

NOTL DUPLICATE BRIDGE CENTRE
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 27, 2022

The meeting was convened at 1900 hours via ZOOM and chaired and hosted by Muriel Tremblay

In attendance: Muriel Tremblay, Claude Tremblay,
Heather Beckman, Bob McGrath
Bob Gidden, Lorraine Horton

As Chair, Muriel welcomed everyone. Bob Gidden was welcomed as a new member of the Committee. He will be the new webmaster replacing Dena Jones. Dena was recognized for her service.

The minutes of February 9, 22 were approved as circulated. No action required. Moved by Bob seconded by Claude.

Financial Report

Muriel reviewed the circulated financial report. She noted that with our fixed cost, the table count for March resulted in a negative of \$143.00. We have been only getting four tables on Fridays which is the reason for the loss. Tuesday's table count is only operating at break even or a small profit. Some membership fees have been paid in advance and are reflected in the April numbers. We have money in the bank and can operate at a loss while we resume our bridge games.

Club Manager Report

Claude stated that while directors are a little rusty they are managing well. There will be no more special games at the club for now. While COVID has hurt local clubs it had the opposite for ACBL. It has improved its financial position with online games.

Membership

Membership drive will start on May 3 before the game and continue to May 13. Lorraine stated that she is awaiting a spreadsheet from Dena. A line will be created for when renewal took place and when the member joined. Lorraine and Bob Gidden will get together between now and September to set up the membership information on the website.

Webmaster

Bob stated that he is on a steep learning curve. Dena is helping and is a wonderful teacher. Lorraine stated that she preferred that the entering of new members stay with her.

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Discussion on Club Operation

Claude gave an overview of where things stand with ACBL. ACBL has gone from financial difficulty to doing well with the online games since the advent of COVID and that is where their concentration now lies. It is cheaper for them to operate online. This is affecting the relationship with local clubs. We now have no control over special games whereas it used to be they were voluntary. ACBL is also providing more opportunities and points with regular and sectional game on ships. Their new direction is hurting bricks and mortar clubs and many have closed including Hamilton.

The recruitment of new members was discussed. Claude stated that we don't have the cadre of teachers for new members who are beginners.

Bob Gidden stated that the social group on Thursdays was getting 5-6 tables.

Claude stated that the Unit has dropped to 300 members from 400. ACBL is losing members.

Muriel pointed out that with expenses of \$130 we needed 6-7 tables to break even.

"Moved that if the Friday games continue at a loss through the month of May they would be cancelled until at least September." Moved by Bob, seconded by Claude. Carried

In order to promote attendance it was agreed that masks would be optional Starting on May 3. Also, we will again guarantee a partner.

Muriel will send an update to members and encourage them to come out.

It was agreed that the Community Centre billboard will be used to promote membership. Dan will be consulted regarding space and cost. (Lorraine).

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2000 hours. Moved by Bob seconded by Lorraine.

Next meeting at the call of the chair.

