

REGINA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB
Minutes of Board Meeting held at the Club February 7, 2026

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

Ron Miller called the meeting to order at 10:00

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

2. Approval of November 1 , 2025 minutes : moved by Tanya, seconded by Frank. **Carried.**

3. President's Report

Ron noted once again that things were going very well at the club.

4. Financial Report

Lorna reported that the club now has a \$15,000 profit so far this year. She asked for guidance about how to manage the Lind memorial fund GIC which was set up to support education at the club. Currently the educational costs are significantly higher than previous years due to the cost of advertising lessons with both LeaderPost ads and the lawn sign and our decision to pay the person teaching lessons from club funds, costs high enough that the Lind fund would be quickly emptied if all these were covered, even with ACBL Unit 573 covering half the advertising costs.. This issue was tabled.

Sandy moved and Tanya seconded that manager Don Norman be paid an honorarium of \$2400 at the end of April. **Carried.**

5. Psychic bids: definition and enforcement

As requested by Ron, Jason Larrivee reported extensively on this issue. He and Ron both noted that the ACBL rules allow this practice, but that the definition of it is not completely clear, especially when it comes to new players who might not know anything about it. He also noted that different directors at the club are applying the rules differently, leaving him and others confused and unhappy.

Board members made various comments about this problem, most noting that it was very important that newer players not be scared away from the game and that directors be comfortable with the policy on the issue so that they do not refuse to direct any more.

The issue was tabled, with Ron promising to consult manager Don Norman and set up a meeting with the directors to get their input.

6. Insurance

Since the club has to renew its insurance each spring according to our lease, Ron had two quotes, one from our current insurer Barlow and Dusek, and another from member Scott Rosen, both of which were about \$1900. These are high because our lease requires us to have \$4,000,000 for public liability, which seems very high, so Ron was going to contact our landlord to try to reduce this.

7. Upgrading of Task List

The board reviewed the previous task list, changing some of the volunteers and agreeing to search for new ones for some categories. Ron will type up the current list.

8. Use of the club for non-bridge events

Ron asked about our current policy on this which states that our standard cost for rental is \$50 for a half day and \$100 for a full one, with prior approval from the executive required. Ron will deal with a request from Pat Harlton.

9. AGM plans

The date for this year's AGM will be Tuesday, June 23, at 6:00 p.m. to be followed by free game.

7. Committee Reports –

Education: Tanya reported that she currently has about 10 people interested in the next lessons, starting March 3. Some of these students were unable to complete the previous lessons and others are repeating them to improve their skills. She asked, and the board agreed, that these people as well as any other students will get two free plays and free club memberships for 2026-27 at the end of the lessons.

14. Date of Next Meeting: Saturday, ???, at 10:00.

Meeting moved adjourned by Larry at 12:00.