

Minutes for the Westside Duplicate Bridge Club Executive Meeting, April 4, 2013

The meeting was held at St. George's Anglican Church Westbank. Present: Barbara Bowmar, Lynda Marshall, Jan Byers, Marian Ingram, Murray Marchant, Verne Smythe, and Wendy Mohamed. Barbara opened the meeting at 4:20 pm.

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

1. Murray / Lynda "That the minutes of the last meeting be accepted as circulated." carried.

2. Business Arising:

a) Boards: Jan is still considering whether she wants to sell her boards. It was decided that we would prefer to buy new plastic boards. Verne / Murray "That we buy a set of plastic boards @ \$95 for set of 38 without playing cards" carried. **Marian** will order the new boards. If Jan is still interested in selling her boards, the club could use them for team games, Learning Games, etc. Murray / Lynda "That we offer Jan \$75 for her boards and cards" carried. **Barbara** will report back on her decision.

b) Feedback on Team Game and Newcomers' Game: It was decided that anytime we have a special game that might require more time, that we check with the Church to make sure we are not conflicting with any Church activity. Everyone who came to the team game seems to be keen for another one. The Newcomers' Game was also discussed and considered a successful day.

c) Charity Games: It was suggested by Jan and adopted, that we have St. George's Church as our local charity recipient when we hold a charity game. The first game must go to the ACBL or the Canadian association. It was decided that we would choose the Canadian one. It was discussed that we need to tell players what our plan is and why we do these charity games. **Marian** to check on ACBL requirements for time deadlines between the Canadian required game and any other charity games. If all is well time wise, we will aim for the end of June for the first Charity Game.

d) Bidding Boxes: Bidding boxes are \$50 per set of four with the good plastic bidding cards. So to have enough for team games and Newcomers' Games, we need a few more sets. Murray / Lynda "That **Marian** order four more sets of bidding boxes at approximately \$200.00" carried.

3. Reports:

a) Lynda presented a financial report. The balance as of April 3, 2013 was \$1973.57. The difference from the last statement is mainly the cost of the new tables. Marian / Murray "That the treasurer's report be accepted." carried.

b) Learning Game: Marian reported that the Learning games are averaging three tables. Gerald Paul will be taking over from Dolores Funk now that he is back from the south. **Barbara** will write a note of thanks to Dolores for all her efforts over the winter. It was decided to include next year's membership for Dolores as a small token of our thanks. A number of people at the Learning game

have expressed interest in joining ACBL. **Marian** has supplied the forms. If 10 or more people sign up in one year, we (Club #265793) can get an extra game.

c) **Membership Report:** Verne reported that to date we have 56 paid-up members. With interest expressed, we expect to have 60 members by the end of the month. The membership period is from the first of September each year. It was decided that people joining the club should be told this when they apply. If they join in August, their membership shall carry over thirteen months. Before August, they should be told when the membership expires so they can determine whether they still want to join, or wait until the new membership period in August or September.

d) **Lessons:** **Wendy** reported that she would send out lesson dates to the executive by email. Pairings of beginners with experienced players was discussed.

4. **New Business:**

a) **Future Special Games:** It was decided that we should have at least two more Team games while we are under the present executive. May 30th, July and September were discussed. **Lynda** will check for suitable dates with the Church and advise the executive. (Penticton Regional is June 10 – 16, so not a suitable time for one of our team games.) Wendy suggested that 3 or 4 times a year would be a maximum number for Newcomers' Games. September was suggested for the next one but we need to separate Team Games and Newcomers' Games rather than having them in a following week. It was decided that at future team games we would use the regular fee structure rather than charging everyone the club rate.

b) **New Equipment:** As the club's success allows for some extra funds beyond regular expenses, setting aside some funds as a reserve for equipment such as electronic scoring machines was discussed. It was decided to see what our balance is after present equipment expenditures. We will consider the reserve fund again before the ending of the present executive terms.

c) **Unit Representation:** All positions in #571 are full right now but there are two new sanctioned clubs (one is our club) who do not have representation. **Barbara** will check the website and with Jan about this situation.

d) **Set Up and Take Down of the Room:** Murray has worked on a sign-up list for room set up at 12:15 each week. However there have been very few signups. **Someone** needs to take over this sheet while Murray is away.

e) **Lynda** will explore Monday or other nights as a possible bridge night at the Church.

f) **Lynda** presented an outline for the **Common Courtesies & Ethics handout**. **Everyone** to look over the outline for comments next meeting. (One suggestion from the Tuesday night crowd is to add No Fragrances!)

g) **Lynda** will set up a fees and table assignment Registration Table, probably in two weeks time. This will make fee payment easier and direct players to specific tables, making it easier to tell how many tables are in play.

5. **Next Meeting:** May 2 preference at the Church hall, after the bridge session.

Lynda will check with the Church re availability.

6. The meeting was terminated.