

# **Kingston Duplicate Bridge Club Inc.**

## **Executive Board Meeting**

**April 25, 2024.**

In Attendance: Sharon Boal, Anne Herfst, Bill Mitchell, Kathy McDonald, Gaylia Ohlman, Don Kersey

1. Call to Order 3:05
2. Approval of the Agenda  
Moved by Gaylia, Seconded by Kathy, Carried
3. Approval of Minutes of November 22, 2023 Meeting  
Moved by Don, Seconded by Kathy, Carried
4. Reports
  - Treasurer  
Net loss in March of -\$11.  
Unaudited Year End shows a profit of \$3,275  
Reporting Free Games for Members and Sales Discounts to make free games revenue neutral but trackable.  
Budget for 2024/2025 shows a small profit of \$5,770.  
Moved by Anne, Seconded by Don, Carried
  - Education  
Existing students not interested in bridge lessons during the summer.  
New beginner classes will start in September/October. How can we help existing students/members expand on what they have already learned?  
Intermediate lessons? Supervised play? Paul Thurston seminar? There are a few people seeking refresher help after a long absence.  
Moved by Gaylia, Seconded by Bill, Carried

-Club Manager

Should we have a break after X rounds to allow for washroom activities/table catchup? Next meeting.

Should we be using a clock? Is there one in storage? Clock software available but need a separate computer with HDMI capability to use it with wall screen. Director's laptop not appropriate. Bill has a laptop we can try on Friday 26<sup>th</sup>.

Tuesday evening play will continue until Regional to see if golf season brings out night time bridge players.

A policy decision was proposed as follows:

"KDBC online games involving coloured points will be restricted to KDBC members, Cornwall and Belleville members, and friends of these individuals. Robots may be used to fill a half table. At the Director's discretion, to make a game viable, other players may be permitted to play."

Moved by Bill, Seconded by Anne, Carried.

Moved by Kathy, Seconded by Anne, "online games will be played with a 6 minute per board standard". Carried

-I/N

Thanks to helpers George, Marlo, Diane and Sandra for their help while I'm away.

Good suggestion to give free plays to Boot Camp leaders.

May I/N Mentor game delayed to Monday May 27<sup>th</sup> due to the Regional.

New 0-300 games at the Regional on Saturday/Sunday after Andy Shark's talks.

Moved by Anne, Seconded by Kathy, Carried

-Chief Director

Nothing new to report at this time.

## 5. New Business

-Charity Donation. There is some confusion about donating money to CBF 'instead of/as well as' ACBL. Anne/Kathy will clarify with ACBL.

-Dealing Machines. We need to make arrangements with the church for space to store and use the dealing machines. Lugging boards back and forth to individual's homes is very taxing. Anne will inquire.

-Free Plays. Historically certain activities were compensated with free plays. It was decided that Board Dealers, Cash Takers and Boot Camp Instructors should receive free plays. Free plays to be approved by the Board of Directors. Anne to pursue.

-The Thursday morning of the Regional Tournament, May 16<sup>th</sup>, we will hold a review of our storage space, to see its contents once the tournament equipment has been removed. This will be done to ascertain what contents may be sold/given away to reduce our storage requirements.

-Defibrillator. There is a question of how a defibrillator may be made available at the Regional. Sharon to follow up.

6. Adjournment. 5:00.

Moved by Bill, Seconded by Don, Carried.

## 2024 04 Education Report

This Saturday is the last day of the 8th month of lessons. The number of attendees is dwindling each week, 5 last week, as are the numbers at the boot camp, 3 last Friday.

I have asked and the majority want a break for the summer with lessons continuing in September. I notice that the I/N group on Wednesday is still a good number with 4 tables predicted for today.

I would like to discuss having a one-day seminar sometime with ,e.g. Paul Thurston??

Gaylia

## 2024 04 Club Manager Report

- Helen Shields Rookie Master Game was a success 6 ½ tables – one pair had to cancel due to sickness.
- Dennis Johnston Team Game was a success with 18 Teams! I think we should schedule more team games
- Church cancellation Fri May 10 is now an issue with the Royal STaC. We are trying to find a way to hold the game upstairs.
- Coffee/Tea/Cookies – we still have days where the plan does not work. One last week where the two Anne's had to clean up with no notice. Can we find a way to ensure that coffee is not set out if there is no plan for clean up?
- Vince Oddy order (convention cards, team scorecards, plastic covers for Howell table mats) is backordered. Should be able to ship next week.

### Directors

- Bill is trained for pairs games and will be directing on Fridays. He does not want to direct online.
- Kathy and Bill will all be in Penticton June 9 – 17 – Don will be covering Directing
- Toronto NABC – hopefully a lot of players will go. We could have issues with directors for games.

### Items for Discussion

- Should we consider having a break in the middle of games?
  - Anne, Gaylia are not opposed... other clubs do it
  - Bill only if they need to catch up? You need something for them to do in the break – if we put a break in now it's all too long... play is too slow
  - Gaylia said other clubs have a playing director – and still stop people from starting boards
- Should we enforce arriving by 12:45? Yes
- Should we order a round timer clock \$470 US? Pace of play. No, won't buy a clock at this time  
<https://www.baronbarclay.com/intempo-2-bridge-clock/>  
<https://www.bridgebuddy.net/product-p/intemp2.htm>
- Should we order more Bridge Buddy Cards? Tammy will be in New Orleans at a relative's address to pick up in early May. No don't buy more cards at this time.
- Tuesday evening games – what can we do to make them more appealing? Time? Price? Format?  
Don – only 3 tables for a gold point game – not really viable – continue for a few more weeks
- Online board timings? Confirm club policy is 6 minutes.
- Policy Manual – update and post on website Anne Bill

- Online colour point games – I recommend that we run them all as no guests if we reach 6 tables by 10 minutes early (but announce as 15 minutes early – our members are slow to register)
- Question from Anne – how much should we donate from Charity Game to CBF – Kathy to get more information – what is the procedure that is accepted, the amount.

## Special Games

Apr 22-28	Stardust Split Week except Wed	<b>Stardust Week</b> 25% Gold
Wed Apr 24	<b>ACBL Wide Charity Game #2</b> - \$10	
Fri May 3	<b>Mother's Day Pop Up</b> 50% Red – \$10	Fri May 3
Sun May 5		<b>Mother's Day Pop Up</b> - 50% Red
May 6-12	<b>D1 Royal STaC</b> - \$10	<b>Grass Roots</b> 2X Black
Fri May 10	<b>Cancel F2F due to church</b>	
May 13 - 19		<b>NABC Fundraiser Las Vegas</b> 2X Black
May 16-20	<b>KDBC Kingston &amp; The Islands Regional Tournament</b>	
All June	<b>NAP Qualifiers throughout Month TBA</b>	
Wed Jun 5	<b>Olympiad Fund Game #1</b> - \$10	
June 3-9		<b>NAP Qualifiers</b> 50% Red
Jun 10-16		<b>Silver Linings</b> 1.5 X all Silver
Wed Jun 19	<b>Longest Day – ACBL Wide Alzheimer Event</b>	
Jun 22-23		<b>Longest Day</b> 2X Black
Fri Jun 28	<b>Father's Day Pop Up</b> 50% Red	
Sun Jun 30		<b>Father's Day</b> 50% Red

Links for Special Game Info

<https://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/clubs/SpecialGamesChart.pdf>

<https://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/clubs/2024SpecialEvents.pdf>

<https://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/clubs/OnlineCM.pdf>

