



Kingston Duplicate Bridge Club, Inc.

**Annual General Meeting
Edith Rankin Memorial Church (Lower Hall)
Saturday, September 30, 2023 at 11:30 AM**

Minutes

Attendees: Paul Peloquin, Sharon Boal, Paddy Allan, Marvin Baer, Don Kersey, Ray Rathenbury, John Gerretsen, Bob Fowkes, George Yon, Judy Gallant, Marg Beck, Ruth Pettis, Marlo Whitehead, Suzanne Ryan, June Leach, Bill Mitchell, Kathy McDonald, Gaylia Ohlman, Assunta Gerretsen, Jack Klaassen, Amar Banerjee, Maureen Williams, Mary-Jean McIntyre, Doris Waddell, Mike Cox, Jock Devonshire, Chris Caswell, Anne Herfst, Marily Lindsay, Carol Anne Ralph,

1. Approval of the Agenda Jock Devonshire

Moved by Sharon Boal, Seconded by Marvin Baer

Motion carried.

2. Approval of AGM minutes of September 27, 2022 Jock Devonshire

Moved by John Gerretsen, Seconded by Bob Fowkes

Motion carried.

3. Opening words from the President Jock Devonshire

- Covid exists, use masks and hand sanitizers
- Take care of your own garbage and sort it properly
- Thank you to Chris Caswell has been a valuable Board member and will continue as Past President and for being Chair of the Regional Tournament Committee.
- Thank you to Terry Demers in absentia, she has made astounding contributions to the club over the years.

- Thank you to John Gerretsen – contributor for many years in many ways, he has been my mentor
- Thank you to Anne Herfst – does an amazing job with finances but also teaching and volunteering in so many other ways
- Thank you to Don Kersey – without him we don't have games – we bow to his excellence and experience
- Thank you to Kathy McDonald, Terry's right hand person, for her ongoing assessment of critical decisions and her strong representation of all club members.
- Thank you to Gaylia Ohlman – has had multiple roles in other years and now Education Chair when we really need her
- Thank you to Suzanne Ryan – I/N Rep – so many phone calls encouraging people and matching people
- Marlene Young, Hamish Taylor, Mike Ryan, Elaine McDougall, Keith Prytulka, Mary-Jean, Marilyn Lindsay, Sybil Forbes, Tammy Gauvin, Paddy Allan, Bob Fowkes, Marvin Baer, John Finucan, Anne Lamarche, Bill Mitchell, Sharon Boal, George Yon
- Regional Tournament – Chair Chris
 - Co-chair Terry Demers
 - George Yon – Treasurer
 - Suzanne Ryan – I/N Rep – gold rush sessions
 - Mike Ryan – site management
 - Sharon Boal – partnership chair & safety coordinator
 - Elaine McDougall – Advertising
 - Sessions \$18
 - Location at Quality Inn
- We need volunteers for all kinds of things
- Someone to track Masterpoint achievements and get them posted
- Running 2 clubs is a lot of work.
- We had a great Local Sectional Tournament, thanks to organizers
- We have a great hall and support from the landlord

- Attendance for Face-to- Face games crucial
- We also need input – bring your suggestions forward

4. Approval of the 04/01/22 to 03/31/23 Financial Statements

Anne Herfst

Moved by Anne Herfst, Seconded by John Gerretsen

Up to End of March 2023

Net profit of \$7,300/

Online games about 74% of our revenue

F2F – cheaper at RCAFA and Conservatory Pond

Gave \$500 of Xmas party money to charity

There were free plays given out in January and to new people in lessons

We still have some assets in a large storage unit, including the solid card tables.

Just got our \$500 deposit cheque back from Portuguese Club

Motion carried

5. Auditor's Report for 04/01/22 to 03/31/23

Gaylia Ohlman

Moved by John Gerretsen, Seconded by Jock Devonshire

Motion carried

6. Appoint Auditor for 04/01/23 to 03/31/24

Anne Herfst

Motion to appoint Gaylia Ohlman by John Gerretsen, Seconded by Jock Devonshire

A special resolution was made to waive the need for a formal audit or review engagement and instead appoint Gaylia Ohlman to perform an informal audit of the 2023-24 financial records.

Moved by John Gerretsen, Seconded by Jock Devonshire

A question was asked if Gaylia can do an audit if she is on the board. Marvin says yes because it is an informal audit but Gaylia should not have any financial responsibilities throughout the year.

Motion carried.

7. Report from the Club Manager

Kathy McDonald

Moved by Suzanne Ryan, Seconded by George Yon

Volunteers needed to make up boards, track awards, audit ABC and 70% winners,

Gather info on success of members at other tournaments

We've had a Memorial game in the past, will this recur?

We need someone to organize a Christmas game/party

Explained upcoming games and Club Championship extra point games

Motion carried.

8. Report from the I/N Representative

Suzanne Ryan

Moved by Bill Mitchell, Seconded by John Gerretsen

I/N games and mentor games on-line working very well. We're getting excellent participation from both I/Ns and mentors. Regular F2F games are growing in popularity and we may soon be able to offer an I/N game F2F.

Motion carried

9. Report from the Education Chair

Gaylia Ohlman

Moved by Jock Devonshire, Seconded by Suzanne Ryan

Education program last year was very successful and this year's sign-up is very good.

Taking steps to provide lessons on individual topics in 2024.

Motion carried

10. Motions to make changes to Organizational By-law

Jock Devonshire

Special Resolution moved by John Gerretsen, Seconded by Jock Devonshire

Be it resolved that the number of Directors on the Board of Directors be increased from nine (9) to ten (10) by adding the Secretary as a voting, elected Director.

This resolution requires a 2/3 majority of the votes cast.

Motion carried

Moved by John Gerretsen, Seconded by Kathy McDonald

Remove from "Section 4 Directors, Election and Term" the sentence

"The Chief Games Director and the Club Manager are non-voting members; the Club Manager will serve as the secretary of the club."

This requires a simple majority of those voting.

Motion carried.

Moved by John Gerretsen, Seconded by Bill Mitchell

Amend Section 4, Vacancies to add a new clause between c and d that gives the Board permission to remove from the Board an individual that is not performing the duties required by their position on the Board.

This requires a simple majority of those voting.

Motion carried.

11. Election of Directors

John Gerretsen

Moved by John Gerretsen, Seconded by Ray Rathenbury

No nominations for the Board of Directors were received in advance and the following list of individuals volunteered for the following positions:

President – Sharon Boal

Vice President – George Yon

Treasurer – Anne Herfst

Secretary – Bill Mitchell

Education Chair - Gaylia Ohlman

I/N Representative – Suzanne Ryan

Director at Large – Kathy McDonald

Moved that these individuals fill these positions on the Board of Directors for the term of October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024.

Motion carried unanimously.

12. Adjournment

Moved by Jock Devonshire, Seconded by Bill Mitchell to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried.