

# Minutes for the Westside Duplicate Bridge Club

## Executive Meeting, August 28, 2014

The meeting was held at St. George's Anglican Church, Westbank. Present: Barbara Bowmar, Barbara Hunter, Faye Pollhammer, Lynda Marshall, Nigel Arding, Susan Fair, Verne Smythe, and Wendy Mohamed.

Faye opened the meeting at 4:25 pm.

The agenda was adopted.

1. Minutes of the last meeting: Verne / Barbara H. "That the minutes of the July 3, 2014 meeting be accepted as circulated." . . . . . carried.
2. Treasurer's Report: Lynda reported some clarifications of the circulated report: The bank is now charging a service charge of \$2.50 / month. We have not paid this in the past but it was common practice with other banks. There is still \$200+ to be deposited for the last two games. Faye / Susan "That the financial report be accepted." . . . . . carried.
3. Reports: a) Teacher's reports. Wendy presented a printed report. Wendy has three full classes of thirteen students and waiting lists for all classes. The Kid's Class is still uncertain due to enrollment and the teachers' strike. Options to the school setting are being pursued. Barbara B. and Wendy both felt the ACBL approved text was not appropriate for the age group and have purchased substitute texts. The District charges a \$22.00 / student administration fee. As teacher liaison for Unit 571, Wendy has requested that the Unit, in the future, subsidize this amount for any teacher who wishes to hold such a program. Barbara B. and Wendy are volunteering their time to teach the class. Barbara B. reported that the beginner class is small but it looks like it might go. It was agreed that \$10.00 of each student's fee for any WDBC class would be reserved by the WDBC for expenses and the balance of the fee would be given to the teacher(s). The Kid's Class is under the District of West Kelowna and not covered by the WDBC fees. b) Manager's Report: Nigel reported that we have an average of one tournament a month lined up for the fall and winter. Everything is going well and we're keeping in touch with ACBL. It was agreed that tournaments should be announced a week before the date, even though they are listed on the website. The announcements would include any price difference if there is one. (**Anyone making announcements** should include the price change if there is one!)
4. Unfinished Business: a) Unit 571 Special Funding Request was submitted by Nigel on May 29. Maureen Barnes sent an email later to let us know that there was more information required. Faye thanked Maureen for the email and submitted project costs of \$643 as our request. She sent a follow-up email to report that 10% additional funds were required as the \$643 figure was in US funds. We should hear back about the request after the Kelowna Sectional as there will be a Unit meeting then. Thanks to Faye, Nigel and Wendy for their work on this request for funds b) It was confirmed that Wendy is our representative at Unit meetings. c) Director Playing: Lynda talked to Jan about this. There are no rules about a director playing. At some clubs the director always plays unless there are too many tables. It only seems to be a problem at our club if there is a part table. It was noted we do NOT have a partner guarantee. (This was only for the Monday night games.) Lynda / Susan "That the director does not play unless he/she is completing a full table." . . . . . carried. **Lynda** will discuss this with Jan and **Nigel** will put a note on the website that a partner is NOT guaranteed.
5. New Business: a) Membership Dues: Dues paid after the 31<sup>st</sup> of July by new members will be good until September 30, 2015. b) Extra Games: Another day of bridge was discussed. The Church Hall is available on Tuesday afternoon or evening. Lynda / Barbara H. "That WDBC start a 1:00 pm Tuesday afternoon game beginning on the first Tuesday in October 2014. . . . . carried. Lynda is willing to direct on Tuesday afternoons.

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There will be no special games on Tuesday afternoons until 2015. c) **Game Fees**: Game fees were discussed. Other duplicate clubs are charging \$5.00 per game and not charging extra for special games. Also there is a lot of discussion each time there is a special game that requires a \$5.00 fee that day. Lynda / Faye “That game fees be raised from \$4.00 to \$5.00 effective January 1, 2015. That non-members will still pay an additional \$1.00 and that there will be no additional charges for special games on regular bridge days.” . . . . . carried. d) **Handbooks / Scoring Books**: There was interest in a scoring book similar to the one given out at the Regional in Penticton. **Faye** will investigate costs. **ALL** Information (Membership info, special days/games, Club policies, etc.) for the Handbook must be submitted by the end of October. Only members signed up before the end of October will be included in the Handbook. e) **AGM**: The Annual General Meeting will be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October, 2014. **????** Announce next week. Agenda, Last AGM minutes, Nominating Committee Report and any motions must be sent out (**Verne**) by October 9<sup>th</sup>. Reports should be submitted to Verne by email. **Verne** to prepare a membership list for sign-up at the AGM.

- 6. Other**: The Seniors Bridge Club has been playing at the Church Hall but were required to pay for liability insurance. Do we need liability insurance? Lynda reported that she is a member of the St. George’s Anglican Church and as such, is a sponsor for our club and we do not need the special liability insurance.

Verne Smythe, secretary