

**Calgary Duplicate Bridge Association**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**August 27, 2009 6:00pm**  
**Location: Bridgejoy Bridge Club**

**Minutes of Meeting:**

1. Jim Murphy welcomed everyone to the board meeting
2. The board members present at the meeting were:
  - i. Abdul Fakih
  - ii. Jim Berglund
  - iii. Jean Ward
  - iv. Jan McLeod
  - v. Dan Bertrand
  - vi. Jim Murphy
  - vii. Garth Wiggins

Guests: Freda Nychkalo, Steve Lawrence, Merle Hickey

3. Jim Murphy informed the board that Marlene was in Prince George for personal business. He presented the agenda for the meeting, and it was accepted unanimously. The previous minutes were presented and approved with the spelling change of Jim Berglund's last name.

**4. Actions from previous meeting:**

**A) Director's Reports**

**I) Treasurers:** Steve has provided all the relevant documents to Garth. Garth is now the official treasurer.

**II) Tournaments:** Jean reported that arrangements have been made with Marlborough for lunch [soup and sandwich] on Sunday for the upcoming sectional tournament.

- It was proposed by Jean and seconded by Dan to discontinue fundraising by 50/50 draw. It was unanimously approved.
- The Sunday game will start at regular time, 10:30am, for this sectional tournament.
- Jan expressed a desire for board members to be present on Friday night for welcoming 199ers and answering any questions they may have. Freda volunteered to be there along with several other board members.

**III) Membership:** Jim Berglund reported that 200 new members have been added to the database.

**IV) Secretary's Report:** Abdul reported that he is in the midst of finalizing the revision to the subsidy policy that will be forwarded to board members prior to next meeting for discussion and approval.

## **6. New Business:**

### **A) EDUCATION COMMITTEE PLANS FOR 2009 – 2010**

Freda attended the meeting and presented the following update:

- Assist in development of newcomer games at any club within Unit 390 boundaries...Merle has been very active in this regard. He and Barry Robey have plans to start lessons for absolute beginners at Garrison Greens Club in September.
- Committee requires a budget to cover full cost of advertising. Will then apply for 75% recovery under ACBL Cooperative Advertising program. The request is for \$1,000.00 USD with net cost to Unit at \$250.00 USD. [Jean moved and Garth seconded approval of the funds. It was unanimously accepted].
- Assist in the development of mentors/bridge buddies for all new ACBL members in the Unit in order to help retain members beyond their first year.
- Want to meet with all bridge teachers within the Unit in order to establish a working relationship that benefits all the bridge community.
- Assist Chris Galbraith in his plans to teach a "Defensive Play" series of 6 lessons from Sept. 16 to Oct. 21/09. St. Andrew's Heights Community Hall has been rented for that purpose – with Chris covering all his costs and retaining all profits.

### **B) By-law Committee Recommendations**

- Merle attended the meeting and informed the board about the challenges for the committee. The committee's recommendations would be reviewed in a separate meeting [the meeting was held on September 3, 2009 at Bridgejoy. The minutes will follow].

### **C) August Regional Tournament**

- Steve Lawrence joined the meeting to provide a brief report on the tournament. Steve reported that the attendance was up 7%, the tournament committee did a great job in promoting and running the event. The budget was under control and will be finalized in the near future. Garth to follow.
- Board recommended that a special letter of thanks be sent to the tournament chair and members by Marlene.

### **D) Website**

- It was reported that website needs help to correct and resolve some of the issues and may need external funds. It was proposed by Jan and seconded by Jim Berglund to allocate \$500 for this activity. Agreed to unanimously.

**8. Next Meeting:**

- The next meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday October 7, 2009 at 6:00 pm at the Martinique Bridge Club. Dan to book.

**9. Meeting Adjourned:**

- Jean Ward moved for the meeting to be adjourned; seconded by Jim Berglund.