

MINUTES

Calgary Duplicate Bridge Association

ACBL Unit 390 - Board Meeting January 29th, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 3:31p.m. by John Sharpe present: 07

Present: Ed Lamb, Judy Gartaganis, Sandra Stewart, John Sharpe, Brad Bowyer, Delores Hedley, Lois Matton – absent Paulette McWilliam

- 1) **Approval of the Agenda** – Judy moved the agenda be approved, Brad seconded, carried.
- 2) **Approval of the Minutes** – John moved the minutes of the October 30th 2023 meeting be approved. There were two corrections to dates required. Once these are corrected the minutes are approved by Delores and Lois seconded, carried.
- 3) **President – John Sharpe**
New Business
 - a) John received a letter regarding stratification of team games at Sectional. Why is cut off at 1500 for team event. The team event was actually upped for B/C from 1250 to 1500. John will respond to letter stating this.
 - b) Vice President – Delores had asked a few people who were not able to accept. There was discussion about other possible candidates, which Delores will follow up
- 4) **Treasurer – Ed Lamb**
 - a) Trailer discussion, some follow up required as to table fees and mileage. There was discussion about Calgary carrying the bulk of the costs, as we have the most money.
 - b) Item number 5 will be changed to “the lessee in consultation with the lessor will arrange for delivery of the equipment”
 - c) Item number 17 will change to “the lessor is responsible”
 - d) Ed consulted with one insurer regarding the trailer and they would not touch it. Ed will follow up with an insurance agency for at a minimum fire and theft insurance – 365 days a year.
 - e) John suggested we charge 299ers \$10 table fee, for all events held at the Bridge Center. Discussion about how much money the unit has, and what we should do about giving some to our Unit 390 players.

- f) Ed brought up the charge we collect from North and South Ladies for the Unit's bridge mates. They paid in advance for 5 years, some of which were years of COVID. There will be no charge to North or South ladies in the next year for the bridge mates.
- g) Maybe spend some of the excess money for hospitality items at the sectionals. Possibly offer coffee with donuts on the Sunday. Let's wait till after next 2 Sectionals to re-visit this topic
- h) Ed moved the treasurers report be accepted, Lois seconded, carried

5) Tournament Chairman – Lois Matton

- a) Sectional report , Judy asked about the hand record costs and the \$300 charge for Bernie Lambert. Leave policy as is. Judy will work on how the policy should be worded to accommodate this difference
- b) 15 dollars is good for table fees
- c) Dates for 2024 – Sectionals May 3rd to 5th and September 20th – 22nd and also Jan 3rd to 5th of 2025. We are locked into the prices quoted to Lois, unless the rooms are renovated.
- d) Discussion of game times - not enough time between games. If time between games increases, we could maybe have guest speakers for this lunch break
- e) Game times will change to 10am and 3pm on both Friday & Saturday.
- f) Try a guest speaker for the Saturday
- g) What to do for 299ers on Sunday—suggestion to try a 0-49 pairs game and all others play teams
- h) Discussion about Tournament assistant, but the coming sectionals will be covered by 2 directors, Michael and Doug
- i) Free coffee discussion for Sunday, will check out the cost

Unit championships available for the year are 24, 11 were given to the clubs as well as 2 to the unit and 2 to mentor/mentee games. 7 have been used in 2024 already - 5 have been given to the clubs and 2 to the unit.

Discussion about the clubs and their reaction to Club Championship. We let North and South Ladies know if there's any Unit championships scheduled on a Tuesday or Friday. Also let the Glencoe know if anything is scheduled on a Wednesday.

6) Future Masters – Sandra Stewart

- a) Bid and Play made a huge contribution to the success of the 299er tournament.
- b) When should we hold the next 299er.
- c) Judy asked why there are no sanction fees paid to ACBL, for the 299er. We were never invoiced for them.
- d) Hand record costs were included in the directors fee

- e) Sandra looked into some dates and March seems to be the best time. Delores suggests that we can't have rookie master and 299ers too close together. The best time seems to be October
- f) Sandra will not be returning to the board – she could still potentially be available so please ask
- g) Thank you Sandra

7) Special Events – Brad Bowyer

- a) Delores is doing all registration for rookie master. It's going slow but there is no doubt there will be a good turnout. Users are not responding quickly enough for Delores's liking.
- b) The game is Saturday at 12:30 , February 24th
- c) Both Convention Cards will be available 2/1 and SAYC.
- d) Discussion about snacks. Subway lunch was agreed upon and game time is staying as 12:30
- e) Anyone can come, don't need to be an ACBL member
- f) Promote the May sectional at the rookie master game

8) Secretary – Paulette McWilliam – absent

- a) No update

9) Membership – Judy Gartaganis

- a) 24 new members in the last 3 months of last year
- b) 31 new members total for the year
- c) ACBL wants to change how units receive rebates on membership fees. Changed from 11% to 5% plus promoting an additional 10% for a recruitment piece and retention piece
- d) ACBL has set some targets for us. We have to make 41 contacts per quarter. The renewal number is a mystery. The recruitment target is based on pre COVID membership. Also discussion about players at risk
- e) The ACBL "tool" to track the numbers is access to a huge excel spreadsheet. Judy discussed how the spreadsheet works, and concerns about the integrity of the data
- f) Judy will sign up for a training session

10) Public Relations – Delores Hedley

- a) The policy for players in their 90's needs to change. It has to state the games are F2F that they are compensated for
- b) Storage of unit tables – Delores spoke to Jim at sectional and he said it's fine to store at the bridge center – to be discussed at Bridge Center's next meeting February 29th

- c) Delores nominated a Jack Murphy award recipient which is for life time service to the Calgary Bridge Community. It was seconded by Judy. Carried - To be presented at the AGM
- d) Maybe a gift certificate or monetary gift at a later date.

NEXT MEETING -

April – 17th

3:30 pm

Bridge Centre

Meeting adjourned