

Minutes

Calgary Duplicate Bridge Association ACBL Unit 390 – Board Meeting February 12, 2019 6:00 p.m. Inglewood Golf Club

The meeting was called to order by John at 6:08 p.m. Members present: John Sharpe, Ed Lamb, Judy Madge, Marvis Olson, Judith Gartaganis, Delores Hedley, Carrie Stockman, Jo Peterson, Caroleigh Houghton, and Lyman Warner. Regrets: Susan Korba, Myron Achtman.

Approval of Agenda – Jo moved and Delores seconded that the agenda be approved. Carried.

Approval of Minutes – Delores moved and Judith seconded that the minutes of the December 11, 2018 meeting be approved. Carried.

President's Report (*John Sharpe*)

Old Business arising from December 11, 2018 meeting:

- New bidding boxes arrived and were well received at the New Year's Sectional.
- Harassment at the bridge table. Comment included in the President's Message.

New Business:

- Intermediate/novice players' survey. David Johnston did not know why Alberta was not surveyed. If we want local feedback, we will have to administer our own survey.
- P.A. System: Jo has arranged to borrow another system for the April Sectional. This will allow us to compare with the one borrowed by Caroleigh in January. The Clarion room will likely need two speakers.

Vice President's Report (*Lyman Warner*) – nothing at this time

Director Reports

Treasurer (Ed Lamb) – Report submitted. \$10,306 is the balance of the chequing account and there is \$36,231 in term deposits showing total financial assets of \$46,537. The Unit continues to turn a profit year after year. Ed moved and Judy seconded that the report be accepted as presented.

Tournaments (Carrie Stockman/Jo Peterson) – Report submitted. The new times for Friday Sectionals (2 and 7) are not favourable to the directors (shorter time between sessions). Will go back to 1 and 7 for the April Sectional, and Carrie will approach Steve to see if 1:30 would be a good compromise. Carrie has engaged Wade Butler to deliver the trailer to Sectionals for \$200/time. Carrie moved and John seconded that the report be accepted.

Special Events (Marvis Olson/Delores Hedley) – Rookie/Master – so far have 17 tables, which is light. Still expect to hit 25 tables. The GNT finals are set for May 31 and June 1 – the location will be the Westgate Community Centre (cost is \$567). John will negotiate with David Johnston to see if the District will pick up some of the cost. Discussion: what is a fair and consistent rate for paying directors for special events? Not all events require the same amount of work by the director(s). Carrie will create a chart suggesting director rates. Meanwhile, Marvis will re-negotiate fees with Brian and Dan for the Rookie/Master and the AGM. The AGM, June 2nd, will comprise the meeting, a lunch, and a bridge game. Mavis moved and Delores seconded that the report be accepted.

Future Masters (Susan Korba) – Report submitted. The date for the next 299'er Sectional is November 9, 2019 and it will be held at the Clarion.

Secretary (Judy Madge) – Report shared – an update of the Record of Motions.

Membership (Judith Gartaganis) - Report submitted. Membership sits at 1,011 as of February 1, 2019. ACBL is looking at ways to boost its membership. Temporary memberships will be discontinued (no date has been announced for this change). The idea of offering free introductory memberships is being considered. Judith moved and Carrie seconded that the report be accepted.

The website was down for 30 hours in December, but is running well now. Terri Bedard has now taken over the task of sending notices to the Unit.

Information Officer (Caroleigh Houghton) – nothing to report at this time.

Youth Education (Myron Achtman) – Report submitted. The Bridge in Schools Program is now in place at five schools. Caroleigh is planning a tournament in April for the students, perhaps around Spring Break. Could it be held in connection with the Sectionals? Or at a Community Centre? Excellent teaching materials have been received from the ACBL. What are the plans for next year (from Myron)?

New Business

Next meeting – Tuesday, April 23 - Inglewood

Judy moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:51.