

Minutes for the Westside Duplicate Bridge Club
Executive Meeting, March 24, 2016

The meeting was held at Matterhorn Bakery, Westbank.

Present: Murray Marchant, Susan Fair, Margaret Churchill, Barbara Hunter, Janet Billon, Kathleen Smith, Wendy Mohamed

Lynda Marshall was present for latter part of meeting

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am.
2. Teacher's Report – Wendy reported that while she has students taking classes with her, they are playing bridge elsewhere. Generally, they play bridge games which are more social and more relaxed – so not usually duplicate games. Attendance at the pupil games (0-5 masterpoints) has been quite good – with approximately 20 people coming. To encourage these players to attend the regular games – we could possibly add a coffee break (~10 min) which would allow more socializing.
3. Dwindling Attendance – While membership at the club has reached 80, attendance at the Tuesday games has dropped. While we would like to increase membership, the question arises as to why the current membership does not appear to be coming out. There was a proposal to change the Tuesday game to a newcomers game (those with 0 to 50 masterpoints).

Based on these issues - a motion was put forth by Janet, (seconded by Murray and approved by all) to send out a questionnaire to all club members. This will allow the membership to voice any concerns. The questionnaire will be sent online and will be anonymous (either google survey or survey monkey can be used). Questions will include:

- Changing/adding a different time slot e.g. Wednesday pm or Tuesday am
 - Club atmosphere
 - Cost
 - Newcomer games
 - Game results
 - Ask for members to join executive
4. Bridgemate results – The Bridgemates are now showing the results again. Will ask Nigel if these results can be put online.
 5. Church Rent – Currently the rent is \$1 per player for both Tuesday and Thursday games. It was brought to our attention that the church may ask for an increase. A motion was made (Murray) to increase the rent to \$1.50 per person effective April 1, 2016 for the Tuesday and Thursday games. This motion was seconded by Margaret and approved by all. A letter will be sent to the church with this information.
 6. Next meeting – No date was set for the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 am.