

REGINA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB  
Minutes of Board Meeting held at the Club October 21, 2023

**Present:** Leslie Mortin, , Sandy Bingaman, Lorna Bingaman, , Ilsa Krukoff, Gaylene Spence, Ron Miller, Frank Fries, Geri Spilnick

**Leslie Mortin called the meeting to order at 9:55 a.m.**

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

**2. Approval of August 19, 2023 minutes:** moved by Sandy, seconded by Geri. **Carried.**

**3. President's Report:** Leslie noted with sadness the sudden death of Greg Hutchinson who has done so much work with the club's computer system. She said her other concerns will be raised when discussing other agenda items.

**4. Financial Report**

Lorna commented on the July financial statements which showed the club with again with positive income. She stated that her attempts to reinvest \$25,000 from our matured GIC were stalled because Desjardin claimed our executive members had not completed their required forms correctly and had not returned her phone calls about this. She moved, seconded by Frank, that the club end its association with Desjardin and instead do all our financial transactions with Conexus, noting that we will likely get a slightly lower interest rate but will have less hassle. **Carried.** She also moved, and Frank seconded, that we get GICs with laddered maturity dates so our income comes in every six months. **Carried.**

**5. Memorial event**

Leslie agreed to organize our memorial event to recognize members who have died in the past year on November 6.

**6. Christmas plans**

Leslie noted that there would be no games on Christmas and New Years day, both Mondays, but other games should go ahead. She also suggested that for Tuesday evening, December 12, we invite members to bring appetizers to the game, where both coffee and bar drinks will be available. The board agreed with these suggestions.

**7. "8 is Enough" rules and Thursday game limits**

There was considerable discussion about possible changes to the rules about "8 is Enough" teams, which currently include having only one player with over 1000 points on each team. Kevin Young, director of this game, stated that at a recent game he had allowed two players like this to compete which resulted in a lopsided win for that team, and suggested that the rules remain the same based on that. He said it is important to clearly state these rules because Unit 573 is starting a program to pay game fees for out-of-town teams to attend this game. There was discussion about the club's philosophy about this and other game limits which centered around encouraging participation and providing an enjoyable situation for players. Consensus of the board was to leave the rules as is.

One player had contacted the board asking that the Thursday afternoon game be open instead of limited to players under 1500 points, but his argument for this was not convincing so that change will not be made.

**7.1.** Gaylene brought a request from Joyce Butler that her lessons be given priority when scheduling events on Saturday mornings, to which the board agreed.

## **8. Winter directing challenges**

The board recently received notes from directors Joyce Butler and Kevin Young that they had extensive upcoming vacations planned and thus would not be able to direct at those times. In the past when one director was away, the other three covered their games but this is too much to ask when there are only two people to cover either seven or eight games each week. To deal with this problem, Leslie has already contacted past directors and will soon send out a schedule for January and February indicating each directing vacancy and asking for volunteers to do these games. The club's policy will be that any game without a director 10 days in advance will be cancelled. Gaylene moved and Geri seconded that this policy be adopted. **Carried.**

Also, the club will send out notices to the membership pointing out the urgent need for more people to train as directors.

## **9. Committee Reports**

### **9.1 Promotions and Public Relations – no report**

### **9.2 Facilities – no report**

**9.3 Game Management** – There have been a few recent problems with cards not being properly returned to boards, sometimes happening when players have several hands out at the same time when they have a sit-out. Sandy will use the newsletter to remind player to be **very** careful about this because it can affect results and makes a lot of work for the director.

**9.4 Education** - Gaylene reported that she has 13-15 students in her current beginner lessons which have three more weeks to go, one pair of which is currently playing on Monday nights.

## **10. Club Management: no report**

## **11. Next meeting**

Saturday, January 20, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

Meeting moved adjourned by Gaylene at 11:45.