

Niagara on the Lake Duplicate Bridge Centre  
Annual General Meeting  
October 20, 2020

The Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 1630 through the medium of ZOOM.

Management Committee Members present: Abdul Kaderali, Muriel Tremblay, Claude Tremblay, Nancy Jackson, Sylvia Kemp, Lorraine Horton, Bob McGrath, Heather Beckman, Dena Jones

WELCOME

Abdul welcomed the members and thanked them for turning out. He noted that we had a quorum.

- . The agenda was accepted as circulated
- . The minutes of the 2019 AGM were reviewed and approved.  
(moved by Yvonne Heer and seconded by Lorraine Horton)
- . There was no business arising

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Abdul introduced the Management Committee and welcomed Dena Jones to the Committee as our new Web Master replacing David Cooper. He noted the passing of David who was a respected member of our Club and a valuable member of the Management Committee. He thanked Dena for volunteering for this difficult and challenging position. Muriel noted Dena's excellent contribution to this position.

Abdul spoke of the difficult year we were having because of the pandemic. Our last game was on March 13<sup>th</sup>. He urged patience as we await a vaccine but it looks like that is several months away. Our best guess for live play is June 2021. In the meantime we have online bridge for those who wanted to continue playing.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1919/2020

Muriel thanked John Mackay for his excellent work in auditing our financials.

She noted that the financials are available on our Website We have a bank balance of \$6,430.89.

Due to COVID 19, the financial statement for 2019/2020 is only for 5.5 months.

There was a question regarding where our equipment and supplies are stored. Muriel indicated that the majority of our equipment is at the Community Centre in locked cabinets. The Bridgemates were moved to the Tremblay home to remove the batteries to save their energy. Chandi indicated that he has the Dealer4 machine and 7 cases of boards in his home because he was making the boards at the time that the club closed in March.

Muriel moved that the Financial Report be accepted as presented, seconded by Jane Jennings. Carried.

### 2020/21 BUDGET

The 2020/21 budget was reviewed and the following noted:

- . The budget was prepared based on assumption that we would not be able to run face to face games until July 2021.
- . The liability insurance of \$850 was cancelled. We have been advised by the Community Centre Staff that they have us covered for any incidents which may occur.
- . It is our expectation that we will no longer offer cookies at our games.

Muriel moved to have the Budget approved, seconded by Dena Jones. Carried

### CLUB MANAGERS UPDATE

Claude noted that between October 1, 2019 and March 13, 2020 we had 531 tables. He gave an update on the on-line game format being developed in Great Britain. It is still a couple of weeks from being introduced. While it is not sanctioned bridge, it has the advantage of being able to see and interact with the whole table.

Members are encouraged to play on BBO to keep up their skills as face-to-face is still a ways down the road. One needs to set up a convention card for review by opponents, same as live bridge. Anyone having difficulty getting started can obtain assistance from other club members including Claude. Also, there are instructional videos available through BBO. If you don't have a partner, there is a partner desk.

He noted that the week of October 26<sup>th</sup> is club appreciation week and double points are available.

### CLUB MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Lorraine reported that membership stands at 144 (3 life members). She noted that membership has been extended to September 2021 due to the shut down.

NEW BUSINESS

There being no further business it was moved by Bob and seconded by Nancy that the meeting be adjourned: Carried The meeting was adjourned at 17:05.