

Minutes for the Westside Duplicate Bridge Club

Executive Meeting, April 10, 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 4:20 pm.

Barbara B. / Barbara H. "That the agenda be adopted." carried.

1. Minutes of February 20, 2014 Meeting: Verne / Susan. "That the minutes of the last meeting be approved as read." carried.

2. Treasurer's Report: Lynda reported that as of April 9, 2014 the register balance was \$3,528.84. This balance is mainly due to the cheap rent from the St. George's Anglican Church. It is being kept as a hedge if new, larger facilities are required and to build a fund for the purchase of an electronic bridge scoring system. Susan / Barbara H. "That the treasurer's report be accepted as circulated." carried. The Church has been supplying cream for coffee and tea. It was estimated that \$30 would cover the costs for three months. Lynda / Susan "That \$60.00 for six months worth of cream be donated to St. George's Anglican Church." carried. **Lynda** will take the club's donation to the Church.

3. Reports: Nigel gave a manager's report: Ambassador's job description; staying in touch with Wendy re progress of students to real game, friendly reminder of Thursday afternoon games at other venues, welcoming new members, information on the website, partners on the website, development of a welcome package, Special games were also discussed: Nigel reminded us that special games were listed on the website, but not followed while he was away.

4. Business Arising: a) Learning Game: The Learning Game was discussed. The Learning game has been restarted and meets Thursday mornings from 10 to 12. Usually there are at least eight participants and we have had good success at students (six or more) moving up to the regular Thursday game. b) Monday evening game: The evening game was discussed. It was decided that with the parking lot not available due to the construction, the closure of Brown Road due to paving, and the dark nights that it was not a good time to restart the evening games. So the evening games will stay on hold until constructions are finished and then it will be reviewed again. c) Advertising was discussed again. Westside News has an events column that was suggested. d) Bridge Mates / score Computers: It was decided that due to possible assistance from the unit, that we would try to purchase scoring computers for ourselves rather than sharing purchase with another club. Nigel had an alternative to bridge mates that is cheaper. Discussion centred on whether the other brand would require different methods of entering the information and that they would not be compatible with the Bridge mates used by other clubs if we shared for a bigger event. **Nigel** will forward information gathered on comparing the different systems.

5. New Business: Venue: Have had some complaints about the darkness in the building. New venue would be way more money and even though a few people have not returned because of the venue, we will continue as long as the space for tables is suitable.

6. Unfinished Business: a) Schedule of Events similar to LPBC: **Nigel** asked to discuss with Diana Knowles, manager of the LPBC (Let's Play Bridge Club), for information. Costs of the special games was discussed. There are more ACBL members playing now, would members be willing to pay a Loonie or two more for some of these special games with silver points, etc.?

7. Other: Nigel suggests that we need someone to replace him when he is away. Perhaps we should have anyone who is interested in learning the manager's job, monitor with him until he goes away again in the fall. **Anyone** who is interested should talk to Nigel. Meeting terminated.