

Marvin welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 4:15.

Approval of Agenda Attached as Annex A

The Agenda was approved by Terry and seconded by Pat. **Carried**

President's Report to the Membership

1. Marvin informed the members that the ongoing dispute with RioCan is a result of the lack of a reasonable explanation for the highly variable extra costs for property taxes (15%/65%/70%) assigned to the club when it is perceived that property taxes at the mall have remained relatively constant. The club has declined to pay the extra requested property tax.
2. Gaylia has been appointed chair of our regionals beginning 2016 May 17-23.
3. Brian has been appointed chair of the 2016 Jan. 22-24 sectional.
4. As a result of the incorporation of the club as a not for profit organization a number of motions were required from the floor. **Attached Annex B**
 - a) Special resolution to increase the number of directors from 3 to 13 to include all members of the executive. **Motion Kevin/Charlie Carried**
 - b) A special resolution to move the head office of the Corporation to 645 Gardiners Road, Unit 106, Kingston, Ontario, K7M 8K2. **Motion Jerry/Jack approved**
 - c) Organizational by-law 1 **Motion Kirti/John G. Carried**
 - d) Election by-law 2 **Motion Connie/Jack C. Carried Board of directors Action**
Discussion re electronic voting, campaigning, nominations from the floor. These matters were referred to the new executive for consideration.
 - e) Handling of complaints Bylaw 3 **Motion Gaylia/Kevin Carried**
5. Kirti was requested to report on the results of the contested position for social director. Bob Fowkes was named as the successful candidate.

The list of directors as posted was approved for the 2015-2016 period beginning Oct 01 2015 and ending Sept. 30 2016. **Attached Annex C**

Treasurer's Report Attached Annex D

Pat began her report with a heartfelt thank you to all the members who had made financial and other contributions which had resulted in a successful move to our current location.

Pat outlined the financial review covering the time frame Jan 01-Dec 31 2014, which had been completed by Gaylia.

Pat spoke to her report with comments on income, expenses and net worth.

Discussion from the floor centred on executive financial responsibility, the timing of our fiscal year and the possible need to set money aside for RioCan.

Clarity was provided and the membership was reminded that as a result of our current lease agreement we are not paying rent at our Gardiners Road location until 2016.

Motion to accept financial statement John G./Ray Carried

Club Manager's Report Attached Annex E

1. Terry began her report with a glowing tribute to President Marvin who has completed his 3 year term as president in trying times. Not only has he accomplished extensive successes but has also volunteered his time to prepare boards, direct, and become past president, all without financial compensation.

2. Terry welcomed the new board members and those in new positions.

Bente Miller secretary
Elizabeth Stott/ Marlene Young members at large
John Gerretsen president
Bob Fowkes social director
Riet Haaksman promotions director

3. Terry thanked John G. Charlie, Janet, Riet and the many volunteers who had ensured a successful move.
4. Terry stated that our opening bridge evening was the most successful yet with 41 tables. Our annual table count was reported to be second in our unit and in the top 100 of all clubs. Our membership is growing 155...178....206
Mark D., our webmaster, did a great job creating the new website with a free program.
Action Please submit items for inclusion on the website.
The Thursday 10:00 a.m. game, complete with baked goods, is going strong and growing. There is a sanction for an I/N section.
5. Ace of clubs winner Kirti was recognized as were other successful players in the 2500-5000 category.
6. The director's course will begin in November. Don will determine the dates. New directors are needed. Ray Freeman was recognized for his contribution as a director.
7. Concerns from the members included
 - a) The level of lighting in the room..... **Action** Charlie reported on modifications which would be tried .

- b) Scores on the bridgemates.....discussion ensued, several suggestions were made by the membership and the matter was referred to the executive for consideration. **Board of directors Action required**
- c) Collection of entries at the door.....advisory motion Doug/Ray to continue current practice of first partner to arrive pays for both before table is assigned. Failed A variety of suggestions from the membership are to be considered by the executive. **Board of directors Action required**
- d) Noise level in the room.....discussion

Individual Statements from the Floor

Sybil recognized the contribution of the outgoing social convenor.

