

## Minutes of the North Bay Duplicate Bridge Club Executive Meeting Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at Omond UC

1. The meeting was called to order by Jim Lamorie at 4:00 pm.
2. **Present:** Andy Aitchison, Danielle Barry, Paul Bourassa, Richard Guillemette, Jim Lamorie, Gisele Lynch, Jan Wood and Frank Turbach
3. **Approval of Minutes:** the minutes of the meeting of Friday, April 21, 2023 were presented and accepted.

Moved by Frank Turbach  
Seconded by Gisele  
Carried

#### 4. Reports

- a. **Treasurer:** Danielle

Our end-of-month bank balance was \$10,901.96 and the club showed an April profit of \$1020.97. The detailed report is at Appendix 1 to these minutes.

Moved by Danielle  
Seconded by Andy  
Carried

- b. **Club Director:** Jim  
Nothing to report.

- c. **Club Manager:** Andy

- i. Sudbury Regional is in August
- ii. Jan will discuss with the custodian regarding regular cleaning at the club.
- iii. The Thursday morning game on May 25<sup>th</sup> will be cancelled due to plumbing issues at Omond.
- iv. There is no change for the practice lessons on Friday, May 26.
- v. The table count data is attached at Appendix 2

#### 5. Suggestion Box: Andy

- a. There was a letter from Jean Harris questioning the Board's decision making Friday a charity day charging an extra dollar for the game. During the discussion it was noted that:
  - i. more master points are available on club charity days.
  - ii. We get more points 10 months of the year.
  - iii. We are able to support a local charity.
  - iv. There is no cost to the club as it is only the 'extra' table fees that are donated.
- b. It was the decision of the Board to continue the Charity games.
- c. Paul will answer Jean's letter by email.

#### 6. Special Games and/or closures for June/August

- a. IODE like bridge. We have 10 tables so far for the June 21<sup>st</sup> game.
- b. The club will be closed on July 3<sup>rd</sup> (Canada Day Holiday) and August 7<sup>th</sup> (Civic Holiday).

#### 7. Old Business:

- a. **Review of Rookie/Master game:** We had 39 replies from the survey. The comments were favourable, but it was suggested that when people sign up to play it is a commitment and cancellations should be avoided. The survey results are attached at Appendix 3.
- b. **Bidding issues with Psychs:** we received a number of emails regarding psychs. Psychs are not illegal bids but if used regularly, they should be alerted. Their use is disconcerting –

especially to the intermediate and lower players. A committee will be formed to discuss with the individuals concerned.

- c. **Duties and Responsibilities of Directors/Assigned Tasks:** a summary of 'things that have to be done by and for the club was presented. The issue will be discussed at our next meeting.
- d. **Status in Lower Hall:** our members seem pleased with the move to the Lower Hall. There are some issues with noise, but the Board felt they could be overcome. Jan moved that we sign a one-year lease with the Church for use of the Lower Hall at the same rate.

moved by: Jan.  
seconded by Paul.  
Carried

- e. It was noted by the Church that the hydro expenses might be excessive. We will investigate the possibility of installing a programmable thermostat to regulate the heat.
- f. The phone and internet services will have to be moved. Andy will contact Cogeco.

8. **New Business:**

- a. **Cell Phones:** use of cell phones during a game session is becoming annoying. We will post signs at the door instructing people to turn off their phones; and the directors will advise that phones should be turned off before the game starts.
- b. **Noise Issues:** Insulating baffles in the basement would be very helpful to lessen the noisy environment if placed between the rows of tables. We will talk to the Church to see if they are available for our use. As an alternative, Home Depot sells Sonopan panels for \$30. each
- c. District Meeting May 27: Paul advises that the district is in a position to assist clubs that have become financially unstable after Covid. He will bring this up at the meeting.
- d. Christmas Party: Jan will contact caterers regarding a Christmas Party.

9. **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 4:00 pm.

10. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Frank Turbach (Secretary)

**Attachment 1**

**Treasurer's Report  
as of Board Meeting of 23 May 2023**

<b>Previous Bank Balance (31 Mar 23)</b>		<b>9,880.25</b>
Deposits		
Table Fees and Other Income thru 12 April	3,029.80	
Reversed Bank Charge	0.85	
Table Fees thru 17 May	219.60	3,250.25
Withdrawals		
#741 - Rent	2,000.00	
#748 - ACBL Table Fees	127.70	
Cogeco	101.58	2,229.28
Net Income for Apr 23 (Deposits-Withdrawals)		<b>1,020.97</b>
<b>Current Bank Balance (30 Apr 23)</b>		<b>10,901.22</b>
GIC's	15,764.15	
	5,243.59	21,007.74
<b>Balance as of 30 April</b>		<b>31,908.96</b>
Notes		
Donations		
Directors	335.00	
Club Manager	150.00	
Treasurer	100.00	
50.50 Winnings donated back to club	62.70	
Members	40.00	687.70
Other income for April 2023		
Audrey Grant Book sales	100.00	
Name Badges	10.00	
Spring Fling		
\$10 fee per person	780.00	
50/50 sales	83.00	
Dessert Table	29.00	892.00
		1,002.00
Total Donations and Other Income		1,689.70

## Appendix 2

### Income and Expense Generated from Game Play/Table Fees

Apr 2023

Event	Date	Tables	Table Rate	Total Due ACBL	Charity
Monday Afternoon 0-299	2023-04-03	4	1.50	5.98	
Tuesday Afternoon Swiss	2023-04-04	9	1.50	13.46	
Thursday AM Novice	2023-04-06	2	1.50	2.99	
Thursday Afternoon 0-499	2023-04-06	3	1.50	4.49	
Tuesday Afternoon Swiss	2023-04-11	9	1.50	13.46	
Thursday AM Novice	2023-04-13	3	0.87	2.61	
Thursday Afternoon 0-499	2023-04-13	3	1.50	4.49	
Friday Afternoon Swiss	2023-04-14	6	1.50	8.98	24.00
Spring Fling	2023-04-17	8	1.50	11.97	
Spring Fling	2023-04-17	9	1.50	13.46	
Tuesday Afternoon Swiss	2023-04-18	9	1.50	13.46	
Wednesday Afternoon Open	2023-04-19	2-1/2	1.50	3.74	
Thursday AM Novice	2023-04-20	3-1/2	0.87	3.05	
Thursday Afternoon 0-499	2023-04-20	4-1/2	1.50	6.73	
Friday Afternoon Swiss	2023-04-21	6	1.50	8.98	24.00
Monday Afternoon 0-299	2023-04-24	5-1/2	1.50	8.23	
Tuesday Afternoon Swiss	2023-04-25	9	1.50	13.46	
Wednesday Afternoon Open	2023-04-26	3	1.50	4.49	
Thursday Afternoon 0-499	2023-04-27	5	1.50	7.48	
Thursday AM Novice	2023-04-27	4	0.87	3.48	
Friday Afternoon Swiss	2023-04-28	5	1.50	7.48	20.00
<b>Total (21 games)</b>		<b>113</b>		<b>162.47</b>	<b>68.00</b>

#### Income

Table Fees (@\$32.00/Table)	3216.00	
Table Fees (@\$24.00/Table)	300.00	
Charity Games (@\$4.00/Table)	68.00	3584.00

#### Costs/Expenses

Director Fees (@\$60.00/game)	240.00	
Director Fees (@\$45.00/game)	720.00	
ACBL fees	162.47	
Due to Rotary Club (Charity)	68.00	1190.47

#### Net from Games

2393.53

### Appendix 3

#### Survey Results from the Rookie/Master

Q2: Did you understand the Director's instructions before and during the game?

Yes: 39

No: 0

Q3: Did you feel your mentorship partnership was successful?

Yes: 38

No: 1

Q4: Did you enjoy your experience?

Yes: 39

No: 0

Q5: Would you participate again?

Yes: 38

No: 0

Q6: How often do you think the game should be offered?

Every 6 mos: 22

Once a year: 16

Q7: Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the event?

Name were removed	Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the event?
1	Great afternoon. Kudos to all involved
2	Regarding the mentorship (and my answer that No, it wasn't helpful) I would clarify that I am not a complete Rookie. It was interesting to play with a different partner, but I didn't necessarily learn anything new in the partnership.
3	suggestion only: maybe serve the meatballs and sauce or have an extra pot of sauce. Slim pickings near end of line. Oodles of everything else. The food was excellent - loved my day. mg
4	It would be nice to have more of this type of game. Hopefully, it would draw more people back to the club.ie...pot lucks, special days, STaC's, sectional tournaments at the club, championship week...another rookie master in the fall...some more games where we could get to meet the newer players, advertise to the membership about our new move. Kudos to all who worked at the rookie master. Well done!
5	I thought it was excellent. A wonderful group and very welcoming. Certainly left me with the impression I would be welcomed and would have a great time if I joined regular games.

