

Niagara on the Lake Duplicate Bridge Centre
Management Committee Meeting Minutes
280 Johnson St. NOTL
October 31 2023 9:30 am



Present: Donna, Claude, Freda, Heather, Joan, John, Lorraine, Muriel

Meeting called to order at 9:30 by Muriel

Minutes from September 12, 2023 - moved by Joan, seconded by Claude; approved

New management: Muriel welcomed Freda to the Management Committee. The following positions were acclaimed:

- Chair and Treasurer – Muriel
- Vice-Chair – Heather
- Secretary – Freda
- Club Manager and Head Director – Claude
- Membership – Lorraine
- Publicity and Newsletter – Heather
- Social Chair – Donna
- Web Master – Joan
- Social Committee Member – John

Financial report - due to the fact that this meeting took place before the end of the month the report is not complete. The treasurer was waiting for expenses from the ACBL and Halloween. It did show a small profit and the club is financially stable. Moved by Muriel and seconded by Lorraine to approve the Financial Report as presented; approved

Social - Donna explained her forecast for the coming year and her committee of helpers. She has formulated job descriptions and the running of each event. She will organize her committee to take a lead in each event so later they will be knowledgeable and can be Donna's successor in the future.

The pricing of future Christmas social was discussed and will be revisited next year. Verne will continue to handle the wine while John was asked to handle the purchase of

beer and soft drinks. Donna gave John a breakdown of what has been purchased in the past. She also reiterated to him that he gives all receipts to Muriel for reimbursement.

There is a storage area in the Simpson room and Donna is going to organize it so extra supplies can be stored there.

Dates for upcoming events:

December 5 2023 – Christmas party

April 26 2024 – Spring Fling

July 30 2024 – Summer Social

October 22 2024 – AGM

December 3 2024 – Christmas party

Ticket sales for the Christmas social is steady so far with 20 tickets sold and 60 being the limit based on the size of the playing area. Since the club is highly subsidizing the party Members pay \$25, Non-members pay \$50.

Club manager - October 1st was the start of this fiscal year. Both Tuesday and Friday game days are in good order. Claude mentioned that November 7-10 the club will be closed for the Regional tournament in St. Catharine's.

Membership - the membership is currently 88 plus 3 lifetime members. Lorraine reminded us that she updates the membership list on our webpage.

Newsletter and Promotion report - A lengthy discussion regarding advertising in the local papers to invite new people to come out and play bridge at our club. As well as an advertisement there will be fliers around town to get novice players out and emphasis that this is a social club with events, food and fun not all serious bridge. In January an ad for "come out and play" will appear in the Local and Lake report inviting people to play at a novice level with their friends. Verne and Linda will be asked if they would be available to run this at the same time as our Friday game. It was decided that if they accept this request, they should get paid \$50 for their time.

Webmaster - Joan is getting more familiar with the webmaster program although she is finding it difficult with pdf and jpeg, she explained her problems to the committee members. They promised to help with the files they send to go on the web.

Other business - as agreed at the AGM, Muriel wrote a cheque for \$400.00 to be given to the Palliative Care Centre for NOTL.

New business - this coming April an event "bring a friend" asking members to bring a friend to play bridge for free with us on a Tuesday or Friday, once only. No BCON or bridge club members can play for free. Heather will arrange posters and advertisement.

Next meeting as necessary. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 am by Claude and seconded by Donna.