

Minutes of the North Bay Duplicate Bridge Club Executive Meeting February 3rd, 2021 at 9:30 am via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 am

Present: Jim Lamorie, Andy Aitchison, Richard Guillemette, Warren Hutchings, Gisele Lynch, Barry Grills and Jan Wood

Absent with regrets: Frank Turbach

Absent: Marg Dittmann, Pau; Bourassa

1. Approval of minutes: The minutes of the meeting of 6 Jan 2021 were accepted as presented.

Moved by Barry
Seconded by Gisele
Carried.

2. Reports:

a. Treasure: Warren

- i. Financial situation compared to last month is about the same, \$38,786.00 currently in the bank.
- ii. Our insurance renewal (which was dated back to October 2020) was paid.
- iii. An invoice for the cost to refurbish the Bridgemates was discussed.
- iv. Sudbury Club virtual games, cheque received for \$921.00
- v. The release of \$1000.00 held on our visa, has been switched back into the main account.
- vi. Our insurance policy reviewed, discussion followed, we paid for 'Business interruption-profit/rental income', limited to \$36,000.00 identified in 2019-2020 policy. In our existing policy for 2020-2021, this was identified as 'zero coverage', our broker was contacted to investigate this. Potentially, we may have a window of opportunity for a claim. Warren to continue to investigate in this area.
- Our policy with 'Knox Hutchison', was with Jardine Lloyd Thompson Canada Inc' acquired by Marsh and McLennan, US, on April 1st, 2019.
- Barry has previous experience in this area and will assist Warren.

b. Bookkeeper: Richard

- i. To maintain monthly and yearly financial statements.
- ii. Motion: Monthly financial statements to be continued, discussed the importance of keeping detailed records. Moved by Barry, second by Gisele, carried.
- iii. Warren, Richard to work together on this, Jim to assist as needed.

c. Chief Director: Marg - no report at this time.

d. Club Manager: Andy

- i. More players are wanting to play on BBO. Further discussion from our recent survey results below.

3. Special Games for February:

- a. BBO introducing Swiss games.
- b. BBO ACBL tournament for Gold points.

4. Closures due to Covid 19, our club continues to be closed.

5. Old Business:

- a. Key returns completed for Oak Street building.
- b. Insurance issues, Warren to continue to follow.
- c. Bookkeeper, Richard to keep detailed records.
- d. Sanctions for 2021, Andy applied.
- e. Refurbishment of Bridgemate's, 14 in total, \$547.00 (US)
- f. Bridge and McKenny results, Andy to contact Frank regarding the posting
- g. of them on our website.
- h. Common Game results emails, interruptions with Cogeco recently may have caused some members to not receive their results.

6. New Business

- a. Virtual Games Survey results were reviewed by Gisele. An extended discussion occurred with the consensus being it is a huge learning curve for our members!

Suggestions:

- Have a spare list.
- Call members who may want to play.
- Play online as a practice session, one morning a week.
- Offer introduction lessons to BBO via Zoom.
- Andy noted some common themes to improve on ie:
 - having no partners,
 - having technical issues,
 - signing on,
 - getting organizing
 - Payments to BBO.
- Gisele and Andy will prepare a 'fact page' to address these questions/guidelines to help our membership!
- A 'huge' thank you to Gisele and Andy!
- A copy of the survey will be attached to the hard copy of the minutes.

7. Date of next meeting, March 3rd, 2021 at 9:30 am via Zoom.

8. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.