

**Calgary Duplicate Bridge Society
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 20, 2011
Location: Northaven Community Hall**

Board Members Present:

Don Basarsky
Brian Willett
Garth Wiggins
Melissa Martin
Jim Murphy

Nancy Stewart
Emelie Quennell
Jan McLeod
Marlene Lenstra

Minutes of the Meeting:

1. Approval of the Agenda

The meeting was called to order by Jim Murphy at 5:46 pm. He noted that item 5b should be changed from Advertising Policy to Privacy Policy. Don moved to accept the agenda with the amendment. Jan MacLeod seconded. Motion passed.

2. Approval of the Minutes – Don Basarsky motioned to approve the minutes of the November 30 board meeting. Jan McLeod seconded. Motion passed. There were several suggestions for editing of the minutes of the Special General Meeting of the membership held on November 25th. These minutes will be corrected; then re-circulated for the board's approval at the next meeting.

3. Director Reports

a. Treasurer – Garth Wiggins reported that we current hold \$19,086.35 in our bank account. Every bridge club that asked for the BridgeMate computer system now has them. There are a total of 159 units in use across the unit. They are leased to the clubs with the stipulation that they must be available on a rotating basis for use at the unit's tournaments. The gross cost of the system was \$24,000.00, with recovery of around \$7500.00 through the leases with the individual clubs. Garth gave Emelie a list of the clubs and units held, so that the remaining outstanding Lease agreements can be prepared and signed. He also suggested that we get our financial statements to the auditors before year end (after 10 months) so that the year-end statement can be prepared more quickly by only having to add and reconcile the last 2 months. The board agreed.

b. Tournaments – Nancy Stewart reported that the results of the January 2001 Sectional were down by 30 tables primarily due to the inclement weather. We were short bidding boxes on Saturday afternoon because one of the club directors forgot to bring them. Don Basarsky made an announcement at the tournament to encourage members that we should support the Community club by purchasing the lunch they offered on Sundays. The membership responded well and the lunch sold out. The boards arrived a little late, which became a concern. They

discovered that there was no telephone directory on site to be available to contact people and sort out such issues. It was recommended to put a copy of the directory in the trailer to be kept there permanently. The next tournament is March 25 – 27th.

c. Special Events – AGM is scheduled for May 14th at the Martinique. Marlene suggested that we get a concession for Brenda as we pay for the meal and the game will attract many members. Melissa presented a suggestion for disbursement of the Special Unit Games. Each club will receive a game and then the board will retain the 6 remaining games for our own use. Unit championship games can be piggy backed (other clubs can give points if the game is played at another venue at the same time). Clubs can also hold fund raiser games or charity games to qualify for extra masterpoints. There was discussion about how to coordinate this information to club owners. This information should be given to the club operators in a timely fashion so that the whole membership can benefit from special unit games. Marlene commented that these sanctions have been handed out for the last 20 years. It is just the last 6 months that there seems to be some friction. She agreed with Melissa's recommendation that we keep the system the same.

Bridge Base Online Tournament. Melissa and Jim have been working on the online tournament for the GNT to be held on May 6 – 8, 2011. Melissa feels that since this is the first time the GNT final will be held completely on-line, its success could go either way. Jim and Melissa and Ken Scott have been trying to organize this. It will be held on Bridge Base (an online bridge site) all over the district in real time. There are thought to be four locations holding the GNT; Edmonton, Calgary, Saskatoon and Red Deer. Ken Scott is currently trying to book a venue in Calgary. The concerns brought up are that there has not been enough lead time to test this out and Calgary does not have a venue yet. An announcement has NOT been made to GNT qualifiers that the tournament must be played online with a personal computer. Jim suggested that we wait to hear from Ken about how the District will proceed. Because this event will be held online it will not be a money maker for our Unit. Don Basarsky urged Jim to relay to Ken to quickly book a venue, and then plan a workshop for members. After much discussion, Jim closed the topic and asked Melissa to forward to the board all previous correspondence, so that they can get up to speed on the issues. Jim will also talk to Ken and find out more about the location and convey this to the board as well.

