

REGINA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB
Minutes of Board Meeting held at the Club March 16, 2024

Present: Sandy Bingaman, Lorna Bingaman, Ilsa Krukoff, Gaylene Spence, Ron Miller, Frank Fries, Geri Skilnick

Regrets: Leslie Morton

Ron Miller called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

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

2. Approval of January 20, 2024 minutes: moved by Geri, seconded by Gaylene. **Carried.**

3. President's Report: Ron presented Leslie's comments which noted that everything was going well and had produced a profit of about \$300 each for the last two months.

Ron noted that the Club had received a request from Lorraine Garrett on behalf of the Regina Seniors Fitness Group to use the club for their bridge competition on Sunday April 7 and asked that the rental fee be waived, which was unanimously agreed. He also asked whether the Club needed to file income tax returns to comply with our status as a non-profit organization and said that he would pursue this question further.

4. Financial Report

Lorna commented on the January and February financial statements which showed the club again with positive income. She moved acceptance of this report, seconded by Gaylene. **Carried.**

5. Bylaws draft

Ron presented a revised version of our bylaws which had been extensively reworked by Judy Ferguson and Barb Miller. He and other board members commented on how impressive they looked and expressed their thanks to Judy and Barb. It was agreed that this document would be presented at the AGM for approval by the membership.

6. "4 is Enuf" new game

This new game has been running for two weeks, attracting 7 tables the first week and 8 and a half the second, both better than the regular game it replaced. The board agreed that this game should continue with the new format.

7. Directors

In spite of the absence of two directors for over two months the club has found replacements and run all the games, with seven different people directing. Sandy commented that this increased number created a need for someone to co-ordinate this group and Gaylene suggested that Jim Bingaman be asked to do this.

8. Nominating committee

Since two members of the current board have indicated their wish to step down, it was agreed that Muriel Drew be asked to start searching for individuals who would be willing to stand for election for next year.

9. Committee Reports

9.1 Promotions and Public Relations – Linda Holowaty, chair of this committee, has been working with Unit president Jan Carter on a variety of projects.

9.2 Facilities – CocoCola has notified the Club that they will be removing the Coke machine from our space because we do not use enough product, with this happening on March 18.

9.3 Game Management - Sandy reported that Claire Jones and Jim Bingaman are working out the details for the club to offer a rookie-master game, sponsored by the Canadian Bridge Federation, on the evening of April 2.

9.4 Education - Gaylene reported that she has 5 students signed up for lessons beginning on March 21. She is considering the possibility of having sessions of 12 lessons rather than 8 for next fall. She also mentioned that it is very important for the club's future that one or more new teachers be trained so lessons will continue when she no wishes to teach. Sandy suggested asking for volunteers in the club's next newsletter.

10. Club Management: no report

11. Next meeting

Saturday, May 4, 10:00 a.m.

Meeting moved adjourned by Gaylene at 11:20.