

MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting
ACBL Unit 573

September 2, 2017
Regina Duplicate Bridge Club (RDBC), Regina

President Miller called the regular Unit Board of Directors meeting to order at 9 a.m.
Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

Present: Barb Miller, Fiona Bishop, Ray Webb, Rick Gaucher, Ron Miller, Rose Dunitz,
Lorraine Garratt

Absent: Ken Gabora (excused), Jason Larrivee (absent)

Others Present: Claire Jones

1. MOTION by Gaucher

Move to approve the agenda.
Seconded by Bishop and carried without dissent.

2. MOTION by Bishop

Move to approve the minutes of October 29, 2016 meeting.
Seconded by Gaucher and carried without dissent.

3. TWO EMAIL MOTIONