

REGINA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB  
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM)  
Held at the Club June 25, 2024

**Present:** A constituted quorum of approximately 30 members

**Leslie Mortin called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.**

**1. Adoption of the agenda:** Judy Ferguson suggested adding four additional agenda items dealing with audits and reviews of financial statements, which was agreed to by consensus. Then Don Norman moved and Jan Carter seconded that the expanded agenda be adopted. **Carried.**

**2. Approval of the Minutes of June 27, 2023 AGM:** Angela Ducek moved adoption of these minutes, seconded by Pam Keim. **Carried.**

### **3. President's Report**

After welcoming everyone, President Leslie Morton noted that as she completes her last year as president she is very pleased with our space and the activities of the club. The club currently has 116 members, compared to 120 in the year of the Covid-19 shutdown. She thanked the board members for their efforts, particularly noting the long-term contributions of Ilsa Krukoff who is retiring after 20 years. She then thanked the club's directors, Joyce Butler, Jim Bingaman, Claire Jones, Kevin Young, Cal McLeod, Don Norman and newly qualified Wayne Petrychyn, who have run all the games during the year. Thanks were also extended to all the members on the club's task list, which is attached.

### **4. Financial Report**

**4a.** Judy Ferguson moved and Barb Miller seconded that the club dispense with a formal audit of the 2023-24 financial statements. **Carried**

**4b.** Judy moved and Barb seconded that also there be no formal review of the 2023-24 financial statements. **Carried.**

Lorna Bingaman presented her four-page financial report, starting by thanking Don Norman for examining it.

The first page was the club balance sheet as of May 31, 2024 which showed the club's assets at \$77,887.41 in cash and investments. The second page, the statement of receipts and disbursements, showed the club with an operating profit of \$2,766.43 based on \$70,791.38 receipts and \$68,024.95 expenses. The third page of the report was a monthly table count which showed a total of 2055 tables, a significant improvement over 1857 from last year.

She then commented on changes from the previous year's statements. First the club now banks exclusively with Conexus Credit Union to simplify transactions. She noted that two expensive items from last year, namely two insurance premiums and a three year prepayment for our website meant lower expenses this year, and that the increase of table fees from \$7 to \$8 for members has resulted in the higher revenue noted. Also there was an increase in the table count of about 200 tables. Don Norman moved and Cal MacLeod seconded that this report be adopted. **Carried.**

### **5. Adoption of new bylaws for the club**

Before he introduced the bylaw revision committee of Judy Ferguson, Barb Miller and himself, Ron Miller took time to thank retiring president Leslie Mortin for her years of service, the last five of which were as president. She supervised the relocation of the club from north Albert Street to our current location and managed the club's affairs during the fifteen month Covid-19 shutdown, keeping the club financially viable in spite of these challenges.

Ron then explained the need for new bylaws to replace those drawn up under the non-profit corporation act in 1982. He and Judy Ferguson explained some of the changes made:

Moving the year end from May 31 to April 30 to allow more time for the process of preparing the financial statements.

Allowing the club to use any type of financial institution

Defining the past president's role as an advisor

Defining the quorum as a percentage of membership rather than a specific number.

After a few questions, Ron moved and Cal McLeod seconded that the bylaws be adopted as presented. **Carried.**

**5.a.** Judy Ferguson moved and Barb Miller seconded that the club dispense with a formal audit of financial statements for the eleven-month period ending April 30, 2025. **Carried.**

**5.b.** Judy moved and Barb seconded that there also be no formal review for that period. **Carried.**

## **6. Committee reports**

The Education Committee chairperson Gaylene Spence reported that she had held two successful sessions of lessons over the fall and winter, and that Joyce Butler had also held lessons on various topics.

Hospitality Committee chairperson Geri Skilnick reported that she had provided refreshments for two events.

## **7. Items from the floor**

Judy Ferguson pointed out the need for either repair or replacement of several broken chairs.

Pat Harlton commented on the need for a thermostat that worked properly to control the temperature in the club.

Jan Carter suggested that we need ways to get input from club members about events or any problems at the club, and Ron assured her that he or any other board member would be glad to hear these comments.

## **8. Election of Officers**

Acting elections officer Don Norman announced that the executive officers of the club for the 2024-25 fiscal year will be president Ron Miller, vice president Frank Fries, treasurer Lorna Bingaman, and secretary Sandy Bingaman. He then announced that Gaylene Spence and Geri Skilnick will continue to serve on the board and nominated two new members, Avanish Bhende and Larry McCormick. Angela Ducek moved and Doug Powley seconded that nominations cease. **Carried.**

## **9. Recognition of 2023-24 award winners**

Claire Jones presented a list of the players who won the various club championships. The Joan Schneider player of the year was Larry McCormick and Doug Charleson won as both the top Under 100 player and rookie of the year.

## **9. Motion to adjourn**

Angela Ducek moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:50 p.m..

## **REGINA BRIDGE CLUB TASK LIST 2023-24**

1. Cleaning and game supplies: Angela Duczek
2. Maintenance: Doug Powley and Leslie Mortin
3. Coffee supplies: Sandy Bingaman
4. Recycling bottles and cans: Ron Miller
5. Food/hospitality: Geri Skilnick
6. Advertising, promotions, public relations: Linda Holowaty
7. Education committee chair: Gaylene Spence
8. Phone list: Angela Duczek
9. E-mail: Ilsa Krukoff and G-mail: Don Norman
10. Website: Jason Larrivee
11. Website and computer admin: Greg Hutchinson
12. Memberships: Angela Duczek, Geri Skilnick, Frank Fries
13. Writing and posting signs: Ilsa Krukoff
14. Club top 20 statistics: Jim Bingaman
15. Bridge lessons: Gaylene Spence
16. Financial review: Don Norman and Barb Miller
17. Calendar of events (including outside rentals): Jim Bingaman
18. Awards: Sandy Bingaman and Leslie Mortin
19. Game management: directors
20. Club manager: Jim Bingaman, assistant Barb Miller
21. Dealing machine: Dale Wilde, Doug Powley, Byron Seymour, Tina Allen
22. Bar: Leslie Mortin
23. Complimentary plays and vouchers: Joyce Butler
24. Invoice handling/ cheque writing: Jim Bingaman
25. Collecting obituaries: Sandy Bingaman