

**Calgary Duplicate Bridge Society  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, October 19, 2010  
Location: Martinique Bridge Club**

**Board Members Present:**

Frank Kelton  
Don Basarsky  
Marlene Lenstra  
Emelie Quennell

Jim Murphy  
Nancy Stewart  
Brian Willett  
Garth Wiggins

**Minutes of the Meeting:**

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

The meeting was called to order by Jim Murphy at 6:09 pm. Marlene Lenstra motioned to approve the agenda. This was seconded by Garth Wiggins.

**2. Approval of the Minutes**

There was some discussion about the wording of the Membership chair's report in the proposed minutes from the last board meeting held on September 02, 2010. Don Basarsky moved that we add a clarifying sentence at the end of the report. Marlene seconded this motion and it was unanimously carried.

**3. Director Reports**

a. Treasurer - No report as Garth Wiggins has been away.

b. Tournaments – Nancy Stewart reported that the results of the September Sectional were excellent, with the attendance being the best in the last four years. The new Bridgемate scoring system was used and ran smoothly. Ellen Kuiper is our new caddy master and will organize caddies at tournaments. More partnership spares are needed. Nancy received a suggestion to advertise for spares and we agreed to go ahead on this. Ellen Kuiper also volunteered to be on the spare list. The November Calgary Sectional is organized and on schedule.

c. Special Events – Jim Murphy reported that Melissa Martin was unable to attend the meeting. Jim stated that Melissa is beginning to organize the 2010 Annual General Meeting to be held in the first half of 2011.

d. Future Masters – Jan McLeod was not present at the meeting. No report.

e. Secretary – Emelie Quennell reported that the minutes from the July meeting of the board were posted to the website. Jim Murphy mentioned that Murray and Marilyn Haggins are interested in teaching a director's course. Emelie will contact the ACBL to collect information

in this regard. Jim Murphy asked to ensure the letter from Ken Penton, mentioned in previous minutes, was inserted into the unit's permanent files.

f. Membership – Brian Willett had received an update from the ACBL removing the Crossfield club from the list of accredited clubs. He called to investigate the reasons behind this and found that the director had passed on and that the club is currently reviewing its options and abilities to continue on. They are thinking of moving the game to Airdrie. Brian looked into the demographics of the membership and found that a game in Airdrie could very well be supported by the members in the NE and those near Stoney trail. If they decide to proceed Brian will provide them assistance in the way of an email list and player statistics.

Brian has noted a large increase in the number of email requests to be fanned out to the membership. This can exceed the hourly messages limit we currently have, which makes it difficult to manage. Brian contacted the hosting site to see if the limit can be increased, but this is not possible. In order to change this, the entire site must be migrated to a different hosting provider. Brian will investigate and report possible options.

Brian compared the roster (membership email list) used in the April Kibitzer to the Sept. Kibitzer which resulted in a list of exceptions or the changes to the membership in that time frame. There were over 100 discrepancies in the roster. This is a large number of membership corrections to be made. Brian will split the list up and send each board member 10 names to contact to ensure we have the right information. After the roster is reconciled we will reissue the Unit's telephone directory.

New Membership notification kits have not gone out this past year. Jim stated Warren Richards is willing to take over the position of New Member Liaison.

g. Information Officer – Frank Kelton has drafted a “Unit 390 Privacy Policy” document. He looked at the old policy and spoke with the ACBL before making the draft. He suggested the board members review the draft and send comments to Brian and Frank. We will review at the next board meeting.

#### **4. Old Business**

a. By-Laws - Don Basarsky submitted the bylaws for our association to the Alberta Government. He received a letter back stating several items must be included in our bylaws. These include: quorums at general meetings, quorums at special meetings, resignation of members, and remuneration of directors. The society has sixty days to respond or our registration will lapse again. Don suggested a special meeting of the membership to have the amendments approved. Discussion ensued on how and when to best present to the membership. We settled on doing this before a heavily attended game. Brian Willett moved that Don should have a special meeting of the membership in November to obtain agreement of the amendments to the bylaws. This motion was unanimously carried. After the bylaws are accepted we will change the name back to the Calgary Duplicate Bridge Association.

b. Advertising Policy – Jim Murphy reported that the ACBL will give back 75% of advertising costs for new member lessons. Marlene moved that we advertise in the Calgary Herald or the Neighbour's section of the Herald for the New Player "Bid and Play Game" on Wednesday evenings. Emelie Quennell seconded the motion. Carried.

c. Jim Murphy suggested that the Unit should purchase new boards and cards to be used at tournaments. Steve Lawrence will present at the next meeting in this regard.

## **5. New Business**

a. The library has expanded and we need a new bookcase to house the new books. Frank Kelton made a motion to procure a bookcase or bookcases which will be located at the Martinique up to the value of \$1000.00. Brian Willett seconded. Motion carried.

b. Brenda has offered to hold the next AGM at the Martinique. The AGM was held at Bow River last year and offered free play and food. Some members said they would attend but then did not show up, which resulted in extra expenditure for the Unit. The Bow River club did not make any profits on the AGM. Marlene asked us all to think about how we will want to plan the next AGM and bring our ideas to the next meeting for Melissa.

## **6. Next Meeting**

The next meeting date will be announced. It will be hosted by Don Basarsky. A suggestion for the date is Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **7. Adjournment**

Brian Willett motioned that the board meeting be adjourned at 7:28 pm. Frank Kelton seconded the motion and it was carried.