Kevin thanked all the directors who run the games at the club.

John G. recognized Marvin's contribution over the last 3 years.

Jock recognized the efforts of the club manager.

Motion to adjourn Gaylia

Respectfully submitted

Sharon Boal

Sharon Boal (acting Secretary)

Marvin Baer (President)

Attachments: Annex A: Agenda

Annex B: Organizational Bylaw #1

Election Bylaw #2

Handling of Complaints Bylaw #3

Annex C: List of Directors for 1015-2016

Annex D: Treasurer's Report

Annex E: Club Manager's Report

KINGSTON DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB INC.

Annual Meeting

September 19, 2015

Agenda

1. Approval of a special resolution to increase the number of members on the Board of Directors from 3 to 13.
2. Approval of a special resolution to move the head office of the Corporation to 645 Gardiners Road, Unit 106, Kingston ON, K7M 8K2.
3. Approval of a resolution to adopt the Organizational By-law of the Corporation.*
4. Approval of a resolution to adopt the By-law on the election of Officers and Directors of the Corporation.*
5. Approval of a resolution to adopt the By-law on The Handling of Complaints.*
6. Election of the new Board of Directors of the Corporation.
7. Report on the Financial Affairs of the Corporation.
8. Report by the Club Manager.

Explanatory Notes

1. The Organizational By-law is similar to the Club's existing Constitution with some amendments to meet the requirements of the Ontario Corporation law and some other minor amendments.
2. The Election By-law and the By-law on the Handling of Complaints are identical to by-laws that the Executive of the Club previously adopted.

ORGANIZATIONAL BY-LAW OF
KINGSTON DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB INC

Annex B

1. General

Definitions

In this by-law, unless the context otherwise requires:

- a. “Board” means the board of directors of the Corporation;
- b. “By-laws’ means this by-law (including the schedules to this by-law) and all other by-laws of the Corporation as amended and which are, from time to time, in force;
- c. “Director” means an individual occupying the position of director of the Corporation by whatever name he or she is called;
- d. “Member” means a member of the Corporation

Severability and Precedence

The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this By-law shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining provisions of this By-law. If any of the provisions contained in the By-law are inconsistent with those contained in the Articles or the Corporations Act, the provisions contained in the Articles or the Act, as the case may be, shall prevail.

Execution of Contracts

Deeds, transfer, assignments, contracts, obligations and other instruments in writing requiring execution by the Corporation may be signed by any two of its Directors. In addition, the Board may from time to time direct the manner in which the person by whom a particular document or type of document shall be executed. Any Director may certify a copy of any

instrument, resolution, by-law or other document of the Corporation to be a true copy thereof.

2. Membership

Any bridge player who subscribes to the objectives of the Corporation and who pays the annual membership fee shall be a member of the Corporation.

The Ethics and Conduct Committee may terminate or suspend a Member for violation of any provisions of the By-laws.

3. Annual meeting of members.

There shall be an annual meeting of the members of the Corporation on a date in September fixed by the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall give the members at least 10 days prior notice of the time and place of the annual meeting of the members. Notice may be given by email or by posting a notice and making an announcement on the premises of the Corporation.

The business transacted at the annual meeting shall include:

- a. Receipt of the agenda;
- b. Receipt of the minutes of the previous annual and subsequent special meetings;
- c. Consideration of the financial statements;
- d. Report of the auditor ;
- e. Reappointment or new appointment of the auditor for the coming year;
- f. Election of Directors;
- g. Such other or special business as may be set out in the notice of meeting.

No other item of business shall be included on the agenda for the annual meeting unless a Member's proposal has been given to the secretary prior to the giving of notice of the annual meeting, so that such item of new business can be included in the notice of annual meeting.

Special meetings of the Members

The Directors may call a special meeting of the Members. The Board of Directors shall convene a special meeting within 21 days of the receipt by the Secretary of a written request of not less than 10 Members for any purpose connected with the affairs of the Corporation.

