

MINUTES

Calgary Duplicate Bridge Association ACBL Unit 390 - Board Meeting

Date: January 20, 2020 Inglewood Golf Club

The meeting was called to order by Lyman at : 6:10 PM Members present: 09
Lyman Warner, Delores Hedley, Caroleigh Houghton, Ed Lamb, John Sharpe, Marvis Olson,
Judith Gartaganis, Jo Peterson, Olga Williams. Guest: Barbara Webster.

- 1) **Approval of Agenda** - Delores moved and John seconded that the agenda be approved. Carried.
- 2) **Approval of Minutes** - Caroleigh moved and Judith seconded that the minutes of the November 11, 2019 meeting be approved. Carried.
- A) **President's Report (Lyman Warner)** - Lyman's report has been posted on our website.

Old Business arising from minutes of September 10, 2019 meeting:

1. ACBL Unit 390 has reimbursed participants that had to pay for parking at the recent NY Tournament at Mount Royal College. This policy will not apply at future tournaments.
2. After group discussion, on November 18, 2019 Judith moved and Delores seconded that the Unit 390 Unit Game Policy effective November 20, 2019 be adopted. Carried. The Policy was circulated to club owners and managers.
3. ACBLive is now on the Unit 390 Website Results Page.
4. The new Unit 390 Bidding Box Policy is in effect and Jo Peterson noted we need new signage with this information to display at our tournaments.

New Business -

MRU Contract: On November 20, 2019 Delores moved that the Board proceed with the booking of MRU for future tournaments, Olga seconded. Carried. The contract was signed November 27th. 2019.

Liability insurance is included in our ACBL sanction agreement. However, the ACBL has agreed to add a rider to bring the amount of insurance in line with MRU requirements.

Bridgemates: Unit Policy and current rental contract end dates for clubs is imminent. Bridgemates will be offered to clubs on an annual rental basis. The price per unit is still to be confirmed.

New Policy for the Trailer Moving our Equipment: Delores moved and Judy seconded that the fee for moving our trailer and its contents change from \$200.00 to \$250.00 Carried.

Barbara Webster informed the ACBL Board we need 15 more card tables to be used at our tournaments (to bring the total to 75 tables) and she presented a comparative summary of options. Marvis made a motion and Lyman seconded that Barbara purchase 15 tables from Staples (specs per Barbara's summary, cost per unit - \$59.99 plus tax, free shipping). Carried. Additional table cloths will be required.

Barbara Webster informed the ACBL Board we need additional Bridge supplies to run the upcoming March Sectional and future Tournaments successfully. Barbara submitted a list for the following supplies: 4 sets of hinged boards, 12 dozen plastic playing cards, 4 carrying cases, 4 sets of vulnerability inserts, 4 sets of bar codes for a total of \$1,467.40. John made the motion and Judy seconded that Barbara will purchase the additional Bridge equipment required for future tournaments. Carried.

There are three issues the Board agreed to review and assess at the next meeting:

1. What should we do about free plays at sectionals? Should we cut down and if so, how?
2. What should we do about the mentorship program? Is it fulfilling its goals?
3. What should we do about the school bridge program?

Director Reports:

B) Treasurer - (Ed Lamb) - The New Year's Sectional was a success with a total of 344 tables attending. Net profit of \$12.00. After discussion the decision was made that free play vouchers redeemed will not be considered a tournament hosting expense after our AGM.

We received the funds District 18 owed us from the use of our trailer and its contents on Aug. 18, 2019 at the Red Deer Sectional.

Judith made the motion to accept Ed's report and Lyman seconded. Carried.

C) Tournaments - (Carrie Stockman/Jo Peterson) - The new MRU venue was well received by attendees at the New Year's Sectional. The room can accommodate 75 tables. It is possible that small rooms across the hall may be rented if attendance overflows. The number of directors assigned to our sectionals was discussed. Given that all events are in one room, it is hoped that three directors will be adequate for future sectionals. Tablecloths for the Welcome Desk were purchased, instead of renting them from MRU.

The practice of allowing players with 0-5 master points to play free was discussed. We currently have 156 members in this category and at the New Year's Sectional, the cost of those free plays was \$988.00 (68 unit free plays @ \$13.00 ea. - \$884.00 + 4 unit free plays @ \$26.00 ea. - \$104.00).

D) Mentorship Program - The current mentorship program managed by Brian Johns and Sandra Evans will terminate at the end of February but that is the beginning of the awarding of free plays for those who have completed their six mentoring sessions. The next programme would usually start in June but is to be reviewed at the next meeting.

E) Special Events - (Marvis Olson/Delores Hedley) - Delores reserved the Haysboro facility for the Rookie Master Game on March 7th. and the cost is \$420.00. The AGM is at the Haysboro facility on May 24th and the cost is \$375.00.

Marvis has asked Doug Mann to direct March 7th and he will choose an assistant director from the newly certified ones - \$250.00 total with Barbara Webster providing the boards for 34 tables playing Swiss Teams.

Marvis will get 6 persons to make chili.

An events email has been sent by Terri Bedard to the membership and Judith has it posted on our website.

Delores will ask Christy to help in the kitchen - \$100.00 budgeted.

F) Future Masters - (Susan Korba) - Future Master's Tournament scheduled for Saturday, November 8th. Venues under consideration are Triwood, Bowness, Kerby, Thorncliff.

G) Secretary - (Olga Williams) - Report regarding correspondence and between meeting motions shared.

H) Membership - (Judith Gartaganis) - Judith submitted a Membership Report. As of January 1, 2020 we have 1035 members. That is an increase of 20 members since April 1st. 2019. Judy presented the results of a survey she conducted of Flight A and X players regarding preference of IMP vs MP scores. 78% of respondents said they will attend our events no matter how scoring was done. No changes will be made.

Judy presented a Unit 390 Non- Life Master Distribution breakdown. Total 682 Non-Life Masters. The Unit 390 Life Master Distribution is impressive. Total 353 Life Masters.

Judith will look into the cost of updated phone books with possible format changes.

Judith moved her report be accepted, carried.

I) Information Officer - (Caroleigh Houghton):

J) Youth Education - (Myron Achtman) - Myron will be organizing a Bridge Tournament for students in this program on March 11th., 2020 at St Phillips Fine Arts School.

The Board agreed to evaluate this program at its next meeting and plot a course of action going forward.

Meeting moved Adjourned at 9:02 pm by Jo Peterson.

Next meeting: 6:00 pm Monday, April 06/2020, Inglewood Golf Club

Other Business:

The current policy of reimbursing clubs for Under - 18 card fees was discussed. This could become significant if even a handful of students in the School Bridge program start attending clubs. The Board agreed to review this policy at its next meeting.

Motion made and carried via email:

1. Delores moved and Olga seconded that we change the 0-5 free plays for all sectional tournaments to one session (discretion of the Tournament Chair) at all future tournaments. Carried.