

## **REGINA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB**

Minutes of Board Meeting held at the Club September 30th , 2017

**Present:** Joan Quinlan, Angela Duczek, Ken Gabora, Sandy Bingaman, Nancy Welta, Gaylene Spence, Lyle Spencer, Marilyn Drever, Leslie Mortin, Lance Connell, Ilsa Krukoff,

**Regrets:** Larry Lazurko

Joan Quinlan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

### **1. Adoption of the Agenda**

**Add 7.2** Tuesday afternoon game and time allotment in restricted games

7.3 Psyche book alternative

7.4 Role of dummy

7.5 Sectional and regional tournaments

7.6 Proposals from Pamela Keim

**Motion** by Marilyn Drever, seconded by Nancy Welta, to adopt the agenda as amended. **Carried**

### **2. Adoption of Minutes of August 19th, 2017**

**Motion** by Lyle Spencer, seconded by Nancy Welta, to adopt the minutes of August 19th, 2017 as circulate, with correction of typo in 7.3. **Carried.**

### **3. Business Arising from the Minutes**

#### **3.1 Erin Berry game**

- will need 2 sets of boards – Joan will ensure
- director to be consulted - Nancy
- get sign-up sheets on directors' table – Joan
- suggestion to encourage with personal call as date nears if needed

### **4. President's Report**

- Joan Quinlan reported on the success of the Peter and Trish Worby Appreciation evening. We had a great turnout, with lots of fun. All in all a fantastic evening. Plaque is staying at the Club as a recognition, but an offer will be made to Peter and Trish if they would like a plaque in their home.
- Joan reported that the Unit AGM is scheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

### **5. Financial Report**

Presented by Ken Gabora. Ken noted that the format of the balance sheet has changed. He also noted that receipts / disbursements differ YTD based mostly on timing of entries. Table counts continue to improve year over year.

**Motion** by Ken Gabora, seconded by Marilyn Drever, to accept the financial report as presented. **Carried.**

### **6. Old Business**

**6.1 Christmas party** – Leslie Mortin reported that the date has been set for Tuesday December 5<sup>th</sup>.

We are using a different caterer this year, full Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, likely able to offer for \$20 per plate. Leslie will check to make sure that gluten free can be offered.

-Tickets: Nancy will make; Leslie will offer specific dates when they will be available for sale through her.

### **7. New Business**

#### **1. Handicapped parking**

Ilsa Krukoff asked on behalf of a Club member whether more handicapped parking spaces could be designated. After discussion, it was decided that we have only the parking spaces along the

south wall reserved for Club members, and four are already reserved for those with handicapped permits. In order to accommodate those with handicapped needs, we should encourage members who need these spots to come early, so they can park in the designated spots or the others along that wall before they fill up. Ilsa will mention in the next Club News.

It was also mentioned that the space directly in front of the door is not a parking space, and must remain open in the event that it is needed during an emergency.

## **2. Tuesday afternoon game and time allotment in restricted games.**

-Tuesday afternoon game – This is a non-lifemaster game, rather than a game restricted by number of masterpoints. Nancy Welta suggested that we consider limiting this game to 500 mps, regardless of whether the player has lifemaster status. She said that it can be difficult for ACBL Score, especially for special games. Sandy Bingaman said that our Manager knows how to override the difficulty with this for regular Club games. Further discussion included suggestions that we raise the mp limit; also the effect of having a higher mp limit when this game is at present a good transition game for player moving past Monday night. It was decided to TABLE this suggestion for now.

-Time allotment – Discussion regarding the length of games, especially those meant to include and encourage less experienced participants (eg Tues aft, Wed eve, Thurs eve) when play may be a little slower. A suggestion was made that fewer boards be played if needed to keep the length of the game to approx 3 hrs. Especially in the master / non-master game, a little extra leeway time-wise would allow for brief communication between master and non-master regarding a hand just played, so playing fewer boards can allow for this.

## **3. Psyche book alternative**

Joan Quinlan said that a member had approached her re: concerns about the reporting and recording of psyche bids. Although recognized as a part of the game, it is a problem if used frequently or frivolously or in games involving rookies or if appearing that pard may be aware that a bid is likely a psyche. After pointing out a psyche, the member had been told, “Go ahead and write me up”, which was likely to have no follow-up. The member suggested that we consider having an online “book” where the psyche bid can be recorded complete with bidding, date, people involved and a screen shot of merge hand. At present it was felt that there was an under-reporting of psyche bids. The Board did not feel that posting on an online public forum was advisable. However, the Board felt that we should change our current policy, which asks the psycher to record the event; we should encourage reporting of psyching, and we should set up a committee which would review on a regular basis all entries in the psyche book. It was felt that this was the best way to monitor the frequency of psyching and to see any pattern regarding a partnership where psyching frequently happens. TABLED until next Board meeting.

## **4. Role of Dummy**

Question arose from Club member for clarification of this role. The dummy can prevent possible irregularities by the declarer by drawing them to declarer’s attention (eg lead from the Board or hand, not following suit played). Dummy can also point out other irregularities that occurred during the play of hand, but only at the end of the hand (eg an earlier revoke).

Ilsa Krukoff will add to next Club News, that people should refer to our website, “Pamela’s Corner” for comprehensive description.

## **7.5 Sectional and Regional Tournaments**

Joan Quinlan reported the following information regarding dates:

2018 Spring Sectional – April 26<sup>th</sup> through 29<sup>th</sup>

2018 Fall Sectional – October 25<sup>th</sup> through 28<sup>th</sup>

2019 Spring Sectional – April 25<sup>th</sup> through 28<sup>th</sup>

2019 Regina Regional – October 21<sup>st</sup> through 27<sup>th</sup>

The suggestion is to forgo a 2019 Fall Sectional, considering the timing of the fall Regional. Joan will talk with the Unit Board for verification.

## **7.6 Proposals from Pamela Keim**

### **#1 Thursday evening <1000 pairs game proposal**

That the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month be designated as a party night, celebrating the birthday of all players who were born in that particular month. Director would provide cake or cupcakes, etc. No liquor necessary, so no liquor permit required. Club is asked to provide a free play to the birthday person or persons, provided that they were regular attendees, defined as having attended at least two other Thursday evening games that month. Pamela hoped the benefit to the Club would be that this would increase table count.

The Board discussed the proposal and decided that this could be implemented as a pilot project, with records kept by the director so that its success could be measured, and that we support this project as a trial for the current fiscal year.

**Motion** by Marilyn Drever, seconded by Gaylene Spence, that as per Pamela Keim's Proposal we provide free plays for the birthday celebrations of Thursday evening regular Attendees for the remainder of the current fiscal year, the success of this project to be reviewed in May of 2018. **Carried.**

### **#2 Once a year game proposal**

That we hold a charity game once a year to honour our members who have passed away, and that perhaps the money from the game be donated to a charity such as the Alzheimer's foundation in their names.

The Board decided at this time not to proceed with a special game, but rather to honour these members at our AGM.

## **8.0 Committee Reports**

### **1. Promotion and Public Relations**

No report at this time (meeting to be held next week)

### **2. Facilities Maintenance**

New water heater has been installed by mall management

### **3. Game Management**

Nothing additional to report.

### **4. Education Committee**

Gaylene Spence gave the following report:

-Open house held September 10<sup>th</sup> was very successful. 15 attendees were brand new to the Club, 9 attendees had never played bridge before.

-Lessons began September 11<sup>th</sup>, with 24 in attendance. She felt that this was an enthusiastic group of learners. Numbers of attendees varies week to week.

-Bridge mates added some "wrinkles" at first, but good now.

-When lessons are completed, Gaylene will be looking to hand out free plays and free membership cards, needed by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Motion** by Leslie Mortin, seconded by Lyle Spencer, that Gaylene Spence give up to 5 free plays (number at her discretion) plus a free membership card for 2017 / 2018 fiscal year, at the end of the fall lesson session. **Carried.**

#### **5. Relocation Committee**

- Leslie Mortin said that she has checked out various possibilities, but costs are high. She found that common area costs are often included. Our needs are 2000 to 2500 sq ft.
  - Still in touch with Orr Centre, which now has a new property manager
  - New West is apparently exploring the possibility of offering a 5 year lease. However, no figure has been given.
- People on the committee are Leslie Mortin, Lyle Spencer, Audrey Bruch and Joan Quinlan.

#### **9.0 Club Management**

Nothing additional to report. (Jim Bingaman gave input regarding 7.3 and 7.4 above)

#### **10.0 Tournament Chair**

- Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 – Sandra Benson
- Hospitality chair fall 2017 – Pat Harlton

#### **11.0. Date of Next Meeting – October 21st, 2017**

#### **12.0 General discussion**

1. A club member has suggested that we should once again consider having a defibrillator on the premises. It was suggested that this would involve training of our directors or others who might be called upon to use this device in case of emergency. However it was suggested that the device is quite self-directing and straight-forward to use. Further research needs to be done.
2. Smoking distance from the door, according to the City Bylaw, is 40 feet from the door. At present, some of our members continue to smoke much closer than that. A reminder will go out in the next Club News.

**Gaylene Spence moved meeting adjourned.**