

CALGARY DUPLICATE BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

May 07, 2005

1. President Dave Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. He thanked everyone for coming and introduced the current Unit Board.
2. Moved by Martin McDonald, seconded by John Gilchrist, the Agenda was approved as printed.
Motion Carried
3. Martin McDonald moved the Minutes from the 2004 Annual General Meeting be accepted, seconded by Doris Fishman. Motion Carried
4. Reports
 - a. President's Report - Dave Johnson
 - Bidding Box Policy
 - Dave reported on the new Bidding Box Policy adopted by the Unit this year. The Bidding Box Policy was published in the April 2005 Kibitzer. Dave thanked Steve Lawrence for his initiative in compiling the new Policy.
 - Duplimate Feasibility Study
 - Dave reported on the Duplimate feasibility study and advised the members that the Unit Board had decided the expenditure of purchasing a Duplimate was unwarranted at this time. The recent practice of paying the Edmonton Bridge Club for duplimate boards was working well and would continue for the time being.
 - Website Pictures
 - Dave thanked Simon Farrer, Terri Bedard and Marlene Lenstra on their work in creating the members picture website.
 - Conduct and Ethics
 - Dave reported that Stan Shedd had resigned his post of Conduct and Ethics Officer and Dann Kramer has offered to assume the duties of Conduct and Ethics in addition to being the Unit Recorder. A thank you was given to Stan Shedd for his many years of service.
 - Treasurer's Report
 - Dave reported that the Unit had made money again this year, and as the Treasurer's Report that would follow his report indicates, perhaps we have too much money on hand. Dave advised that the first responsibility of the new Board would be to consider additional expenditures (or reduced income). Dave asked the members to offer their suggestions in writing on the suggestion sheets available on the tables.
 - Question from Floor:* Nick Gartaganis asked if the Unit Board was considering a minimum or maximum balance.
 - Response from Unit:* Dave replied the Unit Board had not set anything as yet but welcomed the suggestion.

By-Laws

- Dave reported that the Unit had proposed amendments to our By-Laws. The By-Laws have been posted on the website for several months and copies are also available on the individual tables throughout the room. Dave requested a motion from the members to approve the By-Laws. Martin McDonald moved that the proposed changes to the By-Laws be accepted. The motion was seconded by Keith Moores. Discussion.

Observation from the Floor: Judy Gartaganis pointed out that Article 14 of the Bylaws should be amended to include delivered in the mail, **email or fax (amendment)** [21] days prior to the date of the meeting. . . .

Response from Unit: Dave stated this was an omission on the part of the Unit Board and it was the intention of the Board to have all notifications include 'email or fax'. The By-Laws would be corrected and submitted to the website.

- Martin McDonald suggested that the correction be made and that the motion still stand. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - Steve Lawrence (for Terri Bedard)

- Steve presented the attached financial report. (Copies were available on the tables for members to view.)

Steve commented that he had helped Terri prepare the financial statements and that they had changed their method of reporting to the start of an accrual means of financial accounting. Steve pointed out that accrual accounting is different from the cash approach that has been done in the past. Going forward, the financial statements will show all expenditures incurred and all revenues earned in a period as the amounts shown in the financial statements for that period. This contrasts with what has been shown in the past. In previous statements, only payments made during the period were included as expenditures and revenue received were shown as revenue. Then an adjustment was made for known outstanding payments (cheques written between the end of the fiscal year - March 31 - and the meeting) that were for prior period expenses. This year's change resulted in some anomalies. Two cheques relating to the Kibitzer cut in April 2004 may not be shown as Kibitzer expenses in either year but were part of an accounts payable adjustment.

The problem we have with this approach is that we should be matching, to the best of our ability, the revenues and expenses for the year to get meaningful year-to-year comparisons. When someone can submit a bill a year late, the least we can do is be aware that such items are outstanding and estimate the amount as a payable. Converting to a full accrual basis will take some work. It will be necessary to restate the prior year's information to make the comparisons on a consistent basis. Also, the treasurer will need to be aware of all potential expenses and revenues (what is normal) so that they can include them if the Unit has not been presented with the bill or cheque by the AGM.

Question from Floor: Judy Gartaganis asked if future treasurer's reports could include information on the membership.

Response from Unit: Steve responded 'yes' and added that he felt there were many areas of the financial report that could be elaborated on.