Chair

Any meeting of the members shall be chaired by the President of the Corporation. In the President's absence, the Members present at any Members' meeting shall choose another Director as chair and if no Director is present or if all of the Directors present decline to act as chair, the Members present shall choose one of their number to chair the meeting.

Quorum

The quorum for the transaction of business at a Members' meeting shall be 25 members. If a quorum is present at the opening of a meeting of the Members, the Members present may proceed with the business of the meeting, even if a quorum is not present throughout the meeting.

Voting

Business arising at any Members' meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes unless otherwise required by the By-laws provided that:

- a. each Member shall be entitled to one vote;
- b. votes shall be taken by a show of hands among all Members present and the chair of the meeting, if a Member, shall have a vote;
- c. an abstention shall not be considered a vote cast;

- d. before or after a show of hands has been taken on any question, the chair of the meeting may require, or any Member may demand, a written ballot. A written ballot so required or demanded shall be taken in such manner as the chair of the meeting shall direct;
- e. if there is a tie vote, the chair of the meeting shall require a written ballot, and shall not have a second or casting vote. If there is a tie vote upon written ballot, the motion is lost; and
- f. whenever a vote by show of hands is taken on a question, unless a written ballot is required or demanded, a declaration by the chair of the meeting that a resolution has been carried or lost, and an entry to that effect in the minutes shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of voted recorded in favour of or against the motion.

4. Directors

Election and Term

The Board of Directors of the Corporation shall consist of thirteen (13) directors including the following nine (9) officers elected by the members;

1. The President
2. The Vice- President
3. The Secretary
4. The Treasurer
5. The Social Chair
6. The Partnership Chair
7. The Education Chair
8. The Promotion Chair
9. A Representative of the Novice and Intermediate players,

The Board shall also include two other directors elected by the Members, the Club Manager appointed by the Board, and a Past President appointed by the Board.

The term of office of the Directors shall be for one year from October 1 next following the date of their election or appointment and they may be elected or appointed for further one year terms.

Vacancies

The office of a Director shall be vacated immediately:

- a. If the Director resigns office by written notice to the secretary, which resignation shall be effective at the time it is received by the secretary or the time specified in the notice, whichever is later;
- b. If the Director dies or becomes bankrupt;
- c. If the Director is found to be incapable of managing property by a court or under Ontario law; or
- d. If, at a meeting of the Members, a resolution is passed by at least a majority of the votes cast by the Members removing the Director before the expiration of the Director's term of office.

Filling Vacancies

A vacancy on the Board shall be filled as follows:

- a. A quorum of Directors may fill a vacancy among the Directors;
- b. If there is not a quorum of Directors or there has been a failure to elect the minimum number of directors set out in the articles, the Directors in office shall, without delay, call a special meeting of Members to fill the vacancy and , if they fail to call such a meeting, the meeting may be called by any Member;
- c. If the vacancy occurs as a result of the Members removing a Director the Members may fill the vacancy by a majority vote and any Director

- elected to fill the vacancy shall hold office for the remainder of the removed Director's term; and
- d. The Board may fill any other vacancy by a majority vote, and the appointee shall hold office for the remainder of the unexpired portion of the term of the vacating Director. After that, the appointee shall be eligible to be elected as a Director.

Appointment of Club Manager and Board Committees

The Board may appoint a Manager for the club who shall become a Director of the Corporation. The Board may delegate to the Manager any of the powers of the Directors excepting those powers set out in the Act that are not permitted to be delegated.

Subject to the limitations on delegation set out in the Act, the Board may establish any committee it determines necessary for the execution of the Board's responsibilities. The Board shall determine the composition and terms of reference for any such committee. The Board may dissolve any committee by resolution at any time.

Board Meetings

Calling of Meetings

Meetings of the Directors may be called by the President or any two Directors at any time and any place by giving notice at least seven days before the date that the meeting is to be held. Notice of a meeting is not necessary if all of the Directors are present, and none object of the holding

of the meeting, or if those absent have waived notice or have otherwise signified their consent to the holding of such meeting.