Name were removed	Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the event?
6	It would be nice to find a way to decrease the noise level. If everyone moved at the same time it might help.
7	Need to control noise, very distracting, otherwise love the 'big room'.
8	the supper was delicious but way too early - would suggest playing bridge longer so we could at least make it to 5 to eat or starting later
9	<p>My only suggestion might be to clarify a bit further what restrictions on bidding can be waived. As a rookie, I understand the need to discourage Jacoby transfers, Blackwood/Gerber conventions, and so forth which might not be understandable to some (I'm a bit of an "advanced rookie" so know a fair number of these conventions). Anyway, I think there should be exceptions allowed when explanations are freely offered. The case I'm thinking of is that a "master" on the opposing team opened with a 2C bid. I am familiar with that bid and obviously so was my partner. The rookie responder didn't know what that opening bid meant, but both my partner and I explained what it meant, and we were comfortable allowing the bid to stand. Unfortunately, this rookie was adamant that "Andy said these kinds of bids were not allowed" so insisted that her partner had to change the bid to something else. We didn't object, but the whole episode was sort of silly since all of us knew, including the other rookie after our explanations, that a 2C opening bid meant a very strong hand with a point count of 22++ and had nothing to do with clubs. We encouraged the responder to just bid her best suit and let things move on as her partner would be in control, but she was adamant that her partner had to take back that bid. Perhaps Andy could explain at the start that some "advanced" bidding techniques could be allowed if both of the opposing team understood and accepted them and explained to a confused responder what it meant and how to respond.</p>
10	Both players in one pair are hearing impaired and did not hear Jan's instructions regarding what the rookies did and did not know. Perhaps next time an email could be sent out with this information as well as giving it orally.
11	Food was good but should be labeled for common allergy like nuts. I took what I thought was a chocolate chip cookie, but I am sure it had peanut butter in it. Nice flavour combination but if someone was anaphylactic and didn't know it would be serious. Not as serious but sauce could have been labeled as well for vegetarians
12	I thought it was very well organized and a lot of fun.
13	Great afternoon. Thank you.
14	Everything was great.... very well organized (I didn't stay for dinner)

Name were removed	Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the event?
15	<p>People are asking about fall registration, all too busy in summer. As you know I have taken these lessons before and hope to get the hang of it. Andy and all are very kind and patient, people are comfortable asking questions. Time for practice seems so short, maybe we could be in an hr before lesson once in a while?</p>
16	<p>There can be other socials just not to overdo the Rookie/Master format.</p> <p>As I'm sure you know; the game was horribly noisy, and it couldn't all be blamed on a low roof. The room was overcrowded. At the next event in addition to the director and if there are 2 sections, I suggest a personable monitor to circulate reminding people to keep their voices at a low level.</p> <p>we need to charge more for the event we so that people will stay for the meal. There was too much food for the number of people, I think. Or else ask ahead o If they're staying for the meal but maybe you did that.</p> <p>But it was a good event even if nobody followed the rules of simple play and masters were playing with masters. Fair to the real rookies?</p>
17	<p>All the organizers and food preparers did an exceptionally fine job. Many thanks.</p>
18	<p>I think 6 days to register is too short for the committee to finalize plans. I suggest 14 days to register. When someone registers to play, EMPHAZISE to that person that they are making a commitment. Late cancellations cause serious problems for the planners. I like the high/low format. Depending on the number of registrations, a possible different game could be section A mostly masters, section B mostly rookies.</p>
19	<p>Have both sections move at the same time to limit noise and confusion Having Andy available to consult was a brilliant idea, a great way to relieve some anxiety for the novices</p>
20	<p>Was very enjoyable. Thank you.</p>
21	<p>Well organized</p>
22	<p>I enjoyed being back after a long layoff.</p>
23	<p>Thank you!</p>
24	<p>Need to control noise level.</p>
25	<p>Thank you for all your hard work. It was quite evident that a lot of planning and execution went into this event. Hopefully it will continue to grow our club.</p>

Name were removed	Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the event?
26	It really helped reinforce what I've learned so far and also showed me that I needn't fear the bridge community! The only thing I'd say is that Wendy never gave me any advice or suggestions. Either I played so well, or she was being too kind. I wouldn't have minded some feedback.
27	informative, delivered well tks
28	The set-up, the food and the socializing were all wonderful. I would have liked to have had better cards.... lol. I had a wonderful Mentor to play with. All in all, it was a great day. I am glad I was a part of this event.
29	I think to help control noise issues .... start each round at the same, even if there is a little delay the noise factor should not get as loud as an entire section moving and settling in at different times ???