

Minutes for the Westside Duplicate Bridge Club

Executive Meeting, May 1, 2014

The meeting was held at St. George's Anglican Church, Westbank. Present: Barbara Hunter, Charlene Fraser, Faye Pollhammer, Jan Byers, Lynda Marshall, Nigel Arding, Susan Fair, Verne Smythe, and Wendy Mohamed.

Faye opened the meeting at 4:25 pm.

The agenda was adopted. (Unfinished Business from the April 10, 2014 meeting.)

1. Ambassador: Charlene brought up questions about a Welcoming Package and what it should contain. There was considerable discussion and it was decided that what we required was a welcoming letter that also included some general information about the club, the website, that lessons were available, a list of officers so people knew whom to ask questions, and the benefits of joining the club. This Welcoming Letter would be supplemented by a New Member's Package which would include: a member's handbook similar to the Let's Play Bridge Club's Membership Handbook; a free play day the day the player became a NEW member. (Moved Verne / Lynda "That a brand new member get free play the day they join the club. . . . carried. – This would not apply to a member rejoining the club!); and information on the advantages of joining ACBL. There was discussion about the costs of the handbook. **Faye** will check on the costs of the Let's Play Bridge Member' Handbook. **Susan** will look into the costs of producing the pages ourselves, printing them on the club computer and then having them cut and stapled at Staples.
2. Tournament & Other Club Related Stuff: (This section relates to an email from Nigel. Numbers included relate to that section of his email which is attached.) 1) Information only. 2) Our club can't take advantage of most of the tournaments because they do not occur on a Thursday. We are eligible for the Stac (Sectional Tournament at Club) games which run all week. These are fairly easy to set up. The Club Manager downloads the game files and sends them to the Director who opens the file and sets up the boards. There is also a file that shows the possible outcomes of each hand that can be distributed after the games are finished. 3) The executive accepted Nigel's recommendation of one tournament each month until the end of the year. Nigel will do a calendar for one tournament each month and post it on the website and on the bulletin board. 4) We will charge an additional \$1.00 for tournament days. Susan / Lynda "That we charge \$1.00 extra for games that have extra ACBL fees and that the club absorb any further additional costs above the \$1.00." . . . carried. 5 - 7) Information only. 8) This tournament will offer gold points but is being held by Let's Play Bridge Club on a Thursday afternoon. There was considerable discussion about this. **Nigel** will sound out the District on this conflict with our bridge day and find out about our club being an additional section for this October 16th game and report back to the executive. 9) Membership handbook discussed under Ambassador. 10) Another game time discussed. Morning suggested by Verne but turned down. **Lynda** will find out from St. George's Anglican Church what other options are available.
3. Letter from Eileen Currier: Discussed but there is confusion in the Unit about what is really happening. **Wendy** will attend the Unit meeting in Vernon on the weekend and report back.
4. Advertising: This was discussed and emails and other suggestions gave possibilities. **Barbara H.** will investigate and try to get some free ads.
5. Faye Absent May 28 – July 1, 2014. Susan will act as president in her absence.
6. Other - Treasurer's Report: Lynda passed out a new version of reporting the club's finances with a balance sheet. There was a short discussion.