

Minutes

Calgary Duplicate Bridge Association

ACBL Unit 390 – Board Meeting

November 12, 2015 5:30 p.m. Judy Gartaganis' Home

The meeting was called to order by President Delores at 6:25 p.m. Board Members present: Delores Hedley, Larry Fenton, Judy Madge, Judy Gartaganis, Marcel Claeys, John Sharpe, Brian Johns, Ken Anderson and Dorothy Mersereau.

Approval of Agenda

John moved and Larry seconded that the agenda be approved. Carried.

Approval of Minutes

Judy G. moved and Marcel seconded that the minutes of the August 27th board meeting be approved. Carried.

President's Report

Old Business: arising from August 27th, 2015 meeting

- Liability of duplimate at Sectionals resides with Unit 390.
- Insurance on our Assets – tabled until we have a list of assets. Delores will start the list and confirm as items are unloaded at the January sectional.
- Susan Julius has volunteered to be the Unit's photographer.
- Results of meeting with Regional Committee on disbursement of profits: Participating Bridge Clubs will be refunded their \$100 start-up donations, a dinner for the volunteers celebrated the committee's work, and the remainder will be held by the Unit for the next Regional.

New Business:

- The District has approved July 16-22nd for the 2018 Calgary White Hat Regional. Charlie Lamb (District Coordinator) requested approval to book the Marlborough Park Centre for it. Approved.
 - Jack Murphy Award – will be presented in January
 - Erin Berry Rookie Master game held on Oct. 22nd – Unit will pay the sanction fees.
 - Sectionals Location – Gail Bews will investigate St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in Bow Cliff as a possible site. No parking on site was noted.
 - A suggestion to post Bridgewinner articles on cheating on our website was not approved.
 - Request for donation from the Unit in regards to encouraging Syrian Refugees into Canada. Not approved.
 - Suggestion of an 'In Memoriam' annual game. John moved and Brian seconded that we hold an In Memoriam game each year. Not approved.
 - Discussion of the higher costs of Unit Championship sanction fees. Feeling that it is not a significant issue.
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- AGM costs for paying club participant fees. It will not be necessary if we continue to hold the AGM at the Kerby Centre. Delores to check into possible dates at the Kerby for the 2016 AGM.
- Board member retention. Leaving: Larry, Delores. Undecided: Ken, Judy G. Staying: Marcel, Brian, John, Judy M., Dorothy.
- Spam e-mails: not especially a bridge community issue so no action to be taken.
- “Learn Bridge in a Day” suggestion. Three Calgary bridge players may check out the course in Denver if it’s a convenient time and location for them to do so.
- Recorder Issues. There is a standard ACBL form available on-line) for sending complaints to the Unit Recorder (Frank Ayer). Directors and club managers will be given the forms for complainants to fill out and send in. Judy G. will speak to Frank about addressing the January Sectional.

Vice President’s Report

Old Business: Boot Camp – more than 40 participants will meet at the Inglewood Golf Course this weekend. The net cost to the Unit will be \$1,200. Director’s Course – Jan 22/23/24th also at Inglewood.

New Business: Another Boot Camp? Using the same teachers means it could happen in April. Teacher accreditation program? John will talk to Crystal, an accredited teacher, about it.

Director Reports

Treasurer – Report submitted. Total financial assets are \$42,687 of which \$36,184 is invested in Term Deposits. The current balance of the bank account is \$6,503. A balance sheet summary and a profit and loss statement were attached to the report. Larry moved and Dorothy seconded that his report be accepted.

Tournaments – Report submitted. Tracy Horan has agreed to co-chair Tournaments.

Old Business: Carriage House Hotel would like to be the venue for our Sectionals.

New Business: Changes to Alberta’s minimum wage has resulted in Colleen receiving a \$10/session raise (she also makes extra from the non-coffee items sold at the canteen). Agreed that there is no need for caddies on Friday or Saturday. Judy M. moved and Marcel seconded that Dorothy direct Steve Bates to raise the caddies pay to \$50 per session for Sunday. Carried.

Special Events – Report submitted. The Rookie Master Team Game will be at the Kerby Centre on Feb. 6th at 6 p.m. Cost will be \$10 per person. Committee is examining themes, perhaps recognizing Bridge Teachers? Ken moved and Delores seconded that the report be accepted.

Future Masters – Report submitted. Not all Free Plays that have been given out are being used. Marcel will co-ordinate volunteers who will offer to take new members to Bridge Nutz on a Wednesday evening. Delores will look into having more bridge teachers listed on the website. Marcel moved and Brian seconded that the report be accepted.

Secretary – Report submitted. All Bridgmate lease agreements are on track to be renewed by the end of November. Judy M. moved and Brian seconded that the report be accepted.

Membership – Report submitted. Membership continues to be 891. 2015/16 Phone books are out. Printed 300 at about \$1.75 a piece. 75 go to new members. Judy G. moved and Dorothy seconded that the report be accepted.

Information Officer – Report submitted. All the Associate Job Descriptions have now been received and are posted on the website. Brian moved and Ken seconded that the report be accepted.

New Business

- 2015/2016 Board Objectives – a work in progress
- There will be an acknowledgement celebration at the April Sectionals. Delores will pursue this.

Actions by E-Mail

- September 9 Motion: Delores Hedley moved that we have John Sharpe take the lead on looking into the possibility of Unit 390 sponsoring one, possibly two "boot camps" with Nancy Klym and Bev Mason as hosts. Costs associated with this venture to be obtained by John. Seconded by Marcel Claeys, motion carried.

Next meeting – Thursday, January 21st at Judy Madge's Home – 45 Carnarvon Way N.W.

Judy M. moved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:27 p.m.