

REGINA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB
Minutes of Board Meeting held at the Club Sept 21st, 2019

Present:

Leslie Morton, Sandy Bingaman, Nancy Welta, Lorna Bingaman, Donna Barber, Angela Duczek, Larry Lazurko, Paul Omilon **Regrets:** Ilsa Krukoff

Leslie Morton called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

1. Adoption of the agenda. Add 7.1 Master rookie seating; 7.2 memorial ceremony; 7.3 Christmas party; 7.4 Fort Qu'Appelle tournament; 7.5 Spacify proposal; 7.6 tablecloths

Motion by Nancy Welta, seconded by Larry Lazurko, that the agenda be adopted as amended. **Carried.**

2. Adoption of the Minutes of June 1, 2019

Motion by Angela, seconded by Larry, that the minutes be adopted.
Carried.

3. Approval for presentation of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of June 25, 2019.

Motion by Donna Barber, seconded by Larry, that these be posted with needed format changes.
Carried.

4. President's Report

Leslie reported that everything is running well, included our adoption of the common game.

5. Treasurer's Report – Lorna Bingaman

Lorna presented the financial statement to the end of August and commented that the club's finances seem to be in good order. \$100,000 is now invested in laddered Guaranteed Investment Certificates at varying rates, and she will have an itemized statement from Desjardin available for the next meeting. Sandy Bingaman suggested that most of the money we currently have in the operating bank account should be moved to the high interest saving account, and it was agreed that Lorna exercise her discretion as to the amount.

Motion by Lorna, seconded by Leslie, that this report be accepted. **Carried.**

6. Old Business

6.1 Interpretation of Rules: tabled

6.2 Sign on the door with contact information: Leslie will talk to Greg Hutchinson about getting this up.

7. New Business

7.1 For information, at rookie/master games, the master should always sit north or east, and the rookie south or west.

7.2 Leslie noted that following the tradition established last year, we should again have a brief memorial ceremony to honour members who have passed away in the past year. She suggested that this should be held on the afternoon of November 11, 2019, and Angela agreed to organize it.

7.3 Leslie suggested that the club's Christmas party should follow last year's format, with players bringing appetizers to enjoy before an evening game, and suggested either December 3rd or 10th as the date. She will find someone to organize this.

7.4 Leslie reported that the Fort Qu'Appelle bridge club had contacted our club about two possible dates for their fall tournament, either November 9th or 23rd, and asked to borrow our bidding boxes, bridgemates, and cards for this event. After some discussion about the possible impact this might have on community bridge events scheduled for these dates at our club, there was consensus that we agree to do this on November 23rd.

7.5 Leslie reported on a letter received from a company called Spacify which arranges short-term rentals between businesses and other organizations which might rent their space, somewhat like Air bnb, asking if we would like to use their services. There was consensus that this was not a good idea for our club.

7.6 Leslie announced that she will be putting up a sign-up sheet for volunteers to wash our tablecloths every two weeks. She and Angela have been doing most of this work over the summer.

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Promotion and Public Relations

No formal report but Leslie noted that two club members have been interviewed on Channel 7's Talk of the Town program and have presented the club very positively.

8.2 Facilities Maintenance

Leslie and Doug Powley have sent 17 chairs off to a welder for repair and they will be returned shortly. Sandy agreed to put notes on the bottoms of these indicating the date of the repairs.

8.3 Game Management

Joyce Butler will be away for 3 weeks, and other game directors are stepping up. Gayle Charles is recovering slowly from her injury but doesn't know when she will return. Lance Connell has been running the Wednesday night games with help from other directors who are playing.

8.4 Education

Gaylene was not present but Leslie reported that her Open House on September 15 had attracted 13 people and the lessons which had started on September 16 had 27 people for the first session.

8.5 Community Bridge

Donna Barber presented a report on the games held at our club to date, pointing out that the number playing over the summer was down, so she had lowered the prize money to reflect this. Her expectation is that numbers should improve in the fall. She will put her report on Google docs.

9. Club Management

Manager Jim Bingaman asked for consideration of two items. The first was whether or not we should allow visitors from out of town to pay \$7 per game rather than the \$8 charged to non-club-members, which the board decided not to do. He also asked if we wanted to change the sanctions for any of our games, but the board agreed to maintain the status quo.

10. Date of Next Meeting—**Saturday, November 2, 2019, 10:00 am**

11. In camera discussion

12. Angela moved the meeting be adjourned.