The Board may fix the time and place of regular Board meetings and send a copy of the resolution fixing the place and time of such meetings to each Director, and no other notice shall be required for any such meetings.

Quorum

A quorum for the transaction of business is a majority of the Board entitled to vote at the meeting either in person or by telephonic or electronic means.

Chair

The President shall chair the meetings of the Board of Directors. In the absence of the President, the Directors present shall choose one of their number to act as the chair.

Voting

Each Director has one vote. Questions arising at any Board meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes. In case of an equality of votes, the chair shall not have a second or casting vote.

If all of the Directors of the Corporation consent, a Director may participate in a meeting of the Board by telephonic or electronic means that permits all participants to communicate adequately with each other during the meeting. A Director participating by such means is deemed to be present at that meeting.

Officers of the Corporation

The Officers of the Corporation who are members of the Board of Directors shall perform the duties set out in Schedule A and such other duties as may be required by law or as the Board may determine from time to time.

The Board of Directors may appoint such other Officers and agents as it deems necessary, and who shall have such authority and shall perform such duties as the Board may prescribe from time to time.

Conflict of Interest

A Director who is in any way directly or indirectly, interested in a contract or transaction, or proposed contract or transaction, with the Corporation shall make the disclosure required by the Act. Except as provided by the Act, no such Director shall attend any part of a meeting of Directors or vote on any resolution to approve such contract or transaction.

5. Appointment of auditors

Auditors for the Corporation shall be appointed at the annual meeting of the Corporation.

6. Financial

Banking

The Board shall by resolution from time to time designate the bank in which money, bonds or other securities of the Corporation shall be placed for safekeeping.

Financial Year

The financial year of the Corporation ends on March 31 in each year or on such other date as the Board may from time to time by resolution determine.

7. Notices

Any notice required to be sent to any Member or Director shall be provided by telephone, delivered personally, or sent by prepaid mail, facsimile, email or other electronic means to any such Member or Director at their latest address as shown in the records of the Corporation, provided always that notice may be waived or the time for the notice may be waived or abridged at any time with the consent in writing of the person entitled thereto.

No error or accidental omission in giving notice of any Board meeting or any Members' meeting shall invalidate the meeting or make void any proceedings taken at the meeting.

8. Passage and Amendments to By-laws

The Directors may from time to time pass by-laws to govern the affairs of the corporation. Such by-laws and any repeal, amendment or re-enactment thereof, unless in the meantime confirmed at a meeting of the members duly called for that purpose, are effective only until the next annual meeting of the members unless confirmed thereat. The members may at the general meeting or the annual meeting confirm, reject, amend or otherwise deal with any by-law passed by the directors and submitted to the meeting for confirmation.

9. Change in the number of Board Members or location of the corporations head office.

Any change in the number of Board Members or change in the location of the corporations head office must be approved by a Special Resolution

passed by the Directors and confirmed by two thirds of the members at a general meeting of the corporation.

Enacted September , 2015

President

Secretary

SCHEDULE A

Duties of Officers of the Corporation

1. President

The duties of the President shall be:

- (a) To preside over all meetings of the Board of Directors and Members,
- (b) To propose an agenda for all meetings
- (c) To carry out the decisions and directions of the Board
- (d) To represent the Club to outside parties
- (d) To co-ordinate Board activities in fulfilling its governance responsibilities and facilitate co-operative relationships among directors and between the Board and the Club Manager
- (e) To lead the Board in monitoring and evaluating the performance of the Club Manager
- (f) To serve as a member on all Board Committees except the Conduct and Ethics Committee

2. Past President

The duties of the Past President shall be:

- (a) To convene and chair a nominating committee as provided in the Elections By-law,
- (b) To conduct the election of Officers of the Corporation as provided by the By-laws.

3. Vice-president

The duties of the Vice-President shall be:

- (a) To assume the duties of the President in the event of absence or inability to serve,
- (b) To perform such other duties as may be delegated by the President or the Board.

