

MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting
ACBL Unit 573
November 6, 2019
Regina Duplicate Bridge Club, Regina

President Miller called the regular Unit Board of Directors meeting to order shortly after 2:30 p.m. In attendance and constituting a quorum were:

Present: Barb Miller, Fiona Bishop, Wayne Nattrass, Tina Allen, Rick Gaucher, Jan Carter, Sandra Benson and Rick Grieman. Allen and Benson were excused about 3:50 p.m.

Others Present: Claire Jones (after 3:00 p.m.)

Regrets: Lorraine Garratt

1. **MOTION** by Gaucher to approve the agenda.

Seconded by Benson and carried without dissent.

2. **MOTION** by Grieman to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2019 meeting.

Seconded by Allen and carried without dissent.

3. Treasurer's Report

(a) Treasurer Gaucher reviewed the 2019 Regina 299er Sectional financial results. The Unit Board expressed appreciation to Claire Jones for directing this tournament.

(b) Gaucher presented the Unit's current financial situation. **MOTION** by Gaucher that the financial reports be accepted. Seconded by Benson and carried without dissent.

4. 2019 299er Sectional

Positive feedback was received from attendees of the 2019 Regina 299er Sectional. Negative feedback received from Family Services related to this tournament was discussed.

5. Feedback re: 2019 Regina Regional

Positive: Good hospitality, Italian Club was a good venue (good parking, good lighting, good chairs, and staff were responsive to issues that arose), new decks of cards. Negative: Venue was cold on Monday night. Some people wondered why there were no 50/50s sold but seemed satisfied when an explanation was provided. The Regional Organizing Committee did not utilize any of the \$1,000 which the Unit had offered to supplement hospitality at the regional.

6. Future Sectional Tournaments

(a) 2020 Sectionals

- April 30-May 3, 2020
 - Venue: Eastview Community Centre
 - Chairperson: Bishop

- Partnerships: Jason Larrivee
- Mini-Lesson (Friday at 6:15 p.m.): Jones
- Brochure: Draft brochure was reviewed and a minor wording change was made to Note 1.
- Promotion: Closer to the tournament, Carter will coordinate a phoning initiative to encourage people to attend the tournament. Miller will make and distribute copies of the brochure.
- Free Play: Unit 573 Players with fewer than 100 mps at February 29, 2020 will be provided with one free play for this tournament.

- October 22-25, 2020

- Miller is to find a Chairperson for the Regina Fall 2020 Sectional.

(b) 2021 Sectionals

- April 22-25, 2021
- October 21-24, 2021

Sanctions have been obtained from ACBL and the Eastview Community Centre has been booked for the 2021 sectionals.

(c) 299er Sectional

There was discussion about whether Unit 573 should host a 299er sectional in 2020 and possible dates of such a tournament. Miller will check with the Regina Duplicate Bridge Club (RDDB) as to whether the Unit could use the RDDB facility on June 13 and 14, 2020 for a 299er sectional tournament. Carter and Allen will co-chair this tournament and Jones will direct if available. Jones will advise Miller early in 2020 as to whether he is available to direct this tournament.

7. Annual General Meeting (AGM) – April 25, 2020

(a) Allocation of Responsibilities

- Order Mini-McKenney medallions – Gaucher
- Game sanction – Miller has obtained sanction
- Game directing – Jones agreed to direct the game subsequent to the AGM
- Board duplication – Miller will arrange
- Food/Hospitality – Benson
- Nominations – Miller
- Publicity – Miller
- Present Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney medallions – Miller/Gaucher

8. Other Business

(a) ACBL Marketing Solutions: ACBL will no longer pay for ACBL Marketing Solutions beyond 2019. If Units or Districts wish to continue using this service in 2020, they need to make their own arrangements with ACBL Marketing Solutions. Jones indicated this was going to be discussed at the upcoming ACBL Board meeting in San Francisco so a decision as to how to proceed will be deferred until after the San Francisco NABC.

(b) **MOTION** by Gaucher that the Unit purchase an additional 10 free plays to be used by President Miller at her discretion to give to volunteers for sectional tournaments and other Unit-sponsored events. Seconded by Natrass and carried without dissent.

9. Next Meeting: late March or early April, 2020.

The meeting adjourned shortly after 4 p.m.