

REGINA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of Board Meeting held at the Club January 4, 2020

Present: Leslie Mortin, Sandy Bingaman, Greg Hutchinson, Lance Connell, Gaylene Spence, Larry Lazurko, Angela Duczek, Lorna Bingaman, Ilsa Krukoff

Regrets: Donna Barber, Nancy Welta, Lyle Spencer, Paul Omilon

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

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Agenda was generated. **Moved** by Gaylene Spence, seconded by Greg Hutchinson, that the agenda be adopted. **Carried.**

2. Adoption of the Minutes of Nov 2nd, 2019

Moved by Greg Hutchinson, seconded by Larry Lazurko, to adopt the Minutes of November 2nd, 2019, as circulated. **Carried.**

3. President's Report

- Leslie Mortin extended special thanks to Angela Duczek for stepping up to coordinate and look after the Christmas party. Party night was very successful.
- Leslie reported that generally everything seemed to be going well at the Club, with no issues to report.

4. Treasurer's Report

-Lorna Bingaman reported that as of the end of November (6 month report) our excess of receipts over disbursements was \$8,861.

-Table count was understandably down in October (no games during Regionals)

Motion by Lorna Bingaman, seconded by Sandy Bingaman, that we accept the financial report as presented. **Carried**

5. Old Business

5.1 Movie (Double Dummy? Kids Table?)– date to suggest to the Promotion Committee March 14th, with a March 28th backup date). Club would provide free pizza and bridge to make it a party.

5.2 Club Championships – Reminder that to be declared a winner, player must be a Club member

5.3 STaC – February 10th through 15th

Discussion regarding whether we should dispense with charging an extra fee for games during STaC week. Previously we have charged an extra dollar per game due to higher ACBL fee. It was suggested that financially we are in a better position now to dispense with this extra fee.

Motion by Sandy Bingaman, seconded by Angela Duczek, that we do not charge an extra fee during STaC games this February, 2020. **Carried.**

5.4 Cell Phones – In order to discourage ringing cell phones, members are to be reminded, both by directors and by email, of Club policy. Once this is done, we ask that directors enforce Club policy:

1. *All cell phones are to be turned off or put on vibrating mode prior to the start of all bridge games.*
2. *The director will issue only one reminder or warning regarding this policy during any given game.*
3. *After such reminder has been given, if a person's phone rings during the game a quarter board penalty will be given. Since bridge is a partnership game, the penalty applies to the final score of the pair.*

4. *Talking on a cell phone at the table while the game is on will result in the same penalty.*
5. *In order that players might be reached should the need arise, players should give the Club phone number as the number at which they can be reached.*

An exception would be made for anyone on call, or who advises the director in advance that they are awaiting an important phone call. These individuals should still be encouraged to set their phone on vibrate mode.

5.5 Ratifying of Motions re Carmichael and Parking

Motion by Lance Connell, seconded by Gaylene Spence, that we ratify the following two motions that were presented and passed by group email over the holidays. **Carried.**

Motion #1:** Moved by Angela Duczek, seconded by Gaylene Spence, that Carmichael Outreach be the charity that we will support at our Christmas party game, with \$1.00 being donated from the game fee of each attendee, and further that the Club will top up the donation amount to a total of \$100.00. **Carried

***Motion #2:** Moved by Angela Duczek, seconded by Gaylene Spence, that we rent 2 parking spaces at the back of the building to be designated as handicap spaces for Club members, at a total cost of \$150.00 per month. Protocol for use of these spaces to follow.*

Background – Building management will be designating 2 spots behind the building as handicap spots (which will be for general use of anyone requiring such a spot). In addition, we could then rent 2 additional spots, which would be for the exclusive use of our Club.

*Rationale - This would give us possible access to 5 such spots for our members (including the general handicap spot in the front parking lot, the two general handicap spots at the back, and the two additional spots at the back, the latter of which would be signed as Bridge Club spots). We have several members who would benefit greatly from such availability, and it would help to ensure their continued ability to attend games. **Carried.***

6. New Business

6.1 Bonus given to housekeeping

Motion by Gaylene Spence, seconded by Angela Duczek, that we ratify the decision to give a \$100 bonus to Jody from housekeeping staff for her extra work before and after the Christmas party. **Carried**

6.2 Spring Sectional 50/50

Discussion as to whether we wished to participate in running a 50/50 at the Spring Sectional. After discussion, it was decided that we would do so if we can get a coordinator.

6.3 Review of Bylaws

It was noted that some of our bylaws are outdated and in need of some changes. Best done by committee. Should be done prior to AGM **TABLED**

7. Committee Reports

7.1 Promotions and Public Relations

Question regarding booking of Club for other than regular Club events. It was noted that we need to coordinate and be sure that events do not conflict. (Keep a common calendar)

7.2 Facilities Maintenance

Nothing to report

7.3 Game Management

No report

7.4 Education

- Gaylene Spence reported that Level 1 lessons had 28 people who started, but averaged circa 20 per lesson. New Level 2 lessons – circa 4 tables. Gaylene also reported that she will offer Level 1 spring sessions again this year.

7.5 Community Bridge

We are being offered 2 games in January, 2 in July, 2 in August and 1 in November

8. Club Management

No report at this time

10. Date of Next Meeting – Saturday February 15th, 2020, 10:00 am

11. General discussion

- Suggestion that we pursue the idea of a wireless doorbell at the back door. Leslie will have to check with building management.
- Greg Hutchinson pointed out a new feature called “Solve” on the game results section of the website

Gaylene Spence adjourned the meeting at 11:30