

REGINA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of Board Meeting held at the Club October 21st , 2017

Present: Joan Quinlan, Angela Duczek, Ken Gabora, Sandy Bingaman, Nancy Welta, Lyle Spencer, Lance Connell, Larry Lazurko, Ilsa Krukoff,

Regrets: Gaylene Spence, Marilyn Drever, Leslie Mortin
Joan Quinlan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Add 3.2 role of dummy

3.3 Erin Berry

6.1 Game limits; time allotment

6.2 Psyche bidding

6.3 Tuesday afternoon game

7.1 STaC in December

7.2 Defibrillator research

Motion by Angela Duczek, seconded by Sandy Bingaman, to adopt the agenda as amended. **Carried**

2. Adoption of Minutes of September 30th 2017

Motion by Sandy Bingaman, seconded by Lyle Spencer, to adopt the minutes of September 30th, 2017 as circulated. **Carried.**

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1 Establishing a Psyche Committee

Lance Connell reported that he and Gary Johannsson would work on such a committee, but would want a 3rd person as well.

Standard policy for reporting, and agreed-to consequences should be considered . The Board would need to look at ramifications.

Other suggestions included making up a test policy, creating a standard form for reporting (make available on the website), and including an explanation in CLUB NEWS and on the website regarding psyching and reporting. Explanations should include what constitutes a psyche (recognizing that psyching is legal) but what makes a psyche illegal. Also, the Board agreed that we should continue within our policy to strongly discourage psyching in games that involve rookies, or in playing against less experienced players.

3.2 Role of Dummy

Players should be reminded of what the dummy can and cannot do. Ilsa Krukoff will include information in the next CLUB NEWS, and will also refer members to Pamela Keim's comprehensive article on our website regarding role of dummy.

3.3 Erin Berry game

Turnout for the game was excellent. It was great to see new people out, many who have not been playing in Wednesday evening games.

A side game of regular master / non-master players was able to be held, but was small.

Ilsa Krukoff brought to the Board a question from a player in the smaller group. He wondered why all could not play together, with those pairs that did not qualify for Erin Berry mp restrictions to be classified as "ineligible" for mps. This question came up because the side game was in jeopardy of having insufficient players. The Board indicated that because this was a Canada-wide game, having ineligible players playing would not have been allowed, as this would have skewed the results. Fortunately, both games were able to be held. However, it was suggested that if a similar scenario existed in future, we should have pre-signup lists for both games in order to try to avoid a last minute issue.

4. President's Report

- Joan Quinlan reported that a recognition plaque for Peter and Trish Worby will be provided for them to display in their home.
- Joan said she had been in discussion with Unit president Barb Miller re: 2019 Regional Tournament. The ACBL will need information regarding all logistics in the near future.

5. Financial Report

Presented by Ken Gabora. Ken noted that the table count for September was down, but that this was likely affected by the Regional in Saskatoon, which many of our members attended. However, table count over the first 4 months of the fiscal year are still up year over year.

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

6. Old Business

6.1 Game limits (time)

It was suggested that we shorten the expected Boards played during some restricted games, especially in the evening, so that games do not run too late. Because Bridgemates do not allow directors to cut the game short to accommodate a lengthy game, as they were able to do with paper scoring, it is preferable to determine at the outset that such games will have fewer Boards. Wednesday evening was cited as a game that should allow for a little more leeway with time, as it is meant to be a learning game that sometimes requires a quick word about a hand just played. Therefore, fewer boards should be the norm for this game.

Generally speaking, however, players should be learning that this is a timed game, and they should try to stay within the time restriction. Ilsa Krukoff said that we had a Director's Handbook, written a few years back, which addresses number of boards played in various games. She will get a copy to Nancy Welta, so that Nancy can review and update.

6.2 Psyche bidding

TABLED until committee is set.

6.3 Tuesday afternoon game

Nancy Welta said that this game, designated as non-lifemaster, is our only restricted game not designated by masterpoint limit; it is not compatible with Bridgemates and ACBL Score. Also, at present players holding as few as 300 mps can be eliminated from eligibility for this game, because their point colour combination awards life-master status, whereas other players may have many more mps and continue to play, because their points are primarily black points. Nancy suggested that we consider a masterpoint limit to this game instead. Various figures were considered by the Board. The most favoured option seemed to be designating as a <1000 mps game, same restriction as Thursday evening, but offering a daytime option for players.

Motion by Nancy Welta, seconded by Sandy Bingaman, that we drop the "non-lifemaster" requirement for the regular Tuesday afternoon game, and change instead to a restriction of <1000 mps for eligibility.

Discussion followed as to how many would be affected. It was noted that more would be eligible to play, but that the majority of players would likely remain the same. It was also pointed out that this would allow us to have a playing director, whereas we do not have directors who would qualify to play if the mp limit were too low.

Motion was **Carried.**

7. New Business

1. STaC in December

We have not yet signed up for STaC week in December. The Board asked Sandy Bingaman to ask Club Manager Jim Bingaman to look further into it and send any recommendations to the Board members by email. The Board will then authorize if we wish him to go ahead.

2. Defibrillator Research

Larry Lazaruko will do some research and bring back to the Board. Further discussion **TABLED**.

8.0 Committee Reports

1. Promotion and Public Relations

No report at this time

“Ask Gary” is now up and running on our website. It was suggested that we should check back for feedback from Gary on a regular basis.

2. Facilities Maintenance

Women’s toilet issue solved. (Thanks, Angela)

3. Game Management

Nothing additional to report.

4. Education Committee

No report at this time.

5. Relocation Committee

Continuing to look into possibilities on an ongoing basis, but at present many questions exist about each property being considered.

Melcor has not yet given any information or figure regarding our current location.

9.0 Club Management

Nothing additional to report

10.0 Tournament Chair

Managing the logistics of holding tournaments at our Club has now been taken over by the Unit Board.

11.0. Date of Next Meeting – November 18th, 2017

12.0 General discussion

- 1.** Fire and emergency safety. Ilsa Krukoff will include information in the next CLUB NEWS
- 2.** Prompt arrival – Player cooperation requested in arriving 10 minutes early to help directors to get entries into BridgeMates and allow for prompt beginning of game.
- 3.** Location of Coke Machine – Lance Connell suggested that the present location makes it too visible from the door and may encourage break-ins. Moving does not seem feasible. Perhaps could put divider up to obscure.
- 4.** Seat cushions – sometimes left on top of tables; should always be left on chairs or put away properly for hygienic reasons.

Angela Duczek moved meeting adjourned.