

November 6, 2023
Apache Room – Chaparral
3:55 pm

ACBL Duplicate Bridge Membership Support Meeting

President, Dick Stuckey called the meeting to order.

Dick gave a brief background of issues that caused the ACBL duplicate bridge games to be cancelled.

He relayed that 2 separate clubs, as had been suggested by some duplicate players was not an option for the CAM Activities staff.

Dick described the small focus group that met in early October to brainstorm ideas to present to the club membership to support ACBL Bridge (duplicate) at Grand, or not.

Dick introduced Ellie Workman to describe the focus group brainstorming and lead the discussion.

Ellie listed the hurdles in restarting and sustaining the duplicate games.

1. Finding a club manager.
2. Finding directors that can be patient with new players.
3. Finding and addressing the reason Grand players left the Grand duplicate games.

After discussion and comments from several attendees Ellie asked for a show of hands indicating interest in non-sanctioned games and interest in restarting ACBL bridge at Grand. Both concepts received significant support and it was decided to develop subcommittees to organize the games and personnel needed to run the games on an on-going basis.

During the meeting Dick Towner volunteered to be the club manager. A group volunteered to serve on a sub-committee to discuss culture, organization of the games and organization of the duties required to run an ACBL sanction duplicate bridge game at Grand and assist him.

A similar group will be organized to develop the non-sanctioned duplicate game.

In further discussion Jackie Langlois volunteered to direct an ACBL Sunday game once per month. ACBL regular players know of other players in Grand and the west valley that should be contacted to serve as directors.

After agreeing on the plans to go forward Dick adjourned the meeting.
Approximately 60 members attended.

Diana Near
Secretary

