

Westside Duplicate Bridge Club Meeting
Thursday February 8, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 3:25 p.m. In attendance: Marty Kelly, Judy Cass, Elaine Hansen-Hill and Diane Christianson.

Moved by Elaine Hansen-Hill and seconded by Diane Christianson that the minutes of December 14, 2023 be approved as submitted. Motion carried.

As our Treasurer, Mary Ann McKenzie is away, no financial update was available.

New Business:

The cancellation of Tuesday games has resulted in members going to Kelowna, or not playing at our club at all. The Board is committed to keeping our club active and viable.

To be fair to new players and encourage them to feel welcome, Elaine Hansen-Hill, club manager, presented a proposal that would restructure the Tuesday game. This proposal would also assist solo players, as a partner would be guaranteed, and would address the concern beginner and novice players have about playing with those who are more advanced.

Peachland is starting a new non-sanctioned game on Saturday February 10th, 2024 and the Senior's Centre offers another non-sanctioned game on Mondays. This new game would be the only 0-199 ACBL sanctioned game in West Kelowna.

Moved by Marty Kelly, seconded by Elaine Hansen-Hill that starting April 2, 2024, Tuesday games will be limited to those players with 200 or less masterpoints (0-200 game), with a non-playing director. Discussion. Motion passed.

Elaine Hansen-Hill agreed to inform and survey our players via the website. She will ask Ashok Sil to email the current membership with the new game details. She will also contact Kelowna and Peachland about the new game. Marty Kelly will contact the Westside Weekly newspaper and Judy Cass will create posters for distribution in West Kelowna and Peachland. We will also contact independent living facilities to encourage any bridge players who may enjoy this new format.

Our Tuesday Director, Lynda Marshall is away until mid-April. Moved by Judy Cass and seconded by Elaine Hansen-Hill that Tuesday games be cancelled until April 2, 2024. Discussion. Motion passed. Elaine Hansen-Hill agreed to organize the Tuesday games until Lynda returns.

Lion's Hall - The City of West Kelowna has no availability for WDBC on March 21 and 28, 2024. Discussion about alternative venues. Tabled to the next meeting when we have more information on possible alternate locations.

As there was no further business, moved by Elaine Hansen-Hill and seconded by Marty Kelly the meeting adjourn at 4:15 p.m. Motion carried.