



Kingston Duplicate Bridge Club Inc.

Executive Board Meeting

November 3, 2023.

Minutes

In attendance: Sharon Boal, George Yon, Anne Herfst, Bill Mitchell, Gaylia Ohlman, Kathy McDonald.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by George, Seconded by Anne
Carried

2. Approval of Minutes from October 19, 2023

Moved by George, Seconded by Anne.
Carried

3. Membership Fees

Sharon will massage Bill's suggested membership fee email and it will appear in the Newsletter and be sent to the club's mailing list. Membership will be \$20.00 and a new membership list will be created after January 31, 2024 based on fees paid.

4. Education Report

The first session, September-October, went well and second session is under way. 18 individuals showed interest but only 12 are attending. Organizing is under way for a series of individual topics to be presented in 2024.

There was extensive discussion about 1 free play for students, 1 year free membership, and a possible small side game (3 tables?) for new bridge players. Gaylia will bring a report.

5. Christmas Bridge

A tentative reservation with Ramekins for 50 people at the church at 11:30 on December 16, 2023 has been made by Anne Lamarche. The consensus was that this was good and Anne H. volunteered to firm it up. Someone needs to be found to run the project.

6. Charity Funds Salvation Army

Sharon will talk to Paddy Allan, the Charity Representative, to make arrangements for Salvation Army Fund Raiser.

7. Newsletter Submissions

Sharon will submit answers to Elaine McDougall's questions for the newsletter.

8. Club Manager

Revised Assignment

Assignment of Remaining Duties

Kathy indicated that if the Manager's responsibilities could be reduced to 5 hours per week, she would be interested in taking it on. It was suggested that she prepare a list of the duties that she feels would accomplish that task.

Gaylia volunteered to organize board dealers.

George volunteered to organize the Thursday night Mentor game.

Once Kathy has made her list we will know what is left to be done.

9. Evening Games

It was decided to keep the F2F Tuesday night game. Don Kersey has said he will train Keith Prytulka to direct in those games.

It was also discussed to add a Friday/Saturday/Sunday afternoon F2F game but no decision was made. It seemed the group was leaning toward Friday.

10. Online Bridge Price

The ACBL increased the price to participants of private club ACBL games to \$4.50. We have seen a huge increase in the number of non-KDBC members in our games since the ACBL opened all games to all players. As much as 51% of players in any particular game are non-KDBC members. Some members are complaining. A lot of these players are using robots, as many as 12 in one game. Many online clubs charge \$5.00, so, it was moved that we increase all our online entry fees to \$5.00.

Moved by Anne, Seconded by Gaylia.
Carried.

A motion was made to hold one (1) robot free game on November 15, 2023 to see what effect this might have on non-KDBC attendance.

Moved by George, Seconded by Anne.
Carried.

11. Past President

Our Past President has resigned his position. He will need to be replaced. If Kathy agrees to assume the Club Manager's position, the position of Member-at-Large will also be vacant and need to be filled. These will be addressed at a future meeting.

The same individual has also resigned his game Director responsibilities and as Chairman of the Regional Tournament. Terry Demers, Tournament co-Chair will chair the tournament.

12. Next Meeting

The next meeting is November 22, 2023.

13. Adjournment

Moved by George, Seconded by Kathy.
Carried