

Calgary Duplicate Bridge Association Board Meeting Minutes
Meeting January 29, 2009 6:00PM
Location: Bridgejoy Bridge Club

Minutes of Meeting:

1: Marlene welcomed everyone to the meeting

2: Board members present were the following:

Marlene Lenstra	Absent: Fred Klein
Jean Ward	Tina Gokturk
Steve Lawrence	Abdul Fakir
Byron Lund	
Jim Murphy	
Jan Mcleod	
Jim Berglund	
Guest Nancy Klym	

3: The minutes of the meeting were approved by Jean Ward and seconded by Jim Berglund.

4: Nancy Klym came to speak about the Calgary Regional White Hat (August 10- August 16, 2009).

Her committee had set up a pizza lunch at the January 2009 Sectional. The profit from this was \$350.00 plus a \$200.00 individual donation from an anonymous donor.

The cost of the hotel for the Regional is a lot higher than expected. Costs are higher because the hotel must provide food and beverages, whereas, in the past, these could be brought in from another source. Hence, her Committee requires an additional \$500.00.

The budget of \$7,000.00 comes up short. Nancy is going to send Trish over to talk to us further about this.

Marlene stated that, obviously, we would help to pay for it but the money in the Regional account should be used first. At present there is approximately \$10,000 in the Regional account.

Activities for the Regional include lunch for future Masters and line dancing with instruction.

The Committee is approaching the City of Calgary Tourism, to determine if a souvenir can be obtained.

5: Actions from the previous meeting:

A: Tournaments – Jean Ward

Jean received a bill for \$157.50 for meeting rooms at the Banff Sectional. We thought this was included in the price. Jean is to check with Doris and the Banff hotel to sort this out.

Jean wants to promote a 49er game for the March Sectional. Jan and Jean will discuss and will advise further.

The questions arises as to whether we should continue with the Banff Sectional as we can get 40 plus tables if the Sectional is held in Calgary. Jim B. moved that we no longer hold our fall Sectional in Banff but have it in Calgary instead. Jean Ward seconded the motion. Motion carried. This is only on the condition that we can get the Marlborough Community Hall booked in its place.

B: Special Events-Tina Gokturk

Tina was absent but sent in the following report:

GNT's on May 16, 2009 are confirmed at the Radisson. A \$1,000 deposit was mailed and confirmed received by the Radisson. GNT is posted on the Wasumi webpage. Tina has made a copy of the Conditions and a copy of the Preregistration slip and has given them to Maureen Bailey at the Martinique to be photocopied and distributed.

C: Future Masters -Jan Mcleod

The President's Trophy has been separated into D,E and F and the top trophy.

Some other teachers within our unit have asked to borrow our bidding boxes. Jan will be the consignor of the bidding boxes. She will police this and make sure that they come back for the Sectionals.

D: New member Liaison- Byron Lund

Byron spoke about the 2008 Ace of Clubs race. Our rookies claimed 13 of the top 25 positions in the district, and 4 of the top 100 for the ACBL. In the Mini-McKenney, they placed 12 in the top 25 including the top 3 places, and 3 in the top 50 in the ACBL.

Discussions were held about further games for low point players with a possibility of Tuesday, Thursday or Sunday. Discussions are ongoing.

Concerns over the Thursday night games at the Martinique continue. Some players have dropped out due to rude behaviour. They continue to allow over 100 point players to participate in that game. Jan Macleod pointed out that some of these over 100 point players are mentoring and that has always been the case. Other players have dropped out due to cleanliness and health issues at the Martinique.

It was noted that this is the responsibility of the clubs, and that our unit has no control over these issues.

E: Membership-Jim Berglund

Jim showed a powerpoint presentation of the potential bridge centre at the Rutland Park site. This could hold 142 tables and provide us with a training center and the potential to put on 4 Sectionals per year. The training center would house at least 48 people for training purposes. This would have lots of parking and potential for another club to participate in the facility.

Jim advised that there had been a vote in favour of a bridge center many years ago.

F: President: Marlene Lenstra

Marlene spoke about the ByLaws that Walter Brock and Ken Penton are working on. They are trying to make some changes to our bylaws so that our unit will be accepted for a casino. If this goes further, the City of Calgary would handle the charity portion for tax receipts.

Ken Scott will no longer be involved in pursuing a 199er Sectional.

Brian and Joy inquired about using our Unit tables for there Christmas Party on Dec 18 2009. This was so moved by Jean Ward and seconded by Jim Berglund. Carried.

Adjournment:

Jan Mcleod moved to end this meeting seconded by Jim Murphy.

Next meeting March 4, 2009 at the Martinique at 6:00PM. Jim Murphy will call Maureen Bailey to set this up.