

Westside Duplicate Bridge Club
Council Minutes - July 19, 2018

Present: Linda Cox, Margaret Churchill, Nigel Arding, Wendy Mohamed, Gayle Forestell, Rene Thiry, Susan Fair, Susan Metcalf

Call to Order: 11:33 am

Old Business:

1. Game Passes - Since we are a non profit club and presently have a healthy bank account, we will use these for members who go out of their way to help with the club. It is perceived that this is a way to help members by "giving back". Issuing game passes can be done by board members and the club manager.
2. Non-profit - Bill Holland has read the regulations regarding our organization. He suggests we leave things as they are now.
3. Christmas Party - December 3, 2018; Lionesses are booked; 3 rooms are booked. A few participants last year liked the food but felt \$10 was too much for a game to earn only black points. Wendy will see if this can be changed. It was also suggested that more than one director is needed if we have the same number of participants as last year. It was noted that it was a long time before one could be accessed during the play of the game.

New Business:

1. Table Stratification - This would require some tables to be dedicated to A players. it means that B and C players would mainly play other B and C players. it will be suggested that we try it and revisit it later to see how it is working.
2. Side Games - Nigel gave us a handout with many ideas of how we might enhance our club. Suggestions that were discussed were: 0-199 game on Friday afternoons? Should we consider joining LPBK so that we could play the same hands but at our own club site? Evening games on Wednesday or Thursdays?
3. & 4. Tuesday Morning Activities and Games on other days - When there is no one teaching on Tuesday mornings, the room is returned to the City. We could use the room for side games - possibly a 0-99 game?
Wendy will check to see if Wednesday 0-199 game could be held from 9:00-1:00.
Consider a rubber Bridge game to bring in non duplicate players
Sunday game? Possibly have one game per month as a sanctioned game or a rubber Bridge game?
Investigate with the membership when they would like to play and the kinds of games that interest them. Eg, 0-199 game? Nigel will send out an email to determine if there is interest.

When no one is teaching on Tuesday mornings perhaps we could hold 0-99er games. We had discussed guest lecturers for this time. The reasoning behind not considering this time slot for a regular game was lack of continuity and if Val and Wendy are both teaching groups on Tuesday mornings there probably wouldn't be space to hold a game too. Did we think that maybe Wendy should investigate a 0-99 game on Tuesdays in the small room?

If we do get a sanction for another game then the games should be held on a definite schedule . However if we hold special events, like the rubber bridge/duplicate social they would be a non sanctioned social and so the scheduling can be more sporadic, like once per month or???

Because of the large room the 0-199'er (or 99'er) side game could be played at the same time as our Tuesday or Thursday aft. game, whatever the responses to the email survey indicates may be successful. There was also a suggestion that if this results in holding 2 Howell movements (undesirable) then maybe we could investigate either a Wednesday morning game or an evening game, or the survey may indicate that an evening open (unlimited point count) game would be welcomed. It was suggested that a Sunday rental be investigated. However we want to avoid the problems they ran into at Rutland seniors Centre when they tried to hold a Sunday duplicate game. This was due to inconsistency and having to cancel on short notice.

5. Mini Lessons - Would there be interest from our membership to hold these prior to our Tuesday/Thursday games?

6. Dealing Machines - As discussed with Nigel, Phil is prepared to forego the recent increase of \$10 for not having to make up the game boards. Recently, Lynda has been making up the boards and this has been taking her a lot of time to do - it seems the playing cards are the problem. As the cards age, it is hoped board making will become easier. Nigel is to discuss with Jan and Lynda.

7. AGM Nominations - Linda has approached a member to join the Council. Susan Fair has stated she will remain as treasurer but that it will have to be approved at the AGM this year.

8. Members at Large/Support Persons - Wendy suggested that one of the members at large take on the responsibility of looking after all the supplies required for the club, and purchase as required. Susan Metcalf volunteered to look after this task.

9. 2019 Tournament - Wendy will stay in touch with the Kelowna organizers should the LPBK so wish it, and we will consider taking it over next year.

10. Celebration of 150 members - We will plan for a special game before our AGM. It was suggested we have random prizes.

11. Financial Report - We are \$3000.00 to date right now. US account will be closed next week. Susan is keeping a count of the free passes so we understand how much we have spent on them. We were reminded that only council members can distribute the free passes.