

WDBC COUNCIL MEETING November 21, 2019

West Kelowna Library

Meeting brought to order at 4:30 p.m.

Present: Nigel Arding, Sandra Dequier, Judith Harris, Bill Holland, Dave Taylor, Leslie Sil.

Absent: Lynda Marshall, Barbara Morin

1. Minutes of meeting of October 24, 2019 were reviewed and approved.
2. A review of the Christmas Party Game was held with the following discussion:
 - Bill to manage set-up of 24 tables
 - Susan Fair to be Master of Ceremony
 - Susan to sell luncheon tickets
 - We have a permit for the room and will open at 8:30 a.m.
 - We have club members cooking 5 turkeys & 2 hams
 - We need more vegs & buns & butter – Judith will bring both
 - Judith will also buy 10 table cloths
 - There will be a surprise X-mas entertainment
3. Bill updated the Council regarding the lease negotiations with the City of West Kelowna. After meeting with them, it was decided that the club did not have to incorporate as a non-profit organization in order to finalize a three year lease. The new lease will be less expensive than paying month to month.

It was moved by Bill Holland, and seconded by Dave Taylor and carried that:

Wendy Mohammed is authorized to execute the three year lease agreement with the City of West Kelowna for rental of rooms at the West Kelowna Lion's Hall.

4. A review of the information needed for the printing of a new club handbook was held. Leslie indicated that we currently have 140 members paid to date and that we will probably print 160 to have a few extras. The printer that has been selected has printed them in the past and are the lowest price. Some items to be added this year include a policy on “No Scent. Nigel read out a policy statement regarding no scents from other organizations that was simple and straightforward. This new policy was moved by Bill Holland and seconded by Sandra Dequier and carried. A link with exact wording will be included in our handbook. Policy statements on “Zero Tolerance” and a “Psych Bidding” will also be referenced in the handbook with a linkage for full statements.
5. There was no information available for the Club’ finances. Susan Fair will be managing same and turn everything over to Dave Taylor around the first week of December.
6. It was noted that there will be no bridge play dates for Dec. 24, 26 & 31. Bridge will resume Jan. 2, 2020.
7. A lengthy discussion was held regarding reinstating Jan Byers as a Director of games. A review of the historical incidents that occurred around the Club ceasing using her services was discussed. It was decided to invite Jan back as a Director on call if she agrees to follow the procedures. Judith will contact Jan to see if there is any interest on her part. Nigel is to provide Judith with the guidelines to be reviewed with Jan if she is interested in directing at WDBC again.
8. The Larry Cohen Seminar as presented by Wendy through emails was discussed and it was agreed to go forward with this initiative if there is a financial benefit to the Club. Nigel reviewed all the details with Council members indicating that the breakeven point is around 75 registrants or \$13,300 Can. It was noted that the proposed date of June 22 & 23 is immediately following the Penticton sectional and that there may be “bridge fatigue” as a result. It was decided that we would approve holding the seminar if we are able to obtain 75 paid registrants by March 31st. Should we be unable to get the numbers by March 31st, we will cancel the

event and fully refund those that have paid. Nigel will thank Wendy for taking on this event stressing that it must be cost neutral.

9. Nigel discussed the Club Manager position with us noting that Barbara Morin who had originally taken on this position feels that she does not have the right skill set to perform the functions effectively. Sandra Dequier kindly offered to help and indicated that she would shadow Nigel in the future to see if she can fulfill this role.
10. Nigel reminded Council members to submit goals for the Club for 2020. These will be collectively reviewed and prioritized at the January 16th Council meeting.
11. The last item of business discussed was signing authority. It was decided that we will contact the Bank of Montreal to ensure that Council members can come in separately for signing authority since it is difficult to get everyone there at the same time. Signing authority is to be Dave Taylor, Bill Holland, Judith Harris, Leslie Sil, Lynda Marshall and Nigel Arding.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.