4. Secretary

The duties of the Secretary shall be:

- (a) To keep minutes of all meetings of the Board and Members,
- (b) To give notice of all meetings with a proposed agenda,
- (c) To conduct and preserve the correspondence of the Club,
- (d) To provide such notices as are required by the Corporations Act,
- (e) To perform such other duties pertaining to the office of the Secretary as the Board may require.

5. Treasurer

The duties of the Treasurer shall be:

- (a) To make all necessary payments on behalf of the Corporation,
- (b) To maintain all bank accounts, supervise all financial transaction, and prepare all financial documents as required by the Board.
- (c) To prepare a budget for the approval of the Board no later than 60 days after the start of the financial year.

6. Social Chair

The duties of the Social Chair shall be:

- (a) To recruit volunteers to help organize social events of the Club,
- (b) To provide suitable refreshments at the Club,
- (c) To make arrangements as required for special events,
- (d) To send on behalf of the Club good wishes or condolences as occasion may require.

7. Partnership Chair

The Partnership Chair shall be responsible for finding bridge partners for those needing assistance.

8. Education Chair

The duty of the Education Chair shall be recruit instructors and co-ordinate all lessons.

9. Promotions Chair

The duty of the Promotions Chair shall be to promote the activities of the Club and to encourage membership in the Club and the American Contract Bridge League.

KINGSTON DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB INC.

BY-LAW NO. 2

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION

1. The Board of Directors shall call a General Meeting of the Members in September of each year for the purpose of electing members of the Board of Directors and conducting other business.
2. Members of the Board of Directors shall assume office on October 1st and serve for one year terms. Members of the Board of Directors may be elected for successive terms.
3. The election of members of the Board of Directors (other than the Past President and the Club Manager) shall be conducted according to the following rules:
 - a) The Past President shall appoint a nominating committee by July 15 of each year.
 - b) The Nominating Committee shall be chaired by the Past President.
 - c) The President shall be an ex-officio member of the Nominating Committee.
 - d) The Nominating Committee shall notify the membership that they are considering nominations for the Board of Directors and invite suggestions from the membership.
 - e) The Nominating Committee shall nominate one or more candidates for each position on the Executive and Board of Directors, other than the positions of Past President and Club Manager, by August 15.
 - f) The Nominating Committee shall post their nominations at the club and solicit further nominations from club members.
 - g) Any two members of the club may nominate a candidate for any position on the Executive and Board of Directors, other than the positions of Past President and Club Manager, by notifying the chair of the Nominating Committee in writing of their nomination indicating that the person being nominated has consented to the nomination.
 - h) All nominations must be made by a date provided by the Nominating Committee which shall be no later than two weeks prior to the date of the General Meeting at which elections are to take place.
 - i) All nominees shall be members in good standing of the Club.
 - j) Elections for positions on the Executive and Board of Directors shall occur at the the General Meeting. The Chair of the Nominating Committee may also hold advance polls in the week prior to the General Meeting.
 - k) The Chair of the Nominating Committee shall conduct any election which shall be by secret ballot.
 - l) All members in good standing shall be entitled to vote.

4. The Board of Directors shall appoint the retiring President to the position of Past President.
5. If the retiring President is unable or unwilling to serve as Past President, the Board of Directors shall elect a Past President.

Adopted by the Board of Directors on July 14, 2015 and approved at the annual meeting on September 19, 2015.

Marvin G. Baer

Shona Donovan

President

Secretary

KINGSTON DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB INC.

