

Minutes for the Westside Duplicate Bridge Club

Executive Meeting, September 26, 2013

The meeting was held at St. George's Anglican Church Westbank. Present: Barbara Bowmar, Lynda Marshall, Murray Marchant, Nigel Arding, Verne Smythe, and Wendy Mohamed. Barbara opened the meeting at 4:25 pm.

Lynda / Verne "That the agenda be adopted." carried.

1. Murray / Lynda "That the minutes of the last meeting be approved as amended." carried. (Amendment referred to signing up new members to ACBL. Rewards are given for 10, **25** and 100 new members.)

2. Reports:

a) Treasurer's Report: Lynda reported that the game supplies expenditures included a director's manual and the last two games were not included in the revenues / expenditures. Verne / Murray "That the Treasurer's report be accepted as circulated." carried.

b) Learning Game: Lynda reported that there were seven players at the game yesterday. Dolores said that she was glad to continue in Gerald Paul's absence. Lynda is willing to co-ordinate games with Dolores. Her offer was gratefully accepted.

c) Membership Report: Marty Kelly left a report for Lynda to present. We have 41 paid up members and two honorary members. Seven of the paid up members are new members and six players have signed up in September as ACBL members.

d) Lessons: Wendy reported the new beginner lessons held on Tuesday mornings in September and October have 14 students signed up so it will probably be the only beginner class this fall. Thursday morning classes focus on advanced play and defence. There will probably be Intermediate classes in November and December. Lesson certificates were discussed for people who completed a series. **Wendy** and **Nigel** will collaborate on designing and printing the certificates. Some problems in Lessons were discussed.

e) Club Manager: The website Host Renewal is due for two years. Lynda / Verne "That the host renewal of \$72 US be paid." carried. Thursday, October 17th will be a Swiss Teams Club Appreciation day so some gold points may be available. Newcomer Games were discussed. It was decided that newcomer games should be held at least every three months. **Nigel** and **Wendy** to promote newcomer games.

3. Business Arising:

a) Club Ambassador: Possibilities of who might be a suitable candidate were discussed. **Barbara** will approach a candidate.

b) Proposed Budget for AGM: Lynda is working on the proposed budget. **Lynda** will circulate the proposed budget to the executive before the meeting on October 24th. Budget is up \$2000 over last year's budget. Reserve funds were discussed.

c) Progressive Discipline Policy: Murray / Lynda "That the Progressive Discipline Policy be adopted" carried. **Nigel** will post the policy on the website and email members about the policy.

- d) **Angela Taylor Workshop**: A workshop with Angela Taylor was discussed. Costs, dates, and location would have to be worked out.
4. **New Business**:
- a) **Sanction Renewal**: Thursday game sanctions have been renewed. The side game has not been put on yet as we don't have enough players at the present time. The Monday evening game has not been renewed yet as we are still looking at the number of tables that we are getting on the Monday nights to see if renewing the sanction is viable.
- b) **Monday Evening Game**: There were three tables last Monday evening. Thursday sessions are largely covering the losses for Monday nights at present. It was decided to continue Monday evenings, at least for another month. It was also decided to try combining a newcomer game on the October 21st Monday evening to see if that would increase attendance. Next Monday night there will be a replacement director for Marvin Norden.
- c) **Thursday, October 24th**: It was decided to have a newcomer game following the Lunch and AGM.
- d) **Club Appreciation Game**: see Club Manager section.
5. **Next Meeting**: The next meeting will be October 24th after the Thursday game.
6. **Other**: There were problems with the club computer. The printer ports were damaged and not working and there also seemed to be a problem with power. The **Club Manager** and the **Executive** will investigate and take further action.

The meeting was terminated by the chair at 5:40 pm.