

REGINA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB
Minutes of Board Meeting held at the Club October 2, 2021

Present: Leslie Mortin, Donna Barber, Sandy Bingaman, Gaylene Spence, Lorna Bingaman, Angela Ducek, Ilsa Krukoff, Greg Hutchinson

Regrets: Nancy Welta, Larry Lazurko, Lance Connell

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

1. Adoption of the agenda: moved by Gaylene seconded by Angela. **Carried.**

2. Approval of August 21 minutes: moved by Gaylene seconded by Angela. **Carried.**

3. President's Report

Leslie reported that she was pleased with attendance at our games and that 88 memberships have been sold. Also, our new policy of requiring proof of vaccination is working well on its first two days. She also reported that the Moose Jaw club has discontinued its ACBL affiliation and we decided that we should contact someone there to invite their members to participate in our games.

4. Financial Report

Lorna presented financial statements which happily show much more activity than in the previous eighteen months when the club was closed. She noted that daily reports from each game were reconciling well with the bank statements but that those reports did not always include the number of tables, a statistic she needs for one of her statements and suggested that directors be reminded to include that on their game reports.

5. Old Business

5.1 Monkey Survey Report

Greg reported that 99 people had responded to the survey with 67 showing that they would return to the club to play. 80 were happy with the current safety procedures, although 73 said they would be happier if players showed proof of double vaccinations and 52 with mandatory mask rules. 52 reported that they were playing on-line. The respondents were from players of all experience levels, with 20 each identifying as beginner and expert, and 60 as intermediates. The board thanked Greg and his committee for their work on this survey

Greg's report led to a discussion of the need to update our current e-mail list to remove people who have died or moved away, and discussion but no decision about whether or not to keep contacting former players who have not renewed their memberships.

5.2 Coffee Machine

Sandy reported that our current machine is broken beyond repair and that there is nothing comparable for rent or purchase. She suggested purchasing a Keurig machine for which members will bring their own pods, with the club supplying cups, sweetener and whitener, but that this not be done until the current rule about mandatory masks is removed. She will also try selling our remaining coffee supplies at minimal cost or using them for community bridge.

5.3 Report on Current Games

Sandy reported that the number of tables had increased from 93 in August to 112.5 in September and that the new Tuesday evening game is attracting enough players to continue.

6. New Business

6.1 Government mandated mask and vaccination rules

Leslie reported that she and Angela are checking players on arrival to ensure they are vaccinated and creating a list for directors to consult in future. Everyone, including Gaylene's students, is co-operating well with this.

6.2 On-line/face to face games

Leslie reported on a memo from Jan Carter saying that the Unit was pursuing the possibility of working with Weyburn to see if they would co-operate with our club in holding virtual games. We agreed to encourage Jan in her endeavours and report back to us when she had a more specific plan. We should also continue to monitor Saskatoon's on-line offerings and see how we fit into their plans.

6.3 Plans for future games

Sandy reported that the ACBL has declared October as Club Appreciation Month and is offering up to two special games with increased points per sanction, meaning that our club is eligible for 14 of these this month. The board agreed that manager Jim Bingaman should schedule these and also ACBL's additional offer of two free Welcome Back games in the next two months. Sandy also suggested that we should continue to look for a director who could run our traditional Saturday team games, particularly since these would give working people a second chance to play.

7. Committee reports

7.1 Promotions and public relations

Gaylene reported that Lorraine Garratt had placed ads for our bridge lessons in the *LeaderPost*. Another promotion effort was conducted by the active Monday night players to phone previous players to try to convince them to come out again.

7.2 Facilities Management: no report

7.3 Game Management: no report

7.4 Education

Gaylene reported that her lessons had started with 15 beginners on Tuesdays evenings and 13 in the Thursday refresher class, some of whom had already come out for games. She also has 6 on the waiting list for her next beginning session.

7.5 Community Bridge

Donna reported that Weyburn had held a game with 8 tables and that Yellowgrass was considering one. She will continue to talk to organizers to see if Regina should host anything in November and/or December.

8. Club Management

9. Next meeting

Saturday November 6, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Adjourned by Gaylene Spence at 11:45