

Calgary Duplicate Bridge Association Unit 390
Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 6, 2012
58 Patrick View SW Calgary

Jim Murphy
Melissa Martin
Nancy Stewart
Marilyn Haggins

Emelie Quennell
Warren Richards
Brian Willett
Lou Sandmaier

1. Call to Order

Jim Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:24 pm. Melissa Martin moved to approve the presented agenda and Lou Sandmaier seconded. Carried.

2. Approval of minutes

Melissa Martin moved to approve the minutes of January 19, 2012 as circulated, Warren Richards seconded. The motion carried.

3. Director Reports

a) Treasurer – Melissa Martin reported that we received about \$2000.00 from monies gained from the sectional tournament held in January. We have around \$42,000.00 in our accounts. Melissa will turn the books in to our appointed auditor by the end of March for our annual audit. This will enable us to present the yearly financial report to the members at the Annual General Meeting.

b) Tournaments – Nancy Stewart reported that Janet Galbraith will be speaking to the novices at the spring tournament on “Opening Leads”. Nancy Stewart, Jim Murphy, Ken Scott, and Marilyn Swadron met to discuss constructing a questionnaire soliciting feedback about our tournaments. The committee is still meeting to produce the questionnaire. There was one sent out in 2007 via the Kibitzer, but that one targeted specifically people who attended the tournament. The upcoming survey will be sent out to all members but specifically will try to target the novices. After some discussion as to why the 0-50 game seems to be decreasing at the sectional tournaments, it was suggested that Maureen Bailey, Pat Purvis, Murray Haggins and Nancy Klym should be contacted to make an announcement to the novices about the upcoming Spring sectional tournament. Brian Willet will craft an email in this regard and send it the directors and novices after approval by Marilyn Haggins. Board members will also make announcements at club games in the 2 weeks leading up to the Spring Tournament. Nancy reported that the dates have been finalized for the 2013 tournaments: Jan 4-6, March 8-10, Sept 6-8 and Nov 8-10, 2013.

c) Special Events – Warren reported on the planning for the game in Okotoks to be held in the fall. Okotoks has reported that the room rental was deemed too expensive and that they are trying to re-negotiate the price of the facility. The room is limited to 30 tables. Warren is anticipating cost for directors, room, sanctions and

perhaps some hospitality. Emelie Quennell commented that there was a good response to Warren's request to the clubs to hold more STaC games during the Canada wide STaC week. Marilyn and Dave Swadron requested that a practice game be held for the GNT's before the actual event. The GNT will be held May 11-12th at the Martinique.

d) Future Masters – Marilyn Haggins asked for the boards approval to spend \$100 to buy more books for the winners of the novice events at the tournaments. Jim Murphy moved to approve a purchase of these books, and Nancy Stewart seconded the motion. The motion carried. Marilyn then read a letter she received from Carol Lee Bellam in response to the board's request that they report back to us as to how the funds they have requested would be spent. The letter recapped how they have approached increasing the novice count of Unit 390 and their success at it. Warren Richards moved that we provide \$250.00 in funds retroactively to Carol Lee Bellam for the March 4th Novice Game. Brian Willett seconded. Motion passed. There were 23.5 tables at that Novice Game. It was a strati-flighted Unit Game, which resulted in extra MP 's for the winners. Emelie Quennell thanked Marilyn for her and Murray's growth of the game.

e) Secretary – Emelie Quennell reported that she has posted the minutes from the December board meeting to the Unit 390 website and that she will post the minutes for the Jan board meeting. Emelie received an email from Merle Hickey regarding some wording about the website in a previously posted minutes. Warren Richards moved to make the small wording change and Brian Willett seconded. Jim Murphy moved to change slightly the wording from the Oct 6 minutes in regard to the Kibitzer section. Nancy Stewart seconded. Both motions carried.

f) Membership – Brian Willett reported that he had successfully sent out some emails from Florida while he was away. Brian will get a list of new members from Bob and Shirley McLeod in order to complete the list of members who will require mail-outs manually in advance of our AGM. He thinks there may be many as 170-200 envelopes that we need to be mailed. Brian suggested that we wait to update the unit directory until after the AGM so that the roster of directors is correct. We will target early summer for publishing of the new directory for the Calgary Duplicate Bridge Association.

g) Information Officer – Lou Sandmaeir will be sending us a link to the Houston Unit 174 website to look at the unit job descriptions. We should all edit our pertinent job descriptions as required and report back to him.

4. Old Business

a) Okotoks Sanction – already discussed in 3c above.

b) Board vote to pay Jan 2012 Kibitzer – Melissa Martin moved that the board pay Myron Achtman \$320 for his services in producing the January 2012 Kibitzer and

Lou Sandmaeir seconded. Motion carried. The board agreed that the Kibitzer should remain a volunteer effort. The Jan 2012 issue was very well received and we thank Myron for his efforts.

c) Don Basarsky recommended that the Board let our registration in the Alberta Societies lapse. We will bring a motion to the membership to vote on this at the AGM. Lou Sandmaier moved to accept Don Basarky's recommendation and Warren Richards seconded. Motion carried.

d) Regional Committee – Planning for the 2012 Calgary White Hat Regional Bridge Tournament is well on track. We have provided funding for this event in the past. We will table the decision to give the Regional committee an undetermined amount of funds until the next board meeting. There will be an April 28 unit game to raise funds for the Regional.

5. New Business

a) Board vote Canadian Teacher of the Year subsidy – Carol Lee Bellam has been nominated for the Canadian Teacher of the Year Award. This will be voted on and presented Thursday night of the Memphis NABC. The District has already agreed to provide Carol Lee with \$300 toward her flight to attend this tournament. Jim Murphy motioned for Unit 390 to also give Carol Lee Bellam \$300.00 toward her flight to Memphis. Marilyn Haggins seconded. Motion carried.

b) AGM agenda – Jim Murphy asked Brian Willett to email Don Basarsky and ask him which forms are required to send out to the membership to keep us in accordance with our annual AGM to be held in May. The packages will be prepared for the members that require communications to be sent my mail.

c) Board vote re: Subsidy for March 04 novice game. This motion was made and passed in 3d above.

6. Next Meeting - the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 24th, 2012 at Marilyn Haggins at 60 Edendale Way NW at 5:45 pm.

7. Adjournment – Brian Willet made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 pm. Melissa Martin seconded. Motion carried.