Question from Floor: Warren Allen asked if the Unit could possibly consider preparing a Budget for the year.

Response from Floor: Brenda Bertrand (member) responded that the Unit Board consists of volunteers who are already, in her opinion, overtaxed in responsibilities. Adding yet another 'job', and one that may take considerable work, could be more detrimental than beneficial.

Response from Floor: Warren Allen offered his assistance in preparing a budget.

- Martin McDonald moved the Treasurer's Report be adopted as presented. Bruce Dennis seconded the motion. Discussion:
Motion Carried.

2004/2005 Unit Board

- Dave advised the members of the 4 2-year term positions available on the Unit Board. Running for election are Reg Petch, Terri Bedard, Delores Hedley and Steve Lawrence. Dave asked the membership for nominations or volunteers. No nominations were presented and no members volunteered. The 2005/2006 Board will therefore consist of Dave Johnson, Marlene Lenstra, Delores Hedley, Doris Fishman, Terri Bedard, Tom Nault, Reg Petch, Hash Mohamed and Steve Lawrence.

Volunteer Bar-B-Q

- Terri Bedard advised the members that this year's volunteer Bar-B-Q would be Sunday, June 5th at the Martinique.

Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs Awards

- The 2003 Ace of Club certificates were awarded to:
 - Rookie of the Year J. Patrick Butler
 - Junior Master of the Year Susan Julius
 - Club Master or the Year Marion Smith
 - Sectional Master of the Year Dave Armstrong
 - Regional Master of the Year Sami Naydani
 - NABC Master of the Year Edna Olson
 - Life Master of the Year Tina Gokturk
 - Bronze Life Master of the Year Devinder Sood
 - Silver Life Master of the Year Elaine Stewart
 - Gold Life Master of the Year Ricki Tewari
 - Diamond Life Master of the Year Gerry Marshall

- The 2003 Mini-McKenney Awards were awarded to:
 - Rookie of the Year J. Patrick Butler
 - Junior Master of the Year Shellan Chaney
 - Club Master or the Year Frank Kelton
 - Sectional Master of the Year Donna Marlatte

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| • Regional Master of the Year | Edward Faichuk |
| • NABC Master of the Year | Helga Baldwinson |
| • Life Master of the Year | Tina Gokturk |
| • Bronze Life Master of the Year | David Johnson |
| • Silver Life Master of the Year | Martin McDonald |
| • Gold Life Master of the Year | Ian Boyd |
| • Diamond Life Master of the Year | Nick Gartaganis |

President's Trophy Winners

- Reg Petch announced the Sectional Trophy Winners
September 2004 Sectional - Karol Szklarz, Darryn Roy
November 2004 Sectional - Alice Thomas, Bev Mason
January 2005 Sectional - Bev Mason, Alice Thomas

Meeting Opened to Questions from the Floor

- Judy Gartaganis suggested that the floor recognize Ian Boyd, the winner of the 2004 Richmond Trophy. The Richmond Trophy is awarded annually to the Canadian who wins the most masterpoints for the year and our unit can be very proud of having Ian as one of our members.
- Brenda Bertrand asked if an updated telephone list was in the works and suggested the telephone book be published twice a year. Terri Bedard responded that updates to the telephone book are put on the website monthly by Tom Nault (the membership chairperson) and therefore defeat the need for publishing a telephone book too often. Brenda then asked if the updated electronic copy of the telephone book could be made available to the various bridge clubs. Terri responded 'yes'.
- Wendy Hardman suggested that we post a request for volunteers on the website. Delores Hedley responded that her suggestion was a good idea and also mentioned that it was because of our member's willingness to volunteer that our special events are the success they are. We are very fortunate.
- Wendy Hardman suggested that the Unit could possibly consider something 'out of the box' in their efforts to attract new players. Possibly a booth at one of the big shows. Terri responded that the Unit would consider this.
- Martin McDonald suggested the Unit look into all sites where Bridge is being played and that that we consider visiting these sites and offering free plays in an attempt to solicit new members. Terri responded that the Unit would consider this.
- Bob Van Wart asked if the Unit could make a 'Conduct and Ethics' booklet for newer players. Terri Bedard responded 'Yes'.
- Martin McDonald suggested the members recognize the Unit for the successful Canadian Bridge Federation Regional.

Adjournment

Moved by Bob Van Wart, seconded by Dave Johnson. The meeting was adjourned.