BY-LAW NO. 3

HANDLING OF COMPLAINTS

1. Any complaint about the conduct of a member during a game should be addressed to the Director.
2. The duties and powers of the Director are set out in Law 81 of the ACBL Laws of Duplicate Bridge.
3. According to Law 90, the Director, in addition to implementing the rectification that the laws require may also assess procedural penalties.
4. According to Law 91 the Director in performing his duty to maintain order and discipline is also empowered to assess discipline penalties in points or to suspend a contestant for the current session or any part thereof. The Director's decision under this clause is final and may not be overruled by any appeals committee.
5. While most complaints should primarily be addressed to the Director, members may make a formal complaint about another person's behaviour or ethics. This complaint shall be in writing and be addressed to the Recorder.
6. The Recorder shall be appointed annually by the Executive.
7. A Director may refer a complaint to the Recorder for further action.
8. The Recorder shall investigate the complaint by speaking, as necessary with the subject and any witnesses.
9. After investigation, the Recorder may choose amongst three courses of action:
 - a) The Recorder may decide that the complaint is without merit.
 - b) The Recorder may decide that the appropriate course of action is to educate the subject of the complaint about the proper rules of conduct.
 - c) The Recorder may decide that the complaint rises to the level of a complaint upon which a charge should be based using the criteria in section 5.2.2 of the ACBL Code of Discipline Regulations.
10. In the cases where the Recorder decides that the complaint is without merit no further action shall be taken and the Recorder's decision is not subject to appeal.

11. In the case where the Recorder decides that the appropriate course of action is to educate the subject of the complaint about the proper rules of conduct, the Recorder shall so instruct the subject and no further action shall be taken.
12. A decision by the Recorder to educate the subject of the complaint may be appealed by the subject to the Conduct and Ethics Committee which may either affirm the Recorder's decision or dismiss the complaint.
13. If the Recorder decides that the complaint rises to the level of a complaint upon which a charge should be based using the criteria in section 5.2.2 of the ACBL Code of Discipline Regulations then the written complaint shall be submitted to the Conduct and Ethics Committee.
14. The Recorder and the Conduct and Ethics Committee shall make their best efforts to maintain the confidentiality of the complaints process subject to their need to investigate the complaint and communicate their findings to the appropriate parties (which include the complainant, the person subject to the complaint, and any person, such as the club manager and directors, who is charged with implementing the Conduct and Ethics Committee's decision
15. The Recorder shall be responsible for presenting the complaint to the Conduct and Ethics Committee.
16. The person who is the subject of a complaint may challenge the participation of any member of the Conduct and Ethics Committee on the basis of bias or an apparent or actual conflict of interest. The chair of the Committee shall rule on the challenge.
17. The Conduct and Ethics Committee shall schedule a hearing and conduct the hearing in accordance with the rules of natural justice (e.g. notify all participants of the time and location of the hearings, allow the participants to be heard and allow participants to submit evidence either in writing or by witnesses and provide the participants with a written decision with reasons) and in accordance with the ACBL Code of Discipline Regulations.
18. The Committee may dismiss the complaint or find the complaint requires an appropriate course of action including educating the subject of the complaint about the proper rules of conduct, warning the subject of the complaint that his or her action were improper or barring the player from participation in future games.
19. If the Committee decides that the appropriate course of action is that the subject of the complaint shall be warned that his or her actions were

improper, then the warning shall be made by the Committee in writing and kept by the Chair of the Committee for three years. The written warning may be used in considering the appropriate response to subsequent complaints about the conduct of the subject, but shall not be referred to or used to establish the accuracy of the subsequent complaint.

20. At the request of any member, the Conduct and Ethics Committee may also suspend or ban anyone from participating in the activities of the Club and prohibit them from being on the Club's premises where that person's activities seriously threatens or affects the safety or enjoyment of any other member. In appropriate circumstances, the Committee may immediately suspend a member, but should reconsider its decision after the suspended member has been given a chance to reply to the allegations made against him or her.
21. The Conduct and Ethics Committee shall report any decision to bar a player from participation in club games to ACBL National Headquarters. The report must include the name and player number of the barred player and the reason for barring.

ACBL Code of Discipline Regulations

s.5.2.2....The charging party in deciding to bring a charge must answer "yes" to the following three questions:

(A) Is the prima facie evidence that the complaint has some validity (that there was misconduct)? *Basically, would a reasonable person conclude that there is some truth to the complaint?*

(b) Does ACBL have jurisdiction?

