

Westside Duplicate Bridge Club AGM - Thursday, October 5, 2017

Quorum confirmed: Sign in sheet available with 43 member's signatures to confirm attendance.

Board Members in attendance: Wendy Mohamed, Margaret Churchill, Susan Fair, Irene Thiry

Apologies from Board members: Ann Haight, Janet Billon and Linda Cox

Meeting called to order by Wendy Mohamed.

Wendy reminded the group that all information and reports are available on line on the Westside Duplicate Bridge Club website.

Adoption of Agenda

Minutes reviewed from 2016 and approved. Moved by Judy Cass Seconded by Murray Marchant

Reports:

Vice-President's Report: A printed and full report is attached.
Moved by Charlene Fraser Seconded by Verle Lee Anderson

Membership Report: Read by Murray Marchant for Janet Billon. Membership has increased significantly in the past year. Aug. 31, 2016 there were 91 paid members; Aug. 31, 2017 there were 117 paid members which is a 30% increase. Today we have 99 paid members.
Moved by Murray Marchant Seconded by Irene Thiry

Teacher's Report: Wendy now teaches under the auspices of the Recreation Department of West Kelowna. She welcomed Val Embury as a second teacher. She also said that all the teachers deserve credit for increasing the membership and quality of the games in the Kelowna/West Kelowna area.

Club Manager's Report: Jan mentioned that she has started a calendar, and there will be two special games a month. Jan is preparing for the sanctioned games next year.

Treasurer's Report: This was sent out via an email to all members. The duplicating machine was ordered which left the bank account almost empty. Wendy M made a \$400.00 donation and we received a \$1000.00 grant from Unit 571. This was used to purchase new tables, Bridgemates, bidding boxes and cards. We have now spent \$13600.00 for equipment of which \$9086.00 was spent in the last fiscal year. Susan brought forward her concern that our venue is more expensive and that revenue may not cover all our expenses going into the future. As equipment gets older and declines we will need a bank balance to re-purchase that equipment.

Murray Marchant reviewed the books as an independent member of our club. His report is attached. He suggests that depreciation be expensed on the Income statement rather than booking it directly to retained earnings.

Report was moved by Susan Fair, treasurer, and Seconded by Val Embury.
Motion by Susan Fair: Non members will be asked to pay \$7 for special games to offset the additional costs to the Club. Seconded: Verneta Davy

Passed

Susan explained how the membership fees were used. \$11. for name tag; wine at the Christmas party, Member books with the calendar, lunch for the AGM. There was discussion around the suggestion that we might increase our membership fees for 2018-2019 from \$15 to \$20 to increase the revenue in the bank account. Some members were concerned that we may lose members if fees were increased. The suggestion was withdrawn.

Moved by Susan Fair: That the position of treasurer can be held for more than 3 years for the purpose of continuity. Seconded by Margaret Churchill

Passed

Nominations:

Moved by Murray Marchant that the slate of officers put forward be accepted as the Board Members for the 2017-2018 year.
Seconded by Verneta Davy

Passed.

New Board:

Wendy Mohamed - President
Ann Haight - Vice President
Susan Fair - Treasurer
Irene Thiry - Secretary
Janet Billon - Membership
Margaret Churchill - Member at Large
Linda Cox - Member at Large
Gayle Forestell - Member at Large
Susan Metcalf - Member at Large
Club Manager - Jan Byers

Wendy Mohamed closed the meeting by thanking Barbara Hunter who acts as a social coordinator by buying our cookies, coffee etc.

She also thanked the Board members, and Nigel Adding who does a terrific job looking after our website and email.

She also thanked the game directors: Jan Byers, Lynda Marshall, Ashok Sil, and Bud Craig

New Business:

Moved by Brian Stamer that we start our games at 12:30 to allow Kelowna members to get home earlier. Seconded: Leslie Sil
Defeated

Moved By Brian Stamer that we start our games at 12:45. Seconded: Leslie Sil
Passed

Wendy said that she would look into the situation as we may be confined to 1:00 by other restrictions related to our venue, teaching timetables and the recreation guide that has advertised our games.

Adjournment 12:52 Moved by Ashok Sil Seconded: Barb Hunter