

Garden City Duplicate Bridge Club
Minutes
August 11, 2023

Attendees: Fred Maker, Brad Halfpap, Barbara Berens, John Brandeberry, Susan Molaris, Becky Mosbacher and Judy Hartz

- 1) Minutes from May 12, 2023 approved
- 2) Club president Fred Maker asked if he could make decisions affecting the club without board approval. An example: Fred received the club's lease agreement with the mall. The monthly rent remains at \$1650 per month, and the agreement includes a 30-day notice-to-vacate clause. This is a change from the previous 90-day notice. Fred also talked to mall management about fixing the lights in the facility. An agreement was made for the club to pay for the cost of the lights, and the mall will pay for labor. He made this decision before consulting the board, and he wanted to know if he can make these types of decisions in the future.

The board agreed that a quorum at a game or a vote via email is allowed in such instances. (And all members were happy to have the lights fixed!)

- 3) Club manager Judy Hartz reported on expenses paid by the club. These include day-to-day supplies, such as printer cartridges and paper products. Our website annual renewal fee was \$54, our computer virus program was renewed at the cost of \$78/two years. Also, the ACBL advertising subscription, which includes the ability for outreach before tournaments, was renewed for \$100.
- 4) Treasurer Barbara Berens submitted a year-to-date report. This year's revenue, through July, is \$20,094.00, and expenses through July totaled \$19,208.27, for a net increase of \$885.73.
- 5) Becky Mosbacher approached the board about becoming an ACBL certified instructor. She will be teaching fall classes through The Lifelong Learning Center beginning September 6. Brad Halfpap will resume his Saturday bridge lessons after Becky's beginners class ends in October.
- 6) Card fees were discussed. Judy provided information, which can be found on the club's website. From January through July, we have had an average income of \$2128.90 after table income, director fees and ACBL table fees. She gave a scenario for monthly income if fees are adjusted. They are as follows:
 - \$5 fee -- \$1000
 - \$6 fee -- \$1384
 - \$7 fee -- \$1748

Brad calculated that if fees were reduced to \$5, we would need an increase of 40% in attendance to make up the difference between our current average monthly income and the decreased amount.

The board will continue to discuss card fees. For now they will remain at \$8.

7) President's report. The focus of Fred's report was marketing. We will have a float at this year's Homecoming Parade. Dave Andrews is in charge. After the parade, there will be an advertising campaign. The ads at local golf courses have been well-received, with at least one player joining as a result. Susan contacted the Missoulian and Missoula Events. Becky believes The Lifelong Learning Center classes will also promote the club.

8) There was a request from a member to add special events to the website's calendar. Judy has added the events. In order to view them, one must enlarge the monthly calendar.

9) There is discussion about purchasing an AED. More information about liability and club members' desire to have this device available is needed before a decision will be made.

10) Topics on agenda that were not discussed due to time constraints were:
beautification project, keys, assistant program

11) Next meeting: September 15, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

12) Adjournment

Minutes submitted by Becky Mosbacher, Secretary