Did the complaint occur at an ACBL sanctioned game or ACBL function? *If someone complains that his or her spouse called him or her vulgar names in the privacy of their home, this is not ACBL's jurisdiction even if a terrible play was the impetus.*

(C) If found responsible (*guilty*) would the Discipline Committee be obliged to issue a discipline?

A person yelled “damn” after being inadvertently conked on the head with a soda bottle being carried by another player passing the table. It is highly unlikely that a disciplinary committee would feel obliged to discipline the person.

Adopted by the Board of Directors on July 14, 2015 and approved at the annual meeting on September 19, 2015.

Marvin G. Baer

Shona Donovan

Kingston Duplicate Bridge Club Inc.

Board of Directors 2015-2016

President	John Gerretsen
Vice President	Sharon Boal
Past President	Marvin Baer
Secretary	Bente Miller
Treasurer	Pat Briggs
Club Manager	Terry Demers
Education Chair	Charlie Waddell
Partnership Chair	Paddy Allan
Social Chair	Bob Fowkes
Promotion Chair	Riet Haaksman
I/N Rep	Elaine Kehoe
Member at Large	Elizabeth Stott
Member at Large	Marlene Young

KINGSTON DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB INC.

TREASURER'S REPORT – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 19, 2015

Thanks to all who helped with donations of cash, goods and time when we were in a rocky financial state at the end of July because of our move. A shortage of funds was partially caused because of having to pay Gardiners Road the rent for the last month of our ten year lease as well as our monthly rental at Frontenac Mall.

As you can see by my treasurer's report we are now financially secure although we will not really know until negotiations with Frontenac Mall are settled. Our lease there does not end until December 31, 2015. We are committed to pay them each month but are not happy with what they say we should pay. We have been given free rent until the end of December at Gardiners Road as part of our lease as encouragement to sign the ten year lease.

My financial report shows our financial situation from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 and the financial situation for January 1, 2015 to August 31, 2015.

As of now we are in a sound position with no thoughts of raising any fees. However, we will not know how we stand until the negotiations are settled with Frontenac Mall.

One thing you might not be aware of is that all income has HST taken out of it. For example when we pay table fees of \$8.00 the club only gets \$7.20 and when we pay \$15.00 membership fee the club only gets \$13.27.

Expenses have gone up since our move, especially cleaning with the two bathrooms to keep clean and the much larger area. Supplies have gone up too as we did not need certain supplies at Frontenac Mall.

The Statement of Worth report shows that our total worth has gone up even though I have started amortizing our assets. This is because of the donations of furniture and a laptop computer. Again, thank you members.

Submitted by Pat Briggs Treasurer

FINANCIAL UPDATE for AGM September 19, 2015

ITEM	January 1 to December 31, 2014		January 1 to August 31, 2015	
	INCOME	EXPENSE	INCOME	EXPENSE
GAME FEES	\$127,483.60		\$66,310.39	
MEMBERSHIP	\$1,661.44		\$2,682.32	
FOOD & DRINKS	\$4,027.54	\$6,726.12	\$2,170.65	\$3,420.53
SALE BRIDGE BOOKS, etc	\$2,980.43		\$1,710.00	
CHRISTMAS PARTY	\$2,815.00	\$3,012.03		\$475.78
INTEREST on GIC	\$201.38		\$50.30	
DONATIONS	\$-		\$2,240.03	
ADVERTISING		\$1,057.82		\$350.95
BANK CHARGES		\$249.25		\$131.12
BRIDGE LESSONS		\$919.51		\$1,559.70
CLEANERS		\$990.00		\$2,640.00
CLUB MANAGER		\$9,953.56		\$6,894.59
COMPUTER MAINTENANCE		\$831.74		\$737.85
DIRECTORS FEES		\$18,898.00		\$11,382.00
FEES - ACBL & CBF		\$8,371.43		\$4,666.08
FURNITURE/EQUIPMENT		\$3,629.31		\$100.65
INSURANCE		\$1,692.33		\$648.52
MAINTENANCE		\$3,857.59		\$374.90
PRIZES		\$690.89		

