

REGINA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of Board Meeting held at the Club Saturday Nov 19th, 2016

Present: Angela Duczek, Ken Gabora, Nancy Welta, Gaylene Spence, Sandy Bingaman, Ilsa Krukoff

Regrets: Joan Quinlan, Pat Carlson, Marilyn Drever, Leslie Mortin, Lance Connell, Robert Stringer

Sandy Bingaman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Add to 8.1 Website picture **8.2.** Cleaning Supplies

Motion by Gaylene Spence, seconded by Nancy Welta to adopt the agenda as amended. **Carried**

2. Adoption of the Minutes of Oct 15th, 2016

Motion by Angela Duczek, seconded by Nancy Welta, to adopt the minutes of October 15th, 2016 as circulated. **Carried.**

3. Business Arising from the Minutes of Oct 15th, 2016

3.1 Name tags – TABLED

3.2 Rookie of the Year Qualifications - TABLED

4. President's Report

No report, president absent

5. Financial Report

Presented by Ken Gabora.

- Ken said that the protocol re: writing cheques will be that Club Manager Jim Bingaman will write the cheques (2nd signature still required)
- Undeposited funds in report generally represent cheques not yet deposited
- 50/50 can be labelled profit sharing income
- Ad cheque not yet in
- Janitor – will check on why the number is higher than same period last year.
- Net income YTD is slightly positive (\$279.13)
- Table counts are improved YTD over same period last year

Motion by Ken Gabora, seconded by Gaylene Spence to accept the financial report as presented, **Carried**

6. Old Business

6.1 Replacing Cards

Angela Duczek showed samples of cards from Canadian Bridge Supplies that had been tried through the duplicating machine. They seemed to work well. The texture and quality of the cards seemed to be good, although a little more slippery than the cards we are using. We still have 104 decks on Nova cards on hand

-Price of cards from Canadian Bridge Supplies is \$28.68 / dozen, as compared to cards from Vince Oddy at \$34.00 per dozen. Both quotes do not include shipping. Prior to purchase, Angela will confirm whether price is related to number of decks ordered

Motion by Angela Duczek, seconded by Gaylene Spence, that we purchase between 20 and 30 dozen new decks of cards from Canadian Bridge Supplies, at a cost of \$28.69 per dozen plus shipping. **Carried.**

6.2 Establishing a Contact Committee – TABLED

7. New Business

1. Christmas Charity

Motion by Gaylene Spence, seconded by Nancy Welta, that we choose the Salvation Army as our Christmas Charity for 2016, that we donate \$1.00 per game fee from each player in attendance at the Christmas party game, and that in addition we accept cash donations from members as charitable donations towards this Christmas Charity. **Carried.**

2. Coffee Urns

Gaylene Spence pointed out that we have only one fully functioning coffee urn.

Motion by Angela Duczek, seconded by Nancy Welta, that we authorize purchase of a new coffee urn. **Carried.** Gaylene will talk to Donna Barber re: purchase of an urn holding approximately 40 cups, preferably with an auto shut-off feature.

8.0 Committee Reports

1. Promotion and Public Relations

- Question arose as to whether pictures that are used on our website must necessarily feature only current members. It was decided that the important thing was to have attractive pictures that presented an inviting image of bridge. It was pointed out that even stock photos that are public domain can and are used to advertise. It was felt that our pictures appropriately present our Club. They are attractive, feature people who have or are playing at our Club, and show our Club in the background.
- Website
 - Special games calendar now included
- Thursday afternoon game: need to ensure that correct point range shows up (1500mps)
- Conventions – need to tweak the details
- Token of appreciation to Morgan Wadsworth (non-Club member who put a great deal of time and expertise in helping to set up our new website)

Motion by Angela Duczek, seconded by Sandy Bingaman, that we provide a \$100 gift certificate to Morgan Wadsworth in appreciation for his work on the website. **Carried.**

2. Facilities Maintenance

Angela Duczek pointed out that she has been advised that refilling of soap dispensers can pose a health issue, as bacterial growth can result. Therefore, we should purchase larger, non-refillable soap dispensers. A reminder to ensure that soap is fragrance free.

3. Game Management- Nancy Welta

- Christmas party – Claire Jones is being offered a free meal for his services as game director
- Monday 26th, Jim Bingaman will direct afternoon game
- Motion** by Nancy Welta, seconded by Angela Duczek, that the evening game on Monday Dec 26th be cancelled. **Carried.**
- We still have 5 active directors, with one sub (Don Norman) until Don leaves for winter.
- We still have no permanent Tuesday evening director.
- We are okay until January, but when directors are planning to be away for extended periods of time after that, we may need to scramble to cover games.
- Thursday evening game is proving to be popular. Special kudos to Jason Larrivee for the extra time and effort he has put into making the new format so successful, including personalizing by emailing to players (questions, answers to their questions), and Pamela Keim for initiating the new format.

4. Education Committee

-Gaylene Spence reported that numbers varied at her lessons. There were up to 22 at some lessons. After the first couple of lessons, 10 dropped out (7 went south). Gaylene said that there is a possibility of 10 new players continuing

-Sunday, January 8th there will be a coffee party from 2-4 pm. Advertising will be through non-paid sources for this event.

-Lessons April / May are a possibility that Gaylene is considering offering.

-Fall plans include lessons beginning the Monday after Labour Day, but also possibly a series of workshops after Thanksgiving.

-Ilsa Krukoff would like a list of new members (those who received free memberships following lessons), as well as their email addresses, to add them to the email list and to welcome them to the Club. Available through Nancy Welta.

-A suggestion was made about “graduates” from Monday nights possibly being allowed to apply for an exemption from the Monday night mp restriction under special circumstances. For example, a long-time player who is not going to play in any other game, and whose points are only a Club matter. It was agreed that we would rather provide such an individual with the opportunity to continue playing than to lose them to the Club, but that if we adopted such a policy any case would have to be judged on its individual merit. Nancy will talk with Joyce Butler about the idea.

9.0 Club Management

No report

10.0 Tournament Chair

No report

11.0. Date of Next Meeting - January 7th, 10:00 am (No December meeting)

Gaylene Spence moved meeting adjourned.