

Calgary Duplicate Bridge Association
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 27, 2010
Location: Bridge Joy North Haven

Minutes of the Meeting:

1. Approval of the Agenda

Jim Murphy called the meeting to order and presented the agenda at 6:17 pm. Jan MacLeod motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Don Basarsky. Motion carried.

The board members present at the meeting were:

Marlene Lenstra
Frank Kelton
Brian Willett
Emelie Quennell
Jim Murphy
Garth Wiggins
Jan McLeod
Don Basarsky

2. Approval of the Minutes

Garth Wiggins motioned that the minutes of the April 6, 2010 meeting were approved as final. Frank Kelton seconded and the motion carried.

3. Director Reports

a. Treasurer – Garth Wiggins reported that he tabled a detailed financial report at the AGM held on May 5, 2010. There was nothing of significance to report from that date.

b. Tournaments – Nancy Stewart was not in attendance. Jim Murphy read from her prepared statement. There is a suggestion for pin awards for sectionals and regional's. Cost will be investigated. Dates for tournaments for 2011 and 2012 have been confirmed for the community hall, some dates had to be revised. The cost of tournaments has gone up to around \$1400 per weekend. We may need to increase tournament fees in 2012 to cover expenses. The pamphlet for the September tournament has been prepared. Byron Lund is helping Nancy out and Marilyn Swadron is looking after partnerships. Nick and Judy have the information for the kibitzer and pamphlet is done for September's tournament. Tournament information needs to be ready 6 months in advance so there is a little push at certain times. Directors have been confirmed and the BridgeMate will be utilized for the first time in the tournament setting.

Don Basarsky made a motion to amend the current sectional brochure to ensure that the issue of not wearing scented products is prominently displayed. This was seconded by Frank Kelton. The motion carried. **Action item Nancy Stewart.**

c. Special Events – Melissa Martin was not in attendance. No report.

d. Future Masters – Jan MacLeod had no report. She offered to look into pins for the tournaments. Jan made a motion that at the Sectionals the 0-5 new members play for free as long as they are ACBL members. This was seconded by Don Basarsky. Unanimously carried. **Action item Jan & Nancy.**

e. Secretary – Emelie Quennell will ensure that the minutes of the AGM are circulated among the board members shortly, though not needed until the next AGM. The minutes of the April 6th board meeting will be forwarded to Merle Hickey to be posted to the ACBL Unit 390 website. She will also investigate how the AGM minutes should be publically posted before their acceptance at next year's AGM. **Action item Emelie.**

f. Membership - Brian Willett found that some snail mail addresses were inadvertently not on the mailing list. He has rectified the situation.

4. Old Business

a. AGM – Frank Kelton raised the matter of the funds in trust being held for any future bridge centre and queried the alternatives of what to do with the funds. Garth replied that perhaps some future entity would register as a non-profit with a mandate to build a bridge centre that could request those funds. No time line is in place. If the money is not used for a bridge centre it is to go to the United Way.

b. By-Laws – Jim Murphy thanked Don Basarsky and Marlene Lenstra for helping resolve the bylaw issue at the AGM. Don is in the process of getting the package together for submission to the governing bodies to ensure that the registration document and current society name and bylaws are in agreement per the NUANS report. There was some discussion and suggestions on how to proceed.

c. BridgeMate – There was some discussion about the renewed interest by bridge clubs in having BridgeMate units. The North Calgary Ladies requested 20 units and the Bow River Bridge Club requested 20 units, 30 more than we physically have. Since we subsidized 2 clubs, it was felt that we should subsidize all who make requests at this time. Emelie Quennell made a motion that Frank Kelton contact each club and offer them the current BridgeMate lease with a deadline for acceptance. Frank will report back to the board. Jan MacLeod seconded the motion and it carried.

d. ACBL – Job descriptions. After conferring with Patsy at the ACBL Jim distributed the job descriptions for various board positions that were provided by the ACBL. Jim will make sure that Nancy Stewart and Melissa Martin receive theirs.

5. New Business

a. Signing Authorities at the bank. Garth Wiggins made a motion in regards to signing authority at the bank.

The signing authority for the account shall be:

- For amounts less than \$500 any one signature of the President, Secretary or Treasurer.
- For amounts of \$500 and over any two of the three designated signatures of the President, Secretary and/or Treasurer.

Brian Willett seconded the above motion and it was carried.

b. Subsidy Policy - There has been a request for a subsidy for the winning team to compete in the CNTC/CWTC. As per policy the team will be reimbursed \$500 for expenses after the tournament.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for July 6th at 6:00 pm at the Martinique.

6. Adjournment

Jim Murphy adjourned the meeting at 7:20pm.

Addendum

Prior to opening the board meeting Jim Murphy introduced Kathleen Dinneen who spoke to the board about the issue of fragrances and health in the bridge setting. Last year Kathleen worked with the bridge clubs to put together a communication distributed to the bridge members to draw attention to the issue. Many organizations and even the Human Rights Commission have policies in place in its regard. Placards have been placed in all the bridge clubs. Bridge club owners and operators have been very supportive. Kathleen made a request that signage be placed at the sectionals and the regional's, and to make the brochure about this issue available. Kathleen would like an announcement made at the beginning of the sectionals and tournaments to increase the awareness. Some discussion ensued about raising the awareness on the brochures in advance so people know that they potentially may be turned away from play.