

REGINA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB
Minutes of Board Meeting held at the Club April 26, 2025

Present: Ron Miller, Sandy Bingaman, Lorna Bingaman, Frank Fries, Geri Skilnick., Avinash Bhende, Larry McCormick,

Regrets: Gaylene Spence

Don Norman, club manager, Pam Keim and Jason Larrivee, presenting proposals

Ron Miller called the meeting to order at 10:00

1. Approval of the agenda with addition of procurement volunteer: moved by Larry, seconded by Geri. **Carried.**

2. Approval of February 25, 2025 minutes : moved by Avinash, seconded by Larry. **Carried.**

3. Two proposals from Pam Keim regarding a Friday night game and rules regarding the need for convention cards

Pam's first proposal was to volunteer to establish and direct an open Friday night game beginning June 6 which would include a birthday celebration with cake on the last game of each month. The atmosphere would be quite casual, people could come without partners and players could ask questions about topics they need help with.

Her second proposal was for clarity about the club's rules regarding the need for players having convention cards. She quoted a rule from a 2019 meeting which requires these for all players at all games. She suggested that she could make this a topic of discussion on Friday nights to help anyone who needed help filling these out.

There was agreement to try the Friday night game for perhaps three months and then evaluate it. There was also consensus that the current club requirement for convention cards be kept but that enforcement of it should be by positive suggestions rather than penalties.

4. President's Report

Ron noted that things continue to go well at the club. Also, he had received a donation of \$500 from the Huber family as a tribute to Alice Huber, a life master and long time player who passed away in January, and he and Dr. Huber agreed that the funds would be used for education. A second item was the interest expressed in restarting the under-20 Thursday evening game after the current lessons end, provided a director is available.

5. Financial Report

Lorna reported that the table counts remain high. The club will need to file one income tax return which she will do as soon as she has the year-end statements available. She moved acceptance of her report, seconded by Larry. **Carried.**

6. STaC games March

Sandy reported that the club had hosted three sessions of Royal StaC games on Monday, Thursday, and Friday. The cost of ACBL sanction fees for these was \$210.95 higher than regular game fees, but attendance was six tables above normal, yielding \$192. There was agreement that these games are too expensive to hold regularly but that Don should look for STaC games for Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday evening so that players at those games have the opportunity to earn coloured points as well.

7. Tuesday afternoon game limit

Larry reported that his request for feedback from members on the idea of reducing the limit for this game from 1200 to 750 points had yielded 28 written replies, with a majority expressing mild interest

in this plan. This was agreed to by consensus with the change to come into effect on June 1 to allow players to adjust their schedules, hopefully to allow those no longer eligible to play on Monday and/or Friday and those left without their regular partners to find new ones.

8. Recap of year's education promotion costs

Sandy reported that the Unit had contributed substantially to these, paying for the rental of the lawn sign in both fall and spring and half of the LeaderPost advertising bills of approximately \$1750, leaving the cost for the club at \$875. This amount will be deducted from the education trust account.

9. Need for new procurement volunteer

Ron reported that he is pursuing a few possible candidates for this position which must be filled soon because we need more cups now.

10. Honorariums for club management

By consensus it was agreed to pay club managers Don Norman and Jim Bingaman \$1760 and \$440 respectively, based on the distribution of their duties and the fact that the current fiscal year is only 11 months long.

11. Club membership sales

Frank reported that he had sold just over 100 2025-6 memberships and is preparing a list of unpaid people to give to the directors so they can either collect these fees or charge people \$9 per game starting May 1. He noted that our current membership cards say our year runs from June 1 to May 31, which is no longer correct, so there was consensus to order new cards with the right dates.

12. Club Management

Don reported that there have been some questions regarding the use of psyche bids and suggested a way to provide clarity on this and other issues regarding convention cards: the use of the Basic + Convention Chart. This ACBL document clearly describes legal bids and requirements for alerts, information which would help directors in making calls. Geri moved and Larry seconded that the club adopt this document for all games with no upper master point limits. **Carried**

13. Committee Reports – no reports

14. Date of Next Meeting: Saturday, June 7, 2025, at 10:00.

Meeting moved adjourned by Geri at 12:10.