RENT		\$45,540.59		\$26,390.44
SUPPLIES		\$1,795.87		\$3,638.39
UTILITIES		\$4,478.88		\$4,061.14
MOVING EXPENSE				\$975.24
PREPAID EXPENSE				\$6,214.06
OTHER		\$28,616.95		\$1,150.60
TOTAL	\$139,169.39	\$141,311.87	\$75,163.69	\$75,812.54

NOTES:

1. GIC value as of August 31, 2015 = \$9,341.68

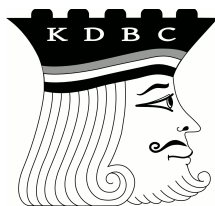
2. HST - 2015 year-to-date

collected on fees/etc = \$7858.93

paid on purchases = \$6604.86

for Revenue Canada = \$1254.07

3. Rent at RioCan is being negotiated



Annual General Meeting

19 September, 2015

Club Manager's Report

Board News

Marvin Baer has completed his 3 year term as President. When he took the position the club was setting new roots and Marvin the patient, thoughtful and capable leader set a good foundation. He is instrumental in incorporating our club and preparing all three by-laws. He chairs the Board meetings, prepares the agenda and handles many difficult issues quietly and proficiently. He also prepares game boards and directs, all as a service to our club. Thank you Marvin. Your dedication and hard work is appreciated. Marvin has agreed to stay on the Board as Past President.

I would like to welcome the new Board members and look forward to another great year.

KDBC Moves

We have a beautiful new home in a great location, with ample parking, washrooms and a kitchen area. There are no restrictions on game times. This move took months to prepare and lots of hard work. Thanks goes to John Gerretsen, Charlie, Janet, Riet and many volunteers. The opening celebration, with 41 tables was the most successful game ever held at our club.

KDBC Standings

Table counts at our club last year were just under 4,000. This placed us 2nd in our unit, 6th in our district and we made the top 100 list in the ACBL. Presently we are 100 on the list out of about 3,000 clubs.

Kudos to us.

ACE of Clubs Winner

Kirti made us proud again. He was 1st in the unit in the 2014 Ace of Clubs Race. This is the 5th time in a row and this time in a higher category – Gold Life Master. He stands 2nd in the 2015 race just a fraction of a point above Rod.

Membership Keeps Growing

In 2012 we had 155 members, last year 178. Debbie Bursey our Promotion Chairperson, has just added #206 to the list (an all-time high). Our club is owned by You the members. It takes many volunteers and countless hours of hard work to make it a success. We thank everyone for your support and help.

A New Website

A big thank you goes to Mark, our webmaster who has set up our new website. He spent many hours and designed a great website with lots of photos, an easy to use and read calendar and room for new items. This website is free to us. Let me know if you would like anything added and please send pictures!

A New Game

Thursday mornings at 10:00 come to the club for homemade muffins and free coffee and play a fun, casual game of bridge. This is our newest game and is becoming very popular. If we get enough tables we will add an I/N section.

KDBC Regionals and Sectionals

Ed O'Reilly has retired as Chairperson of the Kingston Regional and Sectional Tournaments. Gaylia has stepped forward and will Chair the new Regional Committee (including Brian Moorby and Carol Harries) for our club. They will be looking for volunteers.

Directors

We are holding a director's course in the beginning of November. If you are interested in taking the course let me know since I have to make sure I have enough booklets. A few directors have retired in the past couple of years and we appreciate members stepping forward and helping out.

From the Members

1. It has been noted that the light in the room is too bright. This has been discussed with the landlords and will be corrected.
2. The issue of seeing the scores on the Bridgemates will be addressed at the next Board meeting.
3. We are now collecting entries at the door. Members are asked to pay for themselves and their partner when picking up their seating assignment. I have had a few complaints about this but I don't know how to change it to work better. Any suggestions?

I thank the members and the Board for your help and support. Our club is strong and growing because our volunteers are fun and hardworking and step forward to help out. Keep up the good work!

With respect and thanks,

Terry Demers