

Calgary Duplicate Bridge Association ACBL Unit 390
Board Meeting
Thursday Oct 06/2011
Melissa Martin's home: 39 Westbluff Ridge

Board Members Present:

Don Basarsky
Brian Willett
Louis Sandmaier
Jim Murphy
Marlene Lenstra

Nancy Stewart
Emelie Quennell
Marilyn Haggins
Warren Richards
Melissa Martin

Minutes of the Meeting:

1. Approval of the Agenda

The meeting was called to order by Jim Murphy at 7:15 pm. Don Basarsky moved to accept the agenda as presented. Brian Willett seconded. Motion passed.

2. Approval of the Minutes – Marlene Lenstra motioned to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2011 board meeting. Brian Willett seconded. Motion passed.

3. Director Reports

a. Treasurer – Melissa said that she did not have a Treasurer's report yet as she has only recently assumed her duties. However, she looked for input in regard to the renewal of a Certificate of Deposit that is maturing at the TD Bank in October. Melissa made a cash deposit after the sectional but all expenses have not yet been paid. Marlene said that there should also be an account with funds held earmarked for the Regional. Melissa Martin will investigate and liaise with the President and the Secretary. She brought to our attention the non-profit status of our Association and the amount of money we hold, wondering if there was any conflict. There was some discussion and we do not think there is any conflict. Jim Murphy recounted to the board that we had received some cheques that were difficult to deposit into our bank account because of discrepancies in the official name of the Payee. Emelie, Melissa and Jim will visit the bank with the Certificate of Amendment and align the account name with our registered name. There was a motion by Jim Murphy to award Steve Lawrence and Murray Haggins a \$50 stipend for delivery of equipment to and from the Edmonton Regional. This was seconded by Lou Sandmaier and the motion was carried.

b. Tournaments – Nancy Stewart reported that the September tournament was very successful. Although, the table numbers were down slightly, this was probably due to a "bridge family" wedding that occurred on the same today. There is good growth in the

199'er game. Our next tournament is organized and on track. For the next tournament we discussed averaging the pairs scoring. Nancy talked with Steve Bates in regard to this. He states that any player over 1000 MUST play up so the value of averaging is decreased. He recommends averaging for the Swiss Teams and not for the Open Pairs. Don Basarsky moved to remove the tabled recommendation to buy name tags. Seconded by Brian Willett and the motion passed. Nancy also commented that more help is required for set up on Friday mornings. An email reminder may be sent out to solicit more help. Lou Sandmaier will be responsible for the trailer at November's tournament. Don Basarsky recommended that the Asset Manager should report to the Vice President so there is a conduit to the board and that Don will send out emails soliciting help for the setup at tournaments.

c. Special Events – Warren has wrapped up his handover to Bob and Shirley MacLeod in their capacity as New Member Liaison. He had generated a New Member Activity report that he passed on to them. Warren spoke to several clubs in regards to last month's questions over sTac games. Maureen at the Martinique will be holding a game on a Wednesday but not Thursday. Joy Saville has several special games already booked for the same week. She will canvas her Friday group to gauge interest. Joy is willing to work with us for the AGM next May to hold a special game. Warren contributed an article to the Kibitzer outlining upcoming special events in the unit. The 2012 AGM has been scheduled for May 3rd, 2012. Warren will investigate catering. Jim spoke to Jackie Riley from Okotoks in regards to their special game. She would like it to be an Open Pairs game and it could be advertised as a "Day in the Country." Jim asked Warren to work with her to organize this special game.

d. Future Masters – Marilyn Haggins gave novices some "Free Play's" as prizes for the President's trophy placers. She has now purchased books to be used at the next tournament for the winners. Jim reiterated that the funds that were donated for new member packages needs to be utilized. Marilyn will purchase the suggested supplies. Warren has a list of the most recent "new members" (new members from September 1, 2010) to distribute these packages to. Bid and Play is going very well on Wednesday nights and has resulted in an increase in the novice playing pool..

e. Secretary – Emelie Quennell reported that she posted the May 31 minutes to the website and she will now post the Aug 25 minutes. The bylaws were not sent into the ACBL, but the package is prepared and will be sent next week

f. Membership – Brian Willett reported that the email system was overwhelmed and compromised. As a result there are two new issues to be made aware of. He has separated the emails he sends out from our unit domain. Any future problems should not affect the board's ability to communicate. Brian was also able to resolve the problems the board was having in its internal communication system. Nancy asked Brian to send out the sectional flyer to the other clubs in the District.

g. Information Officer – Lou Sandmaier has been asked to put together a package of job descriptions for board members.

4. Old Business

a. Bylaws and Corporate Name – Don Basarsky reported back to the board that the original intent of being registered in Alberta was to qualify for grants and participate in casinos. He suggested that we could decline our membership or let it lapse if we do not feel it is in our best interests to remain registered. After some discussion, Don Basarsky made a motion that we send in the bylaws to the Alberta Registrar's office to see if they pass or require further work. Lou Sandmaier seconded the motion. The motion was passed. Then we should take this issue to the membership at the next AGM. Jim thanked Don for his work.

b. Okotoks Sanction Potential – covered in Warren's report.

c. CBF Championships 2014. Jim provided more information about the potential for the CBF Championships in 2014. Jim moved that we accept this responsibility. Marlene seconded. Motion carried.

d. September Kibitzer. Martin was having trouble with formatting the Kibitzer with his software program. Jim suggested to Martin that he take this issue to Kinko's and get it published. The estimate to accomplish this would be approximately \$350. Jim suggested we pay the estimated bill of \$325 for this. Don Basarsky seconded and the motion was carried.

e. Trailer to 3 locations in Montana - Sept 24, 2012 Kalispell, July 8 – 14, 2012 Great Falls, and Butte 2014. Doug Rankin asked Ken Scott to approach our board to see if we would consider making our tables and trailer available. We would be compensated for the trailer, driver and table rental. This would include the expenses for one night in the hotel, one day of bridge, meals, gas and \$250 and use of the vehicle. Melissa Martin made a motion to take the opportunity to rent our tables for the next few years to Montana. Don Basarsky seconded and the motion carried.

5. New Business

a. NABC in Calgary - Dave Johnston (Past President) and Ken Scott have talked to the Calgary Tourism Board about bring an NABC to Calgary. Calgary Tourism would fully liaise with the ACBL in this regard. The board wholeheartedly endorses this endeavor and Jim will send an email to them.

b. Unit 390 Website – There is a recognition that the website needs to develop a way to create more exposure to Unit 390, bridge in Calgary and the district. This will better serve our members, now and in the future.

c. Promotion of Unit 390 – Merle has expressed an interest in developing an area on the website for absolute beginners. Brian suggested that we all give thought to more content and information and that we should look at other websites and come back to the next meeting to discuss further.

7. Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on December 8th, 2011 at Jim Murphy's home and will begin at 5:45 pm at 95 Woodbrook Road SW, Calgary.

8. Adjournment: Jim Murphy motioned that the meeting be adjourned at 9:54. Lou Sandmaier seconded. Motion Carried.