

REGINA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB
Minutes of Board Meeting held at the Club January 20, 2024

Present: Leslie Mortin, , Sandy Bingaman, Lorna Bingaman, Ilsa Krukoff, Gaylene Spence, Ron Miller, Frank Fries, Geri Skilnick
Jan Carter, Judy Ferguseon, Barb Miller

Leslie Mortin called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

1. Adoption of the agenda: moved by Frank seconded by Ron. **Carried.**

2. Approval of October 21, 2023 minutes: moved by Sandy, seconded by Geri. **Carried.**

3. President's Report: Leslie announced that directors had been found to cover games during Joyce and Kevin's absences, so all games except the Tuesday evening ones, which director Claire Jones has cancelled indefinitely because of low numbers, have been held and attendance has been good.

4. Financial Report

Lorna commented on the December financial statements which showed the club again with positive income. She has purchased two GICs of \$25,000 each from Conexus, one non-redeemable at 4% for one year and the other redeemable at 3.75, to be converted to a non-redeemable one in June so that the maturity rates for these are six months apart. She moved and Frank seconded acceptance of her report. **Carried.**

5. Unit report from Jan Carter

Jan reported that the Unit, which represents southern Saskatchewan, is trying to promote bridge in that area but at the moment Regina is the only club functioning well; the Moose Jaw club has folded and Weyburn is struggling. The unit itself is doing very well financially because it has substantial savings and is at least breaking even on tournaments because cheaper local directors can now run sectionals. Thus, the unit is able to offer the Regina club money for advertising lessons if required and to set up a Facebook page which will help promote our club. To try and promote bridge in smaller centres, the unit is looking for opportunities to host open houses and offer short clinics, which Gaylene has agreed to run.

Jan noted that the unit is unhappy with a recent ACBL decision to require clubs to grant 90-day free memberships to anyone completing beginner lessons right at the end of the lessons instead of later when they are ready to play in sectional tournaments and requested that the club write to the ACBL supporting the unit's position.

6. Endowment fund

Sandy and Lorna noted that the club has recently spent approximately \$500 on expenses such as advertising lessons, free plays for lesson graduates, and a plaque to acknowledge the \$5700 donation from the Lind family. Sandy moved and Geri seconded that \$5200 be invested in a one-year GIC with Conexus, with proceeds being used for similar expenses next year. **Carried.**

7. Spring dessert party

The plan to hold a dessert party in March was for the purpose of promoting attendance at the Tuesday evening game but since this game is no longer being held, Sandy moved and Gaylene seconded that we not have this event. **Carried.**

8. Bylaw draft

Judy Ferguson and Barb Miller, club members who had graciously undertaken to review and rewrite the club's bylaws, discussed their proposal based on three previously circulated documents: the current

bylaws, the proposed draft, and a hybrid document which showed all the material removed or changed. Judy explained the reason for the numerous changes and answered questions from board members. One point arising from this discussion was the lack of clarity about whether or not the club was registered as a non-profit entity. Lorna and Ron will pursue this question. Gaylene moved and Ilsa seconded a motion that if the club is found to be a registered non-profit that we take steps to end that situation. **Carried.**

9. Committee Reports

9.1 Promotions and Public Relations – no report

9.2 Facilities – no report

9.3 Game Management - Sandy moved and Gaylene seconded that we send a questionnaire to our current directors asking them for their preferences for games to direct, their willingness to take extra games when required, and their minimum requirements to maintain the computer skills needed to direct. **Carried.**

Don Norman sent a request asking the club to experiment with a new game format called “*4 is Enuf” on a Thursday afternoon. It was agreed to let him try this once and then decide if it is a good idea.

9.4 Education - Gaylene reported that she has 7 students in her current lessons which are a continuation of last semester’s beginners session.

10. Club Management: no report

11. Next meeting

Saturday, March 16, 10:00 a.m.

Meeting moved adjourned by Gaylene at 12:05.