

MINUTES

Calgary Duplicate Bridge Association ACBL Unit 390 - Board Meeting September 14th 2023

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by President Richard Cripps. Members present: 09

Present: Ed Lamb, Judy Gartaganis, Sandra Stewart, Paulette McWilliam, John Sharpe, Brad Bowyer, Lois Matton, Richard Cripps, Delores Hedley.

- 1) **Approval of the Agenda** - Richard moved the agenda be approved, Judy seconded, carried.
- 2) **Approval of the Minutes** - Judy moved the minutes of the June 8th 2023 meeting be approved Richard seconded, carried.

3) **President - Richard Cripps**

Old Business

- a) Decided not to do the survey as the questions could not be agreed upon
- b) Addition of 299 tournaments – 3 per year

New Business

- a) ACBL lapsed member postcard discussion
 1. 0 – 50 are the group with most lapses and eligible for these postcards. Judy has 270 emails of the 370 lapsed members. Richard to ask ACBL why all lapsed members didn't get postcards, only 138 got them
- b) Richard was in the Unit Zoom meeting, and his observation, ACBL is also concerned about lack of enthusiasm for in person bridge
- c) Discussion about who is offering lessons for new bridge players. Also who has games for new players.
- d) Fender loose on trailer, it's in for repairs. Discussion about what to charge for trailer as we (Unit 390) also pay for the drive to Red Deer or Lethbridge which doesn't seem right. A new contract should be created for when the trailer goes where needed which would itemize who is paying what. Delores and Ed will work on this new contract.
- e) Discussion regarding 4 year rotation for Regionals. Steve Lawrence to follow up and get back to us. Concern amongst board members about tapping the volunteer base in Calgary. Also the District can now have 5 - 0-750 NLM 3 day regionals

- f) Publish on website and also a notice regarding the Directors course in Red Deer

4) Treasurer - Ed Lamb

- a) Discussion of the financial statements. Money due to us from ACBL for the sectional but it will come.
- b) Ed moved the treasurers report be accepted, Lois seconded, carried

5) Tournament Chairman – Lois Matton

- a) Discussion about 299ers at September sectional, they basically were non existent. Concern over their lack of attendance, and how to rectify this. How can we encourage people taking lessons to come out to tournaments
- b) Sunday Swiss will not have 299er section but the director can accommodate 1 session if enough tables
- c) Discussion of financials for September sectional - Judy offered that the 120 dollars free play should not be charged to the tournament, it's a cost of the new member program. Agreement to keep as is
- d) Discussion regarding stratification – Lois and Delores will decide if the cutoff stratification will change
- e) Was the future master kiosk worthwhile at the Sectional? It was agreed it's beneficial
- f) Dates for 2024 – Sectionals May 3rd to 5th and September 13th – 15th will be what we ask for

6) Future Masters – Sandra Stewart

- a) Discussion regarding the failure of the 299er Swiss team event. Sandra is looking at latter part of October possibly the 28th for a 299er event. Morning and afternoon games, Lois to ask for the sanction. We will poll the attendees of this event regarding participation in Swiss teams for future 299er events

7) Special Events – Brad Bowyer

- a) Brad asked what are his responsibilities which are rookie masters and AGM

8) Secretary – Paulette McWilliam

- a) Submitted the annual reports to provincial government. All went well and no follow up questions from them as yet
- b) Richard just confirmed that motions via email are Secretary's responsibility to include in minutes
- c) Also secretary's responsibility to keep motion book up to date
- d) Website for unit 390 directors is also up to date

9) Membership – Judy Gartaganis

- a) Member achievements postings are worthwhile
- b) 5 new members since AGM – 905 members – biggest proportion is NLM members
- c) Discussion regarding job description changes – Judy to send Lois old job description postings
- d) Judy issued coupons for new member free plays with Richard's signature
- e) Discussion regarding whether or not we should continue to pay for the domain name Calgarybridge.com. Judy moved we retain the domain name and seconded by Richard
- f) Discussion regarding constant contact – Judy made us aware that the listing is associated with Crystal and Doug's account and unfortunately the password is unknown
- g) Remaining medallions and certificates to be mailed out which entails a cost. Judy moved we do the mailing and seconded by Paulette
- h) Kibitzer discussion and requested articles to Judy by October 7th
- i) Lois was unaware of what the president's award was and received clarification. Richard volunteered to include a little note with these awards

10) Public Relations – Delores Hedley

- a) Discussion regarding pictures of trophies and how we should treat the trophy winners in the future. Judy to create a link as to the history of why this persons' name is on any given trophy. At the AGM we can share on the screen the picture of the trophy and announce each person's name.
- b) Discussion of statistics report submitted by Delores

11) New Business

Discussion of the pros and cons for holding the January Sectional at the Royal Hotel vs Calgary Bridge Center. Richard motioned we vote to hold the January Sectional at the Calgary Bridge Center – Judy seconded, but the vote was not carried

NEXT MEETING -

October 30th
3:30 pm
Bridge Centre

Richard moved the meeting be terminated at 5:30 pm

