

MINUTES

Calgary Duplicate Bridge Association ACBL Unit 390 - Board Meeting Date: December 8th, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President John Sharpe.
Members present 8.

Delores Hedley, Carrie Stockman, John Sharpe, Judy Gartaganis, Ed Lamb,
Pam Sterling, Sandra Stewart, Olga Williams.

- 1) **Approval of the Agenda** - Carrie moved the agenda approved, Judy seconded, carried.
- 2) **Approval of the Minutes** - A correction to the minutes of the October 24th meeting will read as follows: Delores Hedley will remain on the board as the Public Relations Chairperson. Past President Lyman Warner will serve as a director. Delores approved the minutes, Carrie seconded, carried.

a) **President** - John Sharpe

John addressed the issue of our Unit needing a volunteer for the position of the Tournament Chair position. Currently the position is held by Carrie Stockman and she volunteered to fill that position until we are able to recruit a volunteer from our membership base for the job.

b) **Treasurer** - Ed Lamb

Ed presented the December 8th Treasurer's Report. Carrie moved the Treasurer's Report approved, Delores seconded, carried.

c) **Tournaments** - Carrie Stockman

The Unit is preparing to host the January 6th - 8th, 2023 New Year's Sectional Tournament. Ed will speak to Barbara Webster to find out exactly how many Bridgemates the Unit owns. Carrie suggested the online

registration issue needs to be addressed in time for our April Spring Sectional. John will contact Jim Murphy re: someone to pick up our supply trailer and haul it to the venue. Pam may be able to recruit someone to do this task. A notice asking members to register in advance if they plan to attend the tournament will be sent out by mid-December.

d) Special Events - Pam Sterling

The annual Rookie-Master Team Event was discussed. A target date of February 25th, 2023 was set. Pam will speak to Keith Falkenberg to see if the Bridge Centre is available for this event. The alternate date would be March 4th, 2023.

It was decided to define "rookie" as having under 100 master points. Our goal is to sign up 50 rookies, so that will translate into 25 tables for the event. Judy agreed to give a short talk prior to the game about Swiss Teams and IMP strategies. The Unit will advertise this event after the New Year's Sectional.

e) Future Masters - Sandra Stewart

Sandra submitted a report on the recent 299'er Tournament. A total of 20 1/2 tables had pre-registered for this event; last minute cancellations resulted in 16 1/2 tables for the morning session and 15 1/2 tables for the afternoon session. The response by those attending this event was positive. Revenue loss plus lunch order extra cost resulted in a total loss of \$1,677.05.

We plan to host another one-day 299'er Sectional Tournament on May 13th., 2023.

We are in need for qualified directors for these events. Pam plans to speak to Crystal Mann regarding the possibility of taking the Director's exam.

Sandra met with Janet Sharpe and Nancy Stewart to discuss specifics regarding the upcoming mentor/mentee program. The response has been positive; we will need to look for a few more mentors.

The board discussed the possibility of hosting a series of ongoing games for participants in the Mentorship program, possibly in co-operation with Calgary Bridge Centre. No firm plans were made.

f) Secretary - Olga Williams

Olga put forth the idea of possibly combining two groups of players for a new evening game. One section of people playing together who have 0 - 299 points and another section of people playing together who have 300 - 500 points. Currently there is no evening game available specifically for these people. Olga will consult Bridge Club Managers regarding their thoughts and possible participation with this issue.

g) Membership - Judy Gartaganis

Judy has the phone books ready to be printed and hopefully be ready for our members at the New Year's Sectional. We will sell the phone books to our members for \$2.00 each. Judy made a motion that we send 2 personalized free play coupons to each new member with their welcome membership package - expiry date 1 year. Supplies for the New Member Packages, including the "Bridge Centre" pamphlet and convention card holders, need to be replaced.

h) Public Relations - Delores Hedley

Delores provided excellent information regarding the history of each of our trophies which are presented to members achieving certain results any given year. The trophies have brass plaques made and attached bearing the persons name, year and achievement. Some of the trophies are no longer relevant and we had a discussion about possibly retiring them and finding a suitable venue in which to display them. This subject will be discussed further at our next meeting.

A suggestion was made that we could honour outstanding Bridge achievement by players with special certificates.

Next Meeting -

February 9th.
7:00 p.m.
Bridge Centre

John moved the meeting terminated at 9:07 p.m.

