

Minutes for the Westside Duplicate Bridge Club Executive Meeting, February 21, 2013

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

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

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

2. Reports:

a) Lynda presented a financial report. The balance as of February 20, 2013 was \$2059.98. There are a few outstanding bills: ACBL fees and the cash box. An audit of the treasurer's report as of August 31, 2013 was discussed. It was suggested that the auditor should not be a Board Member. Dolores volunteered to be the auditor and the Board unanimously accepted her kind offer.

b) Learning Game: Dolores, Marian, and Lynda reported on the Learning Games. There have been as many as 29 players. The average attendance is 12 or 13 players. Some problems were discussed. Wendy suggested that some of the more advanced students and Learning Game players should have an opportunity to observe the play at a few Thursday games. It was decided that this kibitzing would involve each observer watching one player's hand only; that there would be no discussion; that the observer would not be required to stay for the whole game unless they wished to do so; and that the observers would wear special nametags. **Wendy** and **Dolores** will choose the kibitzers and explain the rules to them.

c) Membership Report: Verne reported that to date we have 53 paid-up members.

d) Lessons: Wendy reported that she would be teaching lessons two times per week. Her home prep time is at least twice the time of the actual lessons. Classes will resume near the end of March when all the students have returned from winter vacations. She has a list of eight beginners for that class and is hoping for a morning class. When it has been established that the students are available, **Wendy** will set the dates for the classes and advise Marian of the dates of the lessons so the information can be put on the website. Different types of lessons were discussed. It was decided that fees would remain the same for all types of lessons.

3. Business Arising:

a) Boards: Jan is still considering whether she wants to sell her boards. The unit will have boards for sale as well as tables and other equipment that are presently in Vernon. Bidding boxes may be available after March. **Jan** will report back on her decision.

b) Dates for Special Games: It was decided that Charity Games did not make enough money to warrant the time and effort. This is especially true when a lot of the players are not ACBL members. **Verne** to check the membership list with

Jan to update membership in the ACBL on the club members list. Joan Richard has volunteered to promote ACBL memberships a couple of times a year, She will let us know when she is willing to do this. **Wendy** will support the ACBL memberships by providing some older issues of the ACBL magazines. Team Games were discussed. It was decided that there would be a team game on March 28th. **Murray** will promote the team game with announcements on March 14th and 21st. Lets Play Bridge Club is having team games on June 20th. Mentoring Day was discussed. It was decided that April 4th would be a mentoring day when experienced players would play with one of the students or Learning Game players. **Murray** will ask who will be willing to mentor someone on that day.

c) Venue: As costs elsewhere have proven prohibitive and because we feel growth is still possible at our present location, we will not be actively looking for a new venue at present.

4. New Business:

a) Set Up and Take Down of the Room: **Murray** will work on a sign-up list for room set up at 12:15 each week.

b) Possible Table Purchase: It was decided that we only wanted to invest in new tables. Target has 35" tables for \$30; Canadian Tire has 34" tables for \$50. The tables we have at present are 33". **Lynda** will check on the size and price of the new tables being used at Parkinson Recreation Centre. **Barbara** will check with Jan to find out if the tables that will be available from the unit are new or used tables.

c) Posting Game Reesults: **Barbara** will talk to Emile Brokx about posting the results of the Seniors bridge games at the Westbank Seniors Centre on our website.

5. Next Meeting: March 28th in the Church hall, after the bridge session.

6. The meeting was terminated.