

REGINA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM)
Held at the Club June 24, 2025

Present: A constituted quorum of approximately 50 members

Ron Miller called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Before starting the formal agenda, member Dow Cooney gave a demonstration of the proper use of our AED device so that members would know what to do in a medical emergency.

1. Adoption of the agenda: Pat Harlon moved and Joyce Butler seconded that the agenda be adopted. **Carried.**

2. Approval of the Minutes of June 25, 2024 AGM: Don Norman moved adoption of these minutes, seconded by Mo Adams. **Carried.**

3. President's Report

After welcoming everyone, President Ron Miller noted that the club now has 128 members, up from 116 last year. He thanked the current board members for their service, especially mentioning retiring member Gaylene Spence who has served for several years while also heading up the education committee and teaching beginner lessons. He then thanked the club's directors, Joyce Butler, Claire Jones, Kevin Young, Cal McLeod, Don Norman, Wayne Petrychyn, and the team of Pam Keim and Jason Larrivee who have run all the games during the year, covering when someone was absent so that no games had to be cancelled. He noted that he has just qualified as a director and now realizes more than ever how much work these people do and pointed out that we still need more people to become directors. Thanks, were also extended to all the members who helped out various tasks, such as the volunteers who came out on Thursday evenings to help in the under-20 master points game. He also praised Unit 573 for their financial help for our lesson advertisements and their plan to share supplies in the future.

Ron also mentioned some of the changes which occurred in the past year. One of these was lowering the master-point limit on Tuesday afternoon from 1200 to 750 which has already led to more players coming to the open games on Monday and Friday and will hopefully encourage some of the newer players to try Tuesdays. On Thursday evenings when there are no lessons, there have been games for players initially with fewer than 20 points and recently raised to 50. Another new game is the open event run Friday evenings run by Pam Keim and Jason Larrivee which includes a birthday celebration complete with cake once a month. Also, the limit on the Wednesday evening master-rookie game was raised to 300 points for the rookies, and at Pat Harlton's suggestion he will send out a notice asking for more masters to mentor new players in this game. One reason that the club has more games for new players is the success of our beginner lessons over the year which attracted as many as 28 players some evenings.

Pat Harlton indicated she thought the new Wednesday evening rookie masterpoint limit was too high: Ron said the Board will reevaluate this at a future Board meeting.

4. Financial Report

Treasurer Lorna Bingaman presented the six-page financial report covering the period May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025.

She began by thanking Judy Ferguson for helping her create a more modern format, and also pointing out that unlike both last year and those going forward, this one covered only eleven months, a fact that should be noted in comparison with previous years. Page 1 listed the Club's current financial assets of \$87,385. Page 2 had three columns, showing the 2024-25 budget, the actual revenues and expenditures for that year, and the comparative information for 2023-24. She noted that revenues were more than \$11,100 higher than budgeted and up about \$3,000 from the previous year, in spite of the fact

that these were for only eleven months. Expenses were about \$1,600 more than budgeted but nearly \$3,800 lower than the previous year. Page 3 and 4 were notes to the financial statement, which included the basis of accounting and the details of the club's assets including its investments. Page 5 contained the budget for the current fiscal year as well as comparative figures from the two previous years. Page 6 provided the monthly table counts which showed a total of 2103.8 tables, about 40 tables higher than the previous year in spite of being one month shorter.

Throughout her report she noted that things are going well at the club, with revenues and table counts higher than expected, leading to a profit of \$9,498 for the year. Hopefully this will continue this year, but there are a few reasons to be cautious. One is the change of the Tuesday afternoon game limit which will lower the table counts there, but will hopefully be offset by higher numbers on Monday and Friday afternoons. A second is the change to paying a fixed fee per lesson to the bridge teacher and for the copying required, so there is no risk to the teacher but could result in a cost to the club if enrollment is low. A third is the possibility of having to replace the Bridgemates, which are now several years old or needing to buy more to have enough to run regional tournaments. These considerations caused the board to leave the table fees at the current rate of \$8 per member per game.

Frank Fries moved and Pam Keim seconded that this report be adopted as presented. **Carried.**

Wayne Natrass moved and Judy Ferguson seconded that the club forego an audit of the financial statement for the year ending April 30, 2026. **Carried.**

Don Norman moved and Rick Gaucher seconded that the club forego a review of the financial statement for the year ending April 30, 2026. **Carried.**

5. Committee Reports

None submitted

6. Election of Officers

Ron Miller announced executive officers of the Club, namely President Ron Miller, Vice-President Frank Fries, Treasurer Lorna Bingaman, and Secretary Sandy Bingaman, are willing to continue to be on the Board as are Members-at-Large Larry McCormick, Geri Skilnick, and Avinash Bhende. Don Norman nominated Tanya Simes as a Member-at-Large. Angela Duczek moved and Lance Connell seconded that nominations cease. **Carried.**

7. Recognition of 2024-25 award winners

Ron Miller presented a list of the players who won the various club championships. The Joan Schneider player of the year and Under 100 top player was Doug Charleson and rookie of the year was Brian Shore.

8. Other business

Jan Carter announced that James Dulmage is Saskatchewan's representative to District 18 of the ACBL. Don Norman noted that anyone interested in using the partnership website needs to sign up for it. Ron Miller indicated that Tanya Simes will take over the teaching of the beginner lessons in the fall. Jan Carter suggested that it would be useful to try to match more rookies with mentors for the Wednesday evening game; Ron Miller indicated communication would be sent out to try to find more mentors.

9. Motion to adjourn

Mo Adams moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:50 p.m.