

MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting
ACBL Unit 573
May 5, 2018
Regina Duplicate Bridge Club (RDBC), Regina

President Miller called the regular Unit Board of Directors meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

Present: Barb Miller, Fiona Bishop, Sandra Benson, Tina Allen, Rick Gaucher, Ron Miller, Bev Stepler (until about noon), Lorraine Garratt.

Absent: Ray Webb.

Others Present: Claire Jones, Doug Rankin

1. MOTION by Stepler

Move to approve the agenda.

Seconded by Allen and carried without dissent.

2. MOTION by Ron Miller

Move to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2018 meeting.

Seconded by Gaucher and carried without dissent.

Motions passed by email approval since February 20, 2018 meeting were confirmed as:

1. Free Play Motion

Moved by Barb Miller, seconded by Ron Miller, that ACBL Unit 573 provide one free play for one 299er Pair session on either April 26, April 27 or April 28 at the Regina Spring 2018 Sectional Tournament to individuals who reside within the geographical area over which the Unit has jurisdiction who have less than 100 masterpoints.

2. Bylaws History Motion

Moved by Barb Miller, seconded by Ron Miller, that the ACBL Unit 573 bylaws document history be removed from the updated bylaws that will be put forth for approval at the March 24, 2018 Annual General Meeting and that the bylaws document history be maintained as a separate document outside the actual bylaws.

3. Bylaws Member Motion

Moved by Barb Miller, seconded by Lorraine Garratt, that the first sentence of Section 6.1 of the Unit bylaws which will be brought forth to the March 24, 2018 Annual General Meeting be changed to the following: "Any person who is a member in good standing of the ACBL who resides within the geographical area over which the Unit has jurisdiction shall be a member of the Unit."

4. Fall 2018 Sectional Motion

Moved by Barb Miller, seconded by Ron Miller, that the Regina Fall 2018 Sectional be held from October 11-14, 2018 at the Glencairn Rec. Centre and that the Unit President be authorized to make the

necessary arrangements.

3. Review of Action Items from Prior Meetings

(a) Promotion of 299er Participation at Sectional Tournaments.

At the April 26-29 sectional tournament in Regina, 19 free plays were issued to players with fewer than 100 mps and 17 were used, with some players entering subsequent sessions of the tournament. One temporary ACBL membership was sold. Allen will promote participation in the Regina Fall 2018 Sectional to 299ers.

MOTION by Bishop, seconded by Stepler, that ACBL Unit 573 provide one free play for one 299er Pair session on either October 11, 12, or 13 at the Regina Fall 2018 Sectional Tournament to individuals who have fewer than 100 masterpoints as of August 31, 2018 and reside within the geographical area over which the Unit has jurisdiction. Carried.

Unit 573's September meeting will discuss the possibility of placing a pre-session mini-lesson within the sectional tournament schedule. Possible compensation for presenter might be a free play.

(b) AGM

- New Unit name has been changed at ISC, and ACBL has been advised
- New Unit bylaws have been sent to ACBL
- Unit Board of Directors have been updated at both ISC and ACBL
- Annual return and financial statement have been filed at ISC
- WASUMI website has been updated to reflect new Unit name and current Board of Directors as well as links provided to updated Unit bylaws and subsidy policy

(c) Possible Different Game at Future Regina Sectional

Discussed under agenda item 7 (b)

(d) Venue for Fall 2018 Sectional

Signed contract has been dropped off at the Glencairn Neighbourhood Recreation Centre.

4. Treasurer's Report

(a) Gaucher completed the financial institution change. Interest rates and service fees are more attractive than at previous institution.

(b) April 2018 Sectional Tournament financial results were reviewed.

(c) Current Unit financial situation was discussed.

5. Annual General Meeting

(a) Feedback re: March 24, 2018 AGM: Begin the meeting later than 11 a.m., so there is not such a long break until the game starts. Food was good. Don't need to purchase so many soft drinks.

Discussion ensued about scheduling the AGM during the Spring 2018 sectional or on a separate stand-alone date. 2019 AGM will not be held during the Spring 2018 sectional.

(b) Draft Minutes. **MOTION** by Bishop to accept the draft minutes of the March 24, 2018 AGM and put them forth for approval at the 2019 AGM.

Seconded by Stepler. Carried.

(c) Date of 2019 AGM

President Miller to discuss with the RDBC President availability of the Regina Duplicate Bridge Club (RDBC) facility for a potential Unit AGM on March 16, 2019.

(d) Allocation of Responsibilities for 2019 AGM

- Order Mini-McKenney Medallions - Gaucher
- Obtain Game Sanction - President Miller
- Arrange Director and Duplication - President Miller
- Food and Hospitality - Stepler
- Publicity - President Miller
- Set-up/Clean-up - President Miller and Ron Miller
- Present Ace of Club Certificates and Mini-McKenney Medallions - President Miller

6. Non-Officer ACBL Positions

- Unit Electronic Contact - President Miller
- Unit Disciplinary Chair - Ron Miller
- Unit Recorder - Gaucher
- Unit Tournament Coordinator - President Miller (with Benson assisting)
- Unit Webmaster - Jones
- Unit IN Coordinator - Allen

7. Regina Sectional Tournament Matters

(a) Feedback re: April 2018 Sectional Tournament, including review of attendance and possible changes for future tournaments.

There was lower attendance than for the April 2017 Sectional Tournament. Some players expressed reluctance to participate in Sunday Swiss Teams due to having to compete directly against high level competitors. Discussed trying to attract more intermediate and newcomer players to the Sunday Swiss Teams by using alternate ways of conducting the game, including the possibility of starting the session with A's vs. A's; B's vs. B's; C's vs. C's.

(b) Regina Fall 2018 Sectional

Tournament Chair – Stepler

Partnership Contact – President Miller will ask Jason Larrivee

- Possible Different Game at Regina Fall Sectional: The Open Pairs/Team Game will be inserted into the schedule as the 7 p.m. Friday session and the draft program will be revised accordingly. There will be no IMP Pairs game.
- Selling 50/50s. President Miller will try to obtain licence from SLGA. If we obtain the SLGA licence, the Board agreed to provide the 50/50 proceeds to the RDBC.

- Entry fees will remain the same as for the Spring 2018 Sectional Tournament.

(c) Review of Upcoming Sectional Tournament Dates

- Sanctioned: Regina Fall 2018 - October 11-14, 2018
Regina Spring 2019 - April 25-28, 2019
- Tentative: April 30-May 3, 2020
October 22-25, 2020
- There will be no Regina Fall 2019 Sectional because the Regina 2019 Regional will be held in October 2019.

8. Next Meeting – September 8, 2018

The meeting adjourned at 12:42 p.m.