game can be influenced negatively when psyched against.

The committee will continue its work and draft a proposed policy for further discussion. Board members were encouraged to send their comments to Lance.

## **5.2 Club Champions: next steps re: website**

Sandy Bingaman said that winners of trophies are now on the computer, but not yet posted to the website. Sandy asked for assistance in formatting.

## **5.3 Christmas Party report**

Leslie Mortin said that there were 100 tickets, 99 of which were sold and 1 free for game director. We netted \$240. Monetary donation from the Club to the Food Bank was \$100.

## **5.4 Bob Livingston query and response.**

Joan Quinlan said that research showed that ACBL retains points previously earned, so players cannot play at a lower strat upon return to the game if they have let their status lapse. Joan said that she talked with Bob on the phone to thank him for his letter, and to alleviate his concerns.

# **6. New Business**

## **1. Report on December STaC**

Sandy Bingaman reported that STaC did not seem to attract extra people to the games, but noted also the timing of STaC week, which was in December and was the week of the Christmas party. According to Club Manager Jim Bingaman, had we run regular games, the Club would likely have made approximately \$159.00 more. In 3 games, there was difficulty encountered in reporting results. The week involved extra work for dealers, and for directors, and in untangling problems. However, a chance for silver points made people happy. Gaylene Spence added that we should look at this opportunity as a service to our members.

## **2. Joint Use Agreement**

Joan Quinlan presented a copy of a proposed Joint Use Agreement between the RDBC and South Saskatchewan Unit 573, which was drafted with Barb Miller, Unit President.

**Motion** by Gaylene Spence, seconded by Leslie Mortin, that we institute the use of the Joint Use Agreement between the RDBC and Unit 573 Inc. **Carried.**

## **3. REACH**

REACH is an ACBL experimental **Regional Event At the Club House**; it is a Regional held ACBL wide with scores inputted into a Common Game. It offers an opportunity for players to win gold points at the Club. The Board discussed the merits of our Club registering for this event, and decided that we should take part in this experiment and offer this opportunity as a service to our members. The membership will be advised of the details by email.

**Motion** by Leslie Mortin, seconded by Lyle Spencer, that the RDBC participate in REACH from February 5<sup>th</sup> through February 9<sup>th</sup>. **Carried.**

# **7.0 Committee Reports**

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

Lorraine Garratt and her committee are to be commended for their continuing efforts and positive results in promoting our Club.

Club members are encouraged to submit questions to Ask Gary.

Links to various “experts” websites will be included on our website.

**2. Facilities Maintenance**

Nothing to report

**3. Game Management**

Nancy Welta stressed the pressing need for more directors. Without a bigger pool of directors, we will have to cut back on games. A couple of people have expressed interest in taking the course. It was suggested that having even more people trained would be helpful, so that games can be fully covered without a big burden on a few, and to cover when people are ill or away. There was some thought that some people may not feel comfortable with the computer, and others may feel more comfortable with the computer but less comfortable with making calls at the table. One suggestion was that some people may be willing to direct if they could pair up, with one taking more responsibility for the computer and the other taking more responsibility for table calls. Another suggestion was that perhaps we could have a separate category of trainee, that is someone who trains for computer use and could then be paired with those who need that assistance when directing.

**4. Education Committee**

Gaylene Spence reported that level 2 started on January 8<sup>th</sup>, averaging 16 people per lesson. Also, she has had lots of participation in the Workshops. Joyce Butler's Friday lessons on defence have been extremely well attended (34 the first night, 30 the second) Attendees included rookies, Monday night players, and experienced players.

**5. Relocation Committee**

The lease for our new location (26 pages long) has not yet been signed. The lease was drawn up by a lawyer and reviewed by Eli Fluter. There are 3 official copies.

**Motion** by Nancy Welta, seconded by Angela Duczek, that Leslie Mortin be authorized to sign the lease for the new location at 1440 Broadway Avenue, on behalf of the RDBC.

**Carried.**

The Board wishes to thank Leslie Mortin and her committee, Audrey Bruch, Lyle Spencer, and Don Norman, for their many hours of work.

A General Meeting of the membership will be held at a future date to share details regarding the new location, as well as to discuss disposing of items that we will not be planning to move to the new location, and to solicit volunteers to assist with the move, etc.

The Committee will establish a to-do list. A budget will also need to be prepared.

**8.0 Club Management**

Nothing additional to report

**10.0 Tournament Chair**

Spring Tournament April 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> : Sandra Benson is Tournament Chair.

**11.0. Date of Next Meeting – February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**12.0 General discussion**

None

**Angela Duczek moved meeting adjourned.**