

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**ACBL Unit 573**  
**March 30, 2019**  
Regina Duplicate Bridge Club (RDBC), Regina

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

**Present:** Barb Miller, Fiona Bishop, Wayne Nattrass, Tina Allen, Rick Gaucher, Jan Carter, Rick Grieman and Lorraine Garratt. Sandra Benson joined at 10:55 a.m.

**Others Present:** Claire Jones

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

Seconded by Carter and carried without dissent.

**2. MOTION** by Gaucher to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2018 meeting.

Seconded by Allen and carried without dissent.

**3. Treasurer's Report**

(a) Treasurer Gaucher reviewed the Unit's 2019 financial activity to-date and its current financial position.

(b) Etransfers: Gaucher reported that Etransfers had been successfully utilized for a few payments and will continue to be used in the future when deemed appropriate.

**4. Annual General Meeting**

(a) Feedback and what we might change for 2020

Positive: Lots of food; presenting the Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney awards at the same time saved repetition and time; format was well-received and attendance was good. Some out-of-town players attended. Negative: A couple of people didn't eat the tacos, one of the two (on a keto diet) could have, but ate before arriving.

**MOTION** by Bishop that the draft minutes of the 2019 AGM state there was one dissenting vote on the motion to forego an audit of the 2019 financial statements as well as one dissenting vote on the motion to forego a review of the 2019 financial statements and that the draft minutes as so amended be put forth for approval at the 2020 AGM. Seconded by Carter and carried without dissent.

**MOTION** by Nattrass that the date of the 2020 AGM be April 25, if the Regina Duplicate Bridge Club is available for the Unit to use that day. Seconded by Allen and carried without dissent.

**5. Subsidy Policy**

(a) Amount of subsidy to provide Ray Webb and Byron Seymour for attending Memphis NAP

**MOTION** by Gaucher that Byron Seymour receive \$200 and Ray Webb \$150. Seconded by Bishop and carried with 2 opposed.

(b) Should any changes be made to the existing subsidy policy?

Board members agreed that no changes to the current subsidy policy should be made.

## **6. Updates re: Future Tournaments**

(a) Spring 2019 Sectional

Hospitality Co-ordinator Allen presented plans for hospitality at the 2019 Spring Sectional. Jones, Gaucher and Natrass in charge of set-up. Benson in charge of the clean-up crew. Sign-up sheets to be put out at Regina Duplicate Bridge Club and directors will be asked to encourage people to sign up for providing food, helping with set-up, clean-up and take-down.

Proposed agenda item for next Board meeting: consideration of whether game fees should be adjusted for long-time players who are now non-active ACBL members.

(b) Regina 2019 Regional

October 14-20. No discussion.

(c) 2020 Sectionals

April 30-May 3 and October 22-25. No discussion.

Discussion by President Miller about 2021 sectional dates. April 22-25 for the spring sectional and October 21-24 for the fall sectional. President Miller to arrange the sanctions.

## **7. Review of District 18 Survey Results of Players with Fewer than 500 Masterpoints (mps) and Discussion of What We Should Do to Increase Intermediate/Newcomer (I/N) Participation**

Players with fewer than 200 mps may be more comfortable with participating if they received more coaching re: etiquette, convention card preparation and explanation of how stratification enables less experienced players to rank better.

Proposed agenda item for next Board meeting: the possibility of holding an I/N tournament in 2020.

## **8. Other Business**

President Miller asked for more free play cards for use for people helping out at the spring sectional and in the future as deemed appropriate. **MOTION** by Gaucher that we purchase another 10 free plays. Seconded by Benson and carried without dissent.

President Miller advised that the North Saskatchewan Unit has a Hall of Fame. Proposed agenda item for next meeting: do we want to establish a Hall of Fame for our Unit?

**9. Next Meeting:** May 11, 2019.