

Minutes

Calgary Duplicate Bridge Association

ACBL Unit 390 – Board Meeting

January 26, 2017 5:30 p.m. Inglewood Golf Club

The meeting was called to order by President John at 5:45 p.m. Board Members present: John Sharpe, Ed Lamb, Judy Madge, Tracy Horan, Marcel Claeys, Dorothy Mersereau, Dev Drysdale, Judith Gartaganis, and Delores Hedley.

Approval of Agenda - Delores moved and Judy seconded that the agenda be approved. Carried.

Approval of Minutes - Dev moved and Marcel seconded that the minutes of the November 14 board meeting be approved. Carried.

President's Report

Old Business: arising from November 14, 2016 meeting

- Audrey Grant to return next year? Nothing has been heard so far.
- Webmaster. Doug Mann and Dan Bertrand have taken over the permanent position on a joint basis. Many thanks to Judith Gartaganis for her work in the transition.
- *Fargo*. The filming took place on January 13 at the Clarion Hotel. Many bridge players participated. The episode will be the first one of Season Three and will air the week of April 17 (Easter Monday). Payment for the use of the Unit tables has been received (\$540 net).

New Business:

- Is further recognition of Dave Swadron for his work as webmaster warranted? Judy will check with Doris Fishman to see what she has in mind.
- John Grubb asked to borrow 20 Unit boards to take on his cruise. Delores has a set that she will offer.
- Congratulations to Judith and Nicholas Gartaganis who are to be inducted into the Canadian Bridge Federation Hall of Fame this year.

Vice President's Report (by John since no one has yet filled the V.P. position)

Old Business: Boot Camp III repeat in November was again a success. John circulated the feedback forms.

New Business:

- There is another Boot Camp planned for April 22/23. Nancy suggests that the camp should be a repeat of Boot Camp III, followed by another one with new material. She also says that the Unit should not be subsidizing the camps and so the charge should be raised to \$175 with an additional \$10 charge for non-members. Agreed.
 - Bridgemates. Brian Johns requested and later withdrew a request for 20 Bridgemates for his new clubs. The Unit has approximately 160 Bridgemates leased to the clubs which are reaching the end of their lives. A plan needs to be put in place to cover their replacement since their estimated cost will be over \$30,000. (Tabled until next meeting.) Judy will talk to Joy about the number which needs to be replaced immediately.
 - Club managers have expressed an interest in meeting to discuss items with a board member present. John would be willing to attend if they arrange a meeting, although once a month would be excessive.
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Director Reports

Treasurer –

- Sarah Salus of Alzheimer's Calgary is keen to work on the Alzheimer's Fundraiser with Ed. She will talk to Chinook Shopping Centre about holding it on the Wednesday . . . in Canada the event is called Trump Alzheimer's. Judith will speak to a colleague in Halifax about her experience with the fund raiser.
- Report submitted. The Unit has \$18,757 in the chequing account and \$25,729 in term deposits, for a total of \$44,486 (up from \$40,507 at the last board meeting). Ed moved and Judith seconded that the report be accepted.

Tournaments – Report submitted. Table count was up to 267 from 255 last January and 243 in November. An increase of 5 tables in A/X and Swiss Teams (may look at putting some Swiss sections into another room to help with the noise level). Suggestion was made to offer door prizes for the Friday night game to encourage attendance. Janet Galbraith will speak about defensive signals and strategies at the April Sectional. We will continue to separate A/X from the B/C tables. Dorothy moved and Tracy seconded that the report be accepted.

Special Events – Report submitted. A new job description includes the Rookie/Master game. Delores moved and Dorothy seconded that the amendment be included. Rookie/Master – great positive response. 38 tables so far. Book prizes for the winning rookies. Tracy moved and Judy seconded that the report be accepted.

Future Masters – Report submitted. 199'er winners from the Sectional. 56 new members have received free plays. 8 free plays have been used since November. The President's Award is limited to Unit 390 members. Delores will create 'amusing' signs to remind players to keep noise level down. Dev moved and Delores seconded that the report be accepted.

Secretary – Report submitted. List of correspondence and motions added to the record. Judy moved and Tracy seconded that the report be accepted.

Membership - Report submitted. New membership total is up 28 bringing over all membership to 920. Judith moved and Dorothy seconded that the report be accepted.

- Phone books – printed 500, the CCBL contributed \$1,200. Judith has only 50 left.
- A request to publicize lessons being offered by a non-member on the Unit website. Judith moved and Delores seconded that when we receive a request to publicize bridge lessons from someone who is known to the Unit that we post. Carried.
- Defer discussion about adopting Pianola to the next meeting.

Information Officer – Report submitted. Bridge lessons in the schools. It would be a big commitment as would need to teach lessons as well as continue with games on an on-going basis. John will invite interest in the next President's Message. Marcel moved and Ed seconded that the report be accepted.

New Business – Tracy noted some anomalies in the by-laws. Brian Johns resigned as both Director and Vice President. Judith will serve as acting Vice President until another one is elected.

Actions by E-Mail – no items to report

Next meeting – Thursday, April 13, 2017, 6:00p.m. at Inglewood Golf & Curling Club. 19 Gosling Way S.E.

Judy moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 p.m.