

Minutes for the Westside Duplicate Bridge Club
Executive Meeting, April 30, 2015

The meeting was held at White Spot Restaurant, Westbank.

Present: Murray Marchant, Nigel Arding, Faye Pollhammer, Wendy Mohamed, Carol Sigurdson, Kathleen Smith (Barbara Bowmar gave a short presentation)

Absent: Susan Fair, Margaret Churchill, Flo Schramm

1. The meeting was called to order at 11:30 am.
2. Approval of Agenda – A motion to approve the agenda was made and seconded (Carol, Kathleen)....carried.
3. Approval of Minutes – A motion to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2014 meeting was made and seconded (Murray, Faye)....carried.
4. Treasurer's Report – Susan (treasurer) was unable to attend the meeting. The treasurer's report and related financial statements were sent to the board members by email on May 13, 2015.
5. Membership List – The membership list must be updated to include new members and contain pertinent information required for the club handbook and website. The duty of maintaining the list will pass to the current secretary of the club.
 - New members - As the money for bridge is now being collected at each table (rather than at the door), the club ambassador will be responsible for welcoming any new bridge players and providing them with club information.
6. A Taste of Bridge – Barbara Bowmar would like to offer two one-time sessions entitled 'A Taste of Bridge' sometime in late August. The purpose of these sessions would be to promote the game of bridge and advertise our club. One session would be for those people who are completely new to bridge and the other would be for returning players who have not played in a while. ACBL will provide the funding for advertising. Barbara would like these sessions to be free – so is asking for financial support from the bridge club to cover the cost of the church hall. This amount is dependent on the number of people who attend. A motion to approve covering the cost of the church hall was made and seconded (Murray, Kathleen)...carried.
7. Beginner Games – A suggestion was made to include 49er or side games at our club. These will be for players having fewer than 50 masterpoints. Wendy and Barb will discuss with the current directors about trying to incorporate these games during our Thursday afternoon bridge.
8. ACBL and masterpoints – There was a discussion about how to classify (rank) players who are not ACBL members and therefore do not collect masterpoints. It was decided that classification as either A, B or C can be left to the directors discretion. One method could be to classify those players who have played less than 12 months as C players, and those who have played more than 12 months as either A or B players.
9. Dealing Machine – Currently the club does not have the means to purchase a dealing machine which runs about \$4,400 US. It may be possible at some point in the future.
10. Next meeting – No date was set for the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.