

# WESTSIDE BRIDGE COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup> AT 4:30 P.M.

HELD AT WESTBANK LIBRARY.

Present: Nigel Arding, Bill Holland, Lynda Marshall, Leslie Sil, Sandra Dequeier, Dave Taylor, Judith Harris

The minutes of meeting of January 16, 2020 were approved as amended to state that the cost for the Summer Sizzle will be \$7.00 for all.

1. Club Financial Status:

Dave presented the financial statement for the last quarter, Dec. Jan. & Feb. indicating we have a positive balance in bank \$10,246.34 and profit of \$4,835.35. The statements will be loaded electronically for the council members to view in more detail. Nigel also distributed a handout outlining an application for possible grants to the club. Council members were asked to read the handout and get back to Nigel as to what should be included in the application on how we would use the funds. Some suggestions were made to purchase small tables for players to put their food/drinks, etc. Susan Fair wanted the club to buy cup holders, but it was decided to hold off on that suggestion at this time.

2. Game Board Preparation:

Lynda will be unable to continue preparing the bridge boards in the near future due to health reasons. Bill indicated that he and Marty can take over for the next two weeks. Lynda may be able to resume preparation after that period of time. Sandra and Judith has also offered to assist.

3. March 17 & April 16 games:

Next Tuesday it is member appreciation lunch and approximately 60 are expected to attend. Sandra and Leslie have been pre-buying cheeses and will purchase the rest of the food for Tuesday. Members will be reminded that they must bring his/her own plate and utensils.

On April 16<sup>th</sup>, we have planned a Bingo bridge outing. This will also include a luncheon. Nigel reviewed how it is played and that the winner would receive a bottle of wine.

4. Coronavirus: A lengthy discussion was held regarding the implications of the coronavirus. Hand sanitizers are sold out everywhere, but it was decided to purchase Lysol wipes to leave out on the table. Declining attendance was also discussed out of fear of infection and it was decided that if the council heard of an infection outbreak locally, we would suspend bridge indefinitely. Nigel would send out a reminder to club members about taking necessary precautions and to stay home if not feeling well. Nigel has also talked with the city of West Kelowna, our landlord, and they have indicated that we would not be charged rent for any cancelled games. So, there would be negligible expenses to the club if we were to suspend games.

5. Goal Setting:

- (a) Bridge Education & Club Education Manager

Nigel distributed the position description for the club education manager that Wendy held briefly. If we know of anyone that can/would fill this position, let Nigel know. In the interim, Lynda thought that she could start a youth program by approaching the University to start up a club & training, etc. We also discussed the Rookie/Master format and Judith indicated that she thought it would be more effective if changed to have the rookie assigned to a master player for a period of time in order to have consistent training. It was thought this would be more effective in increasing the playing confidence of beginners. Judith offered to work with Lynda in matching up pairs for this in the future.

- (b) Club Recognition:

Nigel again asked council members for activities, behaviour(s) etc. by club members that should be recognized. Submissions should be sent to Nigel and can include many different items that could then be categorized by priority.

6. New Business:

Lynda wanted to clean out the supply/kitchen areas. An announcement will be made that we will be discarding all unwanted items in the next two weeks if not claimed.

7. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.