

# MINUTES

## Calgary Duplicate Bridge Association ACBL Unit 390 - Board Meeting February 9th. 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President John Sharpe.  
Members present: 07

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

**1) Approval of the Agenda** - Judy moved the agenda approved, Delores seconded, carried.

**2) Approval of the Minutes** - Ed moved the minutes of the December 8th. 2022 meeting approved, Pam seconded, carried.

### **3) President - John Sharpe**

a) John addressed the issue of our Tournament Chair position. This office is currently held by Carrie, in her role as Tournament Co-ordinator. She is willing to mentor anyone that is willing to take on the job. John will prepare and post a President's Message outlining our need and request anyone that is willing to take on the job contact a board member.

b) re: New Game -  
John led a discussion regarding the possibility of our Unit beginning a new evening game hosted by our Unit and the CCBL. This game may possibly be held on a Thursday evening catering to people holding 0 - 500 points. Pam will speak to the CCBL regarding the new game and would help organize the advertising. We hope this new Bridge game could begin on March 16th.

c) re: Defibrillator -  
John brought up the issue of our Unit having a defibrillator available at all of our tournaments. A defibrillator has been donated to the CCBL. This equipment will be stored at the CCBL venue and the Unit will

arrange to rent this equipment for tournaments where a defibrillator is not available. Instruction sessions on how to operate this equipment will have to be arranged.

d) re: Covid Restrictions -

A discussion regarding Covid restrictions and protocols ensued. We were in agreement that clubs are conforming with the provincial rulings regarding Covid protocols. ACBL Unit 390 Sectional and Regional Tournaments will continue to practice the ACBL protocol and will require proof of a minimum of two Covid vaccinations from all people attending our tournaments.

**4) Treasurer - Ed Lamb**

a) Ed presented the February 9, 2023 Treasurer's Report. Judy moved the Treasurer's Report approved, Delores seconded, carried.

b) Ed picked up the Bridge Mates that have been loaned out to Marilyn and Murray Haggins. Their club games are 100% virtual now and they have no further need for the units.

**5) Tournament Chairman - Carrie Stockman/ Delores Hedley**

a) re: January Sectional -

Delores presented the report regarding the January Sectional. We incurred a loss of \$1,712.24 hosting this event. Several factors contributed to this loss, primarily:

- the table count was less than we anticipated.
- there were un-budgeted costs for AV equipment
- there was the unexpected last minute expense of having an out of town DIC.

A discussion on how we can cut the cost of our Spring Sectional followed.

b) The budget for the Spring Sectional was presented by Delores. We are committed to the Spring Sectional at The Royal Windham Hotel and the adjusted budget shows us with another loss. Our hope was that a better venue would attract more players but that did not happen. The best way to reduce our loss in the Spring Sectional is to advocate for increased attendance, as before Covid, we were running over 300 tables per tournament.

- c) The possibility of increasing card fees was briefly discussed. It was decided to keep the playing fee per game at the Spring Sectional at \$13.00 per game.
- d) In the future we will have our microphone system available at all our tournaments.
- e) Delores will contact Carrie regarding the tournament information flyer for the Spring Sectional.

#### **6) Special Events - Pam Sterling**

- a) The Rookie/Master game is scheduled for February 25th. at the CCBL Venue.
- b) June 4th has been confirmed as the date for our Annual General Meeting at the CCBL venue.

#### **7) Future Masters - Sandra Stewart**

- a) The date for the next 2023 299'er Sectional has been set for May 13th. The format will include 2 games. A notice will be sent out to eligible participants and pre-registration with Delores will be required.
- b) The mentorship program with Sandra Stewart, Janet Sharpe and Nancy Stewart is underway. We discussed the possibility of hosting a wind-up game for the mentors and mentees. April 21st or 28th were discussed as possible dates. Alternatively, we could look to hold the game in conjunction with the newly proposed Thursday evening game.

#### **8) Secretary - Olga Williams**

- a) Olga presented feedback information from the Bridge Club Managers regarding participation and support with a possible 299'er evening game. Very little support by club managers for an evening 0-299'er game.

#### **9) Membership - Judy Gartaganis**

- a) Judy reported the new Bridge phone books are available for purchase at all face to face games and tournaments. A copy of this phone book will be included in all new member welcome packages.

- b) Judy presented a membership report showing we currently have 906 members at February 1st. 2023.
- c) Members that earned special certificates and medallions in the 2021-2022 Mini-McKenny and Ace of Clubs awards will be receiving these items via mail. Pam moved that we purchase the required medallions for the 2022 winners, Olga seconded, carried. These awards will be handed out at the 2023 AGM.
- d) Judy informed us that there is a new Virtual Club Master-point race starting in 2023.
- e) The District 18 GNT Finals will be held on April 7th and 8th. Judy will make a notice informing our members of the event.

### **New Business -**

- a) District 18 is holding a Gold Rush Regional in Calgary on July 28 -30. Barbara Webster is the Regional Chair; Crystal Mann is the DIC. The Unit can expect to receive a letter asking for financial support for this event. John moved and Ed seconded that Unit 390 contribute \$500.00 to this effort. Carried.
- b) Awards -
  - 1) The possibility of recognizing long serving volunteers was discussed.
  - 2) The possibility of awarding the Jack Murphy Memorial Trophy was raised.These items were deferred to the next meeting.

### **10) Public Relations - Delores Hedley**

Delores moved that we discuss our trophies at the next meeting.

### **NEXT MEETING -**

April 27th.  
2:00 p.m.  
Bridge Centre

John moved the meeting terminated at 9:07 pm.

