

Minutes of the North Bay Duplicate Bridge Club Annual Meeting Friday, January 27, 2023 at Omond U.C. Annex.

1. The meeting was called to order by President Jim Lamorie at 1:05 pm with 35 members present. Steve Rach composed a bridge song based on Simon and Garfunkel lyrics and led us in a singsong.
2. The minutes of the last AGM on June 12, 2019 were presented and accepted.

Moved: Brian Thomas
Seconded by Jan Wood
Carried.

3. **President's Remarks:** Jim gave a brief resume of club activities and events over the past 3 years highlighting that:
 - a. Executive meetings during the pandemic were conducted via Zoom;
 - b. the on-line games conducted by the Sudbury Bridge Club were very successful.
 - c. We were able to store all our equipment at the T.C, Friendship Club at a very reasonable rate.
4. Jim then thanked the board members by name for their commitment during Covid.
 - a. Andy Aitchison as Webmaster, Club Manager and teacher for new members.
 - b. Jan Wood as adviser and too many items to mention.
 - c. Danielle Barry for the Treasurer position.
 - d. Gisele Lynch for the Newsletter.
 - e. Paul Bourassa for the role as unit adviser.
 - f. Frank Turbach as secretary.
5. **Treasurers Report:** Danielle presented the Treasurer Report for 2022.
 - a. Elizabeth Appleton asked how long we were committed to a lease.
The original plan was to have a 5-year lease at \$2,000.00 per month. Since we are not getting enough players at the games to meet expenses, we renegotiated a 6 month lease renewal in April 2023.
 - b. Many members expressed concern about expenses and other venues were discussed (such as: the Fur Harvesters Building). Joe Sauro suggested contacting the city for assistance. He noted that the Sudbury club had applied to the city and received a good rate for their games at a community centre, It was decided that a committee will be formed to approach the city to see if we can get a venue at a reasonable price.
 - c. Elaine Fudge asked if the ACBL has helped. Answer-No.
 - d. Paul Bourassa stated the Unit might help.
 - e. Elizabeth Appleton advised that the books be reviewed by an outside source

As there was no further discussion the Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Moved by Jon Stanton
Seconded by Jan Wood
Carried.

6. **Election of Officers:** Jim asked for volunteers from the floor to serve on the executive. We are currently short 3 members. There were no volunteers.
7. **Competition Winners:** Jim read out the names (previously published in the Newsletter) of those who won their respective event and asked that they have their picture taken. Gisele was the photographer.

8. **New Business.**

- a. **Game Directors:** We currently have 6 game directors and need more. Elizabeth Appleton suggested she might take the course
- b. **Table Fees:** A discussion ensued about expenses which included rent, game directors' fees and ACBL table fees. Brian Thomas moved that we increase the table fees from \$7.00 to \$8.00.

Seconded by Joan Vainio

Carried.

- c. **Insurance:** Joe Sauro questioned cost for insurance. Jon Stanton said we should keep the insurance primarily to cover the executives' liability.
- d. **Friday Games:** Elizabeth Appleton moved that the Friday game be changed to a Swiss Game every Friday

Seconded by Jon Stanton.

Carried.

- e. **Vaccine Requirements:** It was decided that we would adhere to Provincial Guidelines regarding members Covid Vaccinations. Thus; as stated in the January Newsletter, we will no longer require Proof of Vaccination from our players and the wearing of masks will be optional
- f. **Remuneration:** Danielle noted that some Game Directors and some Board Members entitled to compensation had either refused their stipend or taken a reduced amount. It was suggested that those who not submit bills or submit reduced bills take the full money and then return any amount they wish. This suggestion will be implemented.

9. The meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm.

Frank Turbach, Secretary.