

Minutes

Calgary Duplicate Bridge Association

ACBL Unit 390 – Board Meeting

August 26, 2014 5:45 p.m. Gail Bews' Home

The meeting was called to order by President Delores at 6:15 p.m. Board Members present: Delores Hedley, Gail Bews, Jim Murphy, Doris Lange, Ken Anderson, Keith Wallace, Judy Madge, Judy Gartaganis, and Rick Boyd. Regrets: Larry Fenton

Approval of Agenda

Delores moved and Rick seconded that the agenda be approved. Carried.

Approval of Minutes

Doris moved and Rick seconded that the minutes of the June 24 Board meeting be approved as amended.

Director Reports:

Treasurer – Bank balance is \$10,718.93 and total financial assets are \$46,907.44 of which \$36,188.51 is invested in term deposits with varying maturity dates. \$568 was received from Connie Wignall which was the insurance payout for Unit 390 supplies which were stored in her basement and damaged in the June 2013 flood. Membership fees from ACBL in the amount of \$1,718.03 were received in July. An upcoming expense is the \$1,785 invoice expected from Marlborough Park for the September Sectional. Delores moved and Gail seconded that the report be accepted. Carried.

Tournaments – Doris would like the Oct/Nov Sectional free lunch be offered on the Sunday rather than Saturday. Doris moved and Delores seconded that we offer the free lunch to Swiss teams on Sunday. Doris will advertise this in the flyer. Doris moved and Gail seconded that the report be accepted. Carried.

Special Events – Rookie/Master Unit Game organization – Ken would like a Board member to confer with (Gail volunteered). Delores will book the game with the CCBL on a Saturday night when she receives the date from Ken (sometime in October or November). Delores will check for available dates at the Kirby Centre. Ken moved and Keith seconded that the report be accepted. Carried.

Future Masters – Keith will be talking with Marilyn Swadron in September about Free Plays. He has cleaned up the Future Masters' Horde account.

Secretary – Unit 390 Society's Registration was renewed as of July 30. Horde e-mail account accessed and arrangements made to forward new messages to personal e-mail account. Judy M. moved and Rick seconded that the report be accepted. Carried.

Membership – July membership activity: 7 new members, 10 re-instated members, 1 transfer in, 2 transfers out, 4 (LM) failures to renew, 16 (non-LM) failures to renew, leaving a net decrease of 4 members. 902 members as of August 1 (349 LMs and 553 non-LMs). 3 new Life-Masters and 28 other rank changes. ACBL statistics demonstrate that the Unit 390 Active Membership has been stable (within +/- 20) since 2011. Judy G. moved and Keith seconded that the report be accepted. Carried.

Information Officer – Rick met with Brian and Joy to see if they would look at ‘Fast Results’. Although they seemed keen, it hasn’t happened yet. It is proving to be difficult to contact the Fast Results Group by telephone. Rick moved and Ken seconded that the report be accepted. Carried.

Old Business

- a) **CNTC’s May 3 – 10** – Showed a loss, unfortunately.
- b) **Library (from AGM)** – Gail moved and Ken seconded that five of the fifteen sorted boxes of books be taken to each sectional and that people be invited to help themselves to no more five books apiece. Carried. Judy G. asked what will be done with the books that do not get chosen. Suggested that by 4:00 on the Sunday of the sectional, anyone can help themselves to what is left or that the remains be donated to interested parties or a used book store. This item is tabled while Delores does some checking.
- c) **Horde** – Board members are requested to clean up these e-mail accounts as appropriate.
- d) **Website** – Delores has started the process of checking links, updating policies, etc.
- e) **Survey at Sectionals** – tabled.
- f) **Bidding Box Maintenance** – this is being taken care of by Barbara Webster.
- g) **Members’ Equity Purchases** – \$5,000 has been budgeted to cover the cost of equipment. Barb Webster and Steve Lawrence were invited to propose options for the purchase of bidding box replacement cards and the purchase of a dealing machine with related duplicating supplies. Judy G. moved and Gail seconded that Barb and Steve purchase 61 sets of bidding box inserts on behalf of the Unit. Carried. Delores moved and Judy G. seconded that Barb and Steve purchase a Duplicating Machine and eight duplicate kits on behalf of the Unit. Vulnerability inserts are to be requested for all boards. Carried. The Board expressed its gratitude for the time and care that was spent creating and presenting these well-researched options.

New Business

- a) **90’s Club** – Discussion about honouring our seniors. Delores will send an e-mail to the membership asking for the names of any Unit 390 members in good standing who have turned ninety so that Delores can acknowledge them.
- b) **Trailer Hauling** – need a policy for how much haulers are paid for doing so. This will go on the web page.
- c) **Trailer Maintenance – Rust Inhibitor** – Jim suggests that we take the trailer to an auto body shop for an estimate on this. Jim Griffiths, who will be using it next, could drop it off after the sectionals. Keith moved and Delores seconded that Jim obtain a quote for thus. Jim will e-mail Board members with the quote.

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- d) Facebook Page** – Judy G. has researched the benefits of setting up a Unit 309 Facebook Page. Although Facebook gets news out fast, Unit 390 has member e-mail addresses which we already use for this purpose. Also, the Page would need to be promoted actively for it to be used. Judy G. recommended that we not proceed with Facebook at this time. Agreed.
- e) Unit phonebook** – Judy G. can have it ready for the October Sectionals. Decided that she will use the numbers supplied by ACBL. An e-mail will be sent to members stating that they need to update with ACBL if they have phone number changes.
- f) Web Page** – Delores will ensure that policies are posted on the web page.

Next meeting – Thursday November 6, 5:30 p.m. – at Ken's house.

Gail moved and Rick seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:22 p.m.