REGINA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB
Minutes of Board Meeting held at the Club August 18, 2026

Present: Ron Miller, Sandy Bingaman, Lorna Bingaman, Geri Skilnick., Larry McCormick, Rick Rennebohm
Don Norman, club manager
Pam Keim
Regrets: Frank Fries

Ron Miller called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

1. **Approval of Agenda**, moved by Larry, seconded by Tanya. **Carried**.

2. Approval of February 7, 2026 minutes: moved by Larry, seconded by Tanya. **Carried.**

3. President's Report

Ron noted that our bank account at Conexus is now properly organized, with two big GICs maturing six months apart, the Lind donation in a separate smaller GIC, and about $15,000 in a chequeing account. He also welcomed Rick to the board.

4. Financial Report

Lorna reported that the club has a $2,100 profit for the first three months, and that table numbers continue strong. She moved adoption of her report, seconded by Rick. **Carried.**

5. AGM follow-up

Ron asked for any changes needed in the minutes from the June 23, 2026 meeting which he had circulated, and when none were raised, Tanya moved and Sandy seconded their acceptance. **Carried**

6. Psyching policy

Director and member Pam Keim presented her view that psyching, which is allowed by the ACBL, should be explained to new players in the club and thus would not need to be prohibited in any games. She volunteered to provide lessons about this before a rookie.master game on a Wednesday evening..

The board members then reviewed the previous psyching policy from 2015 and discussed at length its merits and problems and also the views on this held by directors and players. The Board will finalize its position on psyching at the next meeting.

7. Suggestions from Club members about use of last year's profit

7.1 Reducing punch-pass cost

This would reduce the club's income extensively, so now would not be a good time to do this because the club might be looking for new space in the next two years which would probably cost more**.**

7.2 Give free play passes to club champions and annual winners of highest master points and high percentage games. This was moved by Larry and seconded by Tanya**. Carried.**

7.3 Replacing chairs, including some larger ones

This was shelved because we don't have enough room for more furniture.

7.4 Buying cookies for team games

Don agreed to talk to Doug Charleson, who is currently bringing cookies to most games, about the club paying for cookies for the team games held regularly each month.

8. Wednesday night rookie point limit

At the AGM, Pat Harlton suggested lowering this to 200 points, but the board decided that with the Monday night limit now at 150, 300 was more appropriate. Moved by Larry and seconded by Tanya. **Carried.**

9. Facility Review Committee

Since our lease comes up for renewal in less than two years, Ron suggested that he would head up a committee to look for possible alternative sites, and that he would head this with Lorraine Garrett agreeing to join him. Also any other interested club members could join as well. Ron moved and Larry seconded that this committee begin working. **Carried.**

10 Independent lessons provided by Joyce and Scott

Ron announced that both these instructors have sessions planned for the fall.

11. Committee Reports –

Education: Tanya reported that advertising for the fall lessons, beginning September 22, will be by two lawn signs. She also noted that she is looking for a chance to take the ACBL's teacher training session, especially if it is held in Canada, and the board agreed to pay her expenses for this in lieu on payment for one session of lessons.

Tanya moved and Geri seconded the following motion: Whereas students taking lessons that obtain free ACBL memberships are also given a free club membership and there is a discrepancy between fall students and spring students in the number of months that their free club membership applies, be it resolved that

*Students taking lessons in the fall get a free ACBL Guest membership shall receive a free club membership good until April 30th. They will be offered a regular club membership at half price for the following year.

*Students taking lessons in the spring that get a free ACBL Guest membership shall receive a free club membership good until April 30th of the following year. **Carried**.

12. Club Membership Renewal

There are several advantages of club memberships for our players

*saving $1.00 per game played
*playing for free in special games like the AGM and Christmas party
*only members can be club champion and receive a free play
*ability to vote at the AGM.

Tanya moved and Geri seconded that to entice new players to get a membership part way through the year, the club will sell a membership for $2.50 per month for the remaining months starting November 1st. Thus, the membership fee will be as follows:

*From May to October 31, the full price (for 2026-7, $25.00).
*From Nov. 1 to April 30, 10% of the full price per month (for 2026-7, $2.50). **Carried.**

13. Date of Next Meeting: Saturday November 7, 2026 at 10:00 a.m..

Meeting moved adjourned by Geri at 9:30.