

# MINUTES

## Calgary Duplicate Bridge Association ACBL Unit 390 - Board Meeting Date: October 24th 2022

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### **Welcome and introduction -**

The meeting was called to order by John Sharpe at: 7:05 p.m. Members present 10

Pam Sterling, Sandra Stewart, Olga Williams, John Sharpe, Lyman Warner, Delores Hedley, Carrie Stockman, Judith Gartaganis, Ed Lamb, Richard Cripps.

John Sharpe welcomed attendees and made an introduction of all members present.

### **Approval of agenda -**

No changes were made to the agenda. Judith moved to approve the agenda, Lyman seconded, Carried.

### **Approval of minutes from July 19th 2022 meeting**

Carrie moved to approve the minutes as presented, Delores seconded, carried.

### **Discussion of positions and appointment of Officers -**

Carrie moved to appoint John Sharpe as president, Richard Cripps as Vice President, Ed Lamb as Treasurer, Olga Williams as Secretary. Pam seconded, carried.

### **Treasurer's Report -**

Ed Lamb, treasurer, confirmed we have no liability related to the termination of our lease agreement with Mount Royal University. He also presented the financial statement as of October 14, 2022. John moved the treasurer's report accepted as presented, Richard seconded, carried.

### **Membership Report -**

Judith Gartaganis presented an in-depth graph and report of our membership numbers and membership breakdown as of as of October 1st. 2022. Presently we have 615 Non-Life Masters and 310 Life Masters. A discussion ensued regarding how we can entice more of our members to participate at our tournaments and face to face local clubs. Carrie moved Judith's report be accepted as presented, Delores seconded, carried.

**Future Master Tournament Chairperson -** Sandra Stewart agreed to serve as Future Masters Tournament Chairperson.

**Special Events Chairperson -** Pam Sterling agreed to serve as Special Events Chairperson.

**Tournament Co-ordinator -** Carrie Stockman agreed to serve as Tournament Co-ordinator.

**Sectional Tournament Chairperson -** Vacant

**Public Relations Chairperson -** Delores Hedley agreed to serve as the Public Relations Chairperson.

**Past President -** Lyman Warner will remain on the Board in this position.

### **Sectional tournaments, location, and potential dates -**

Carrie Stockman presented notes and graphs regarding tournament attendance for the year 2015 - 2022. Information presented included attendance at the Marlborough, Clarion, Mount Royal and Calgary Bridge Centre. Stats showed that once we left the Marlborough venue our table count increased. By 2019 and 2020 we were at 300 tables or more. Current potential tournament dates are: January 6 - 8, April 14 -16, June 30 - July 2, September 1 - 3.

Carrie and Delores presented comparative analyses of two possible venues for our tournaments including the analysis of table capacity, rent, parking, proximity to restaurants, driving access and tournament co-ordination. Judy moved that all Unit 390 sectional tournaments for 2023 be held at the Royal Wyndham Hotel, Pam seconded, carried. Carrie will finalize the date of our tournament with the Royal Wyndham Hotel.

The subject of tournament directors for the upcoming Sectional was discussed. The final decision on this matter will be made by the tournament co-ordinator.

### **299er Tournaments -**

Judith presented the results of a survey that was sent out to all our 299er members. Feedback was requested from those members to help guide decisions pertaining to matters affecting them at future bridge events. 73% percent of those members opened the survey email. Less than 30% of our members replied to the survey.

Delores led a discussion regarding a tournament for 299er's to be held at Calgary Community Bridge Centre. We decided to host a one day 299er Sectional on Saturday, November 26th and have a Friday evening get together prior to the event. John will check availability of the Bridge Centre. We hope to hold other 299er events at the Calgary Bridge Centre in the future.

### **Business arising from the minutes - phone booklets -**

We discussed the telephone booklets. Judith moved we produce 1000 booklets to be ready for our members at the January sectional, Ed seconded, carried. Our cost to have the 52 page booklets printed will cost approximately \$1.73 per book.

### **New business - Request from Calgary Community Bridge -**

Abdul had raised the possibility of a collaborative Mentor/Mentee series to be held with games to be held at the Community Bridge Centre every Friday evening for eight weeks. It was generally felt that asking participants to commit to eight consecutive Friday evenings was too much; in addition, Friday's and/or evenings may not suit everyone.

Unit 390 already has initiated plans to run a 2022-2023 Mentorship Program. Nancy Stewart and Janet Sharpe have volunteered to co-ordinate the program. Details will be finalized so that we can have application forms available at the 299er Sectional.

Discussion points included:

- 1) number of games the mentee/mentor pair should commit to (6 games?)
- 2) time frame for completion of all games (4months?)
- 3) master point holdings that can be accommodated (it was felt that players with under 100 master points should be eligible to apply to be assigned a mentor; it may not be possible to accommodate requests from players with over 100 master points).

4) possible special Mentor/Mentee games (in co-operation with CCBL)

John will contact Nancy and Janet to get the ball rolling.

**Pre-pay tournaments -**

Richard moved that the tournament co-ordinator further research the ACBL Pre-registration/ Prepayment scheme with a view to implementing it for the January 2023 Sectional.

**Next Meeting Date -**

December 8th 2022

7:00 p.m.

Calgary Bridge Centre

**Meeting Termination -** John moved the meeting terminated at 9:23 p.m., Lyman seconded.