

Garden City Duplicate Bridge Club
Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2023

Attendees: John Brandberry, Brad Halfpap, Judy Hartz, Fred Maker, Susan Molaris, Becky Mosbacher (Excused: Barbara Berens)

After a review of the card fees and our expenses, Fred noted the following:
With 90 tables per month, we bring in \$2137. Our fixed monthly expenses are \$2091. If we have a month where attendance dips to 80 tables per month, we would bring in \$1869, which is less than our monthly expenses. Fred would like to see \$15,000 in reserve, as compared to our current balance of approximately \$10,000. Based on this information, a vote was made to keep fees at \$8.

Judy reported that we had 85 tables last month, bringing in approximately \$2,000 and breaking even with expenses. We also had revenue from the tournament. The amount of revenue is unknown. Barbara has this information, but she was not present for the meeting.

There was discussion about having a defibrillator available. Susan is looking into the legalities and procedures for having this device on hand.

Our club will have a presence at the UM Homecoming parade. Dave Andrews is in charge. Informational cards will be handed out. Fred drew up a city map with areas designated for marketing, such as placing fliers. He already has two volunteers and is looking for others who wish to distribute materials. Judy wants to see the cards and fliers before they are printed. Susan and Becky agreed that the club board should approve all fliers, cards, or other information before it is distributed. The board voted not to advertise in the Montana Senior News as it is statewide. We will continue to run our free ads in the Missoulian's on-line Community Events and look into Missoula Valley News.

Three of our directors will be out of town playing in tournaments the week of September 18. Due to a shortage of directors, the Tuesday and Thursday games are canceled. Soon two of our directors will be on medical leave. We only have five directors. The board agreed to buy the rule books for anyone deciding to sit for the Director's test. Fred and Becky are considering becoming directors.

It has been suggested that our club could use a little sprucing up. If anyone is interested in making our space more presentable, please let a board member know.

There are 12 keys for the club, and nine are in the possession of current directors and board members. The Bryans and Mike Lily have the other three keys.

The club directory is a year old. There are not many new members since the last directory was printed, and so we will wait for another year before reprinting.