

REGINA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of Board Meeting held at the Club June 26th, 2021

Present: Leslie Mortin, Donna Barber , Sandy Bingaman, Lance Connell, Gaylene Spence, Lorna Bingaman, Angela Duczek, Larry Lazurko, Ilsa Krukoff, Jim Bingaman (Club manager)

Regrets: Nancy Welta, Greg Hutchinson, Paul Omilon,

Leslie Mortin called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

No formal agenda. Meeting was held, with care to follow all COVID 19 rules, as a way to discuss our current situation, and plans and procedures moving forward.

1. Anticipated start-up for in-person games

Province has announced plans to move to step 3 of reopening on July 11th. After discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion by Angela Duczek, seconded by Gaylene Spence, that we open the Club for in-person games on Monday August 2nd, 2021, if government regulations don't change prior to that time. **Carried**

2. Games to be offered initially

If sufficient directors are available, it was decided to begin by offering the following games during the week on August 2nd, with any changes/additions to be made at a later date.

Monday evening – Novice pairs, with a side open game

Tuesday afternoon - <1000 mps

Wednesday evening – Master/non-master game

Thursday afternoon - <1500 mps

Friday afternoon – open game

Note: no team games at this time.

3. Going cashless

In order that directors not be asked to handle cash, we discussed going cashless. We can rent a point-of sale machine through Conexus, \$30 per month. There would also be a fee per transaction, circa 4 cents.

Motion by Angela Duczek, seconded by Larry Lazurko, that the Club rent a point-of-sale machine from Conexus for use beginning August 2021. **Carried.**

4. Start-up plan for membership fee

Members were given free membership throughout the pandemic, but membership fees will now be due for the current fiscal year 2021/22. In order to encourage prompt payment of fees, and turnout for the first week of opening, the following motion was presented:

Motion by Gaylene Spence, seconded by Larry Lazurko, that membership fees are due on the week of opening at your first visit. Payment of membership fees during that week will entitle the member to free plays for that week. **Carried.**

5. Payment of membership fees, as well as game fees going forward.

Because we will be going cashless, the following motion was presented:

Motion by Donna Barber, seconded by Gaylene Spence, that payment of membership fees and game fees will be accepted for debit or credit using the point of sale machine. Cheques for membership fee will be accepted if necessary. **Carried.**

Note: there was some discussion about the possibility of punch cards, but no decision was made.

6. Directors' honoraria

Because we will be cashless, a plan will need to be devised that differs from present practice.

7. Restrictions

With the relaxing of provincial restrictions, we will advise our members of our intent to adhere to all public health guidelines.

Members will also be reminded of the following:

- Please do not come to the Club if you are feeling ill
- Please respect that not everyone will have the same level of comfort; take any precautions necessary while at the Club to ensure the health and comfort of other members.

At least for the first month, we ask that there be no food or drink at the tables. Feel free to step into the hallway as required.

8. Sanitizing

The following protocol will be followed:

- East will have the task to sanitize tables and chairs prior to the game. Spray sanitizer and paper towels will be provided. (Angela to look after sanitizer, Leslie paper towels)
- Hand sanitizer will be available
- Lanyards on washroom keys will be replaced by chains for ease of sanitizing (Angela to look after getting chains)

9. Bidding boxes

Should you choose to do so, you may use an individual bidding box marked with your name for your use only, which you will carry from table to table during the game. These will be provided and kept on the front table for you to use each time you play.

10. Community Bridge

No games are scheduled yet. Various venues will not be taking part at this time. We would be available for their use on most 2nd and 4th Saturdays when requested, perhaps starting October/November. Donna Barber will keep in touch with organizers, and will also ensure that there is no conflict with Saturdays when other events may be scheduled at the Club (eg Scrabble tournament, 299er tournament)

11. Education

Gaylene Spence presented her plan to offer two lesson tracks. She sought input, and the following was the tentative plan, beginning either the week of Sept 13th or 20th

- Beginner lessons – Monday evenings
- Refresher lessons (set of 6) –Tuesday evenings

12. GIC

Motion by Lorna Bingaman, seconded by Sandy Bingaman, that we cash the GIC that is due on July 15th
Carried. The money will be deposited into our bank account to ensure that we can cover upcoming rent.

13. Communicating to Members

Leslie Mortin will prepare a president's report which, together with the financial report provided by Lorna Bingaman, will be sent to the membership. Details regarding opening will be sent in a later email once plans are finalized.

14. Next meeting

Saturday July 24th, 10:00 am

Meeting Adjourned by Gaylene Spence at 11:30