North American Open Pairs - Tina Gokturk and Abdul Fakhri are representing the Unit at the NAOP's. Several years ago when the subsidy policy was drafted the NAOP's were not included in the events for subsidy, only CNTC & GNT's. Jim suggested that we amend the subsidy to include the NAOP's by adding a seventh point to the document which reads:

7. The top team in each category representing Unit 390 in the (NAOP) if out of town will receive \$250 in total for the pair. The same rules apply to NAOP as to the above rules for CNTC/CWTC & GNT.

Jan McLeod moved that we include the NAOP's in the subsidy policy. After some discussion the motion was tabled until next month when we know what the district subsidy is.

d. Future Masters – Jan McLeod reported that the President’s Trophies for the last tournament have been ordered and will be presented next Monday night (Jan 24th) at the Martinique game. Jan is currently offering beginner’s lessons as well as convention lessons. There has been an excellent response for the beginner’s series.

e. Secretary – Emelie Quennell posted the October minutes to the website. She will finish the Special General Meeting minutes for final review at the next board meeting. The minutes from the Nov. 30th board meeting will be posted to the unit website.

f. Membership – Brian Willet reported that the Crossfield club now has enough money to start a club in Airdrie and are ready to proceed after the winter. He has completed the preparation of the cover for the new Membership Directory and it has been sent off to the printers. The list of the telephone numbers of the members has been updated and finalized. He will also send all changes to the ACBL so they may update their records. Brian will be away from Calgary for 6 weeks starting in February, but is hoping he will still be able to maintain e-mail outs from Mexico remotely. If he can’t, members of the board or Merle Hickey will have to perform these duties.

g. Information Officer – No report as Frank Kelton was absent.

4. Old Business

a. By-Laws - Don Basarsky mailed the change of name to the Registrar’s office. We are now officially the Calgary Duplicate Bridge Association ACBL Unit 390. Don will be getting the bylaw review group together next week to work on completing the bylaws. Martin MacDonald and Margaret Cooke will be assisting him.

b. Privacy Policy – Tabled to the next meeting as Frank is not in attendance.

c. Jim Murphy received a letter from Steve Lawrence as part of the ongoing replacement of bidding boxes and boards for the unit. Steve will continue to coordinate these as he receives them, including selling the excess boards and cards. He also asked for the authority to purchase 10 new bidding boxes that would match our existing, and assigned, green colour for use at Sectionals.

5. New Business

a. There was a substantial donation of money to the Unit with the condition that some specific bridge literature be added to the new member’s packages. It was requested that Audrey Grant’s Bridge at a Glance and a plastic sleeve for one’s convention card should be inserted in the package. Jim Murphy asked Jan MacLeod to liaise with Warren and order an appropriate number of books and sleeves to exhaust the amount of the donation. These supplies will then be added to New Member packages.

b. The Knights of Columbus Hall may be for sale. If it does sell, this could be an issue as there are many games held there. CCBL is doing well. They have received a large donation and now

have over \$100,000 in their bank account. There hope is that in the future there will be a bridge centre in Calgary.

c. Jim Murphy was recently contacted by Margarete Parry, who is 89 years old and lives in Okotoks. She invited Jim, to Okotoks, to see firsthand the state of affairs of bridge there, which he took her up on. There is no sanction, but they have excellent space at the Centennial Centre (senior centre) where they hold bridge games. This may be a good venue for a future Regional as the price of the venue is very reasonable and there are plenty of hotel rooms nearby.

d. Garth Wiggins advised that he will not be staying on the board as treasurer after this year. He suggested that Don Basarsky look into forming a committee to recruit the new board member we will require for the board. These positions will be voted on by the membership at the AGM.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting date will Tuesday, Feb 22, 2011 at the Martinique beginning at 5:45 pm.

7. Adjournment

Marlene Lenstra motioned that the board meeting be adjourned at 7:20 pm. Brian Willett seconded the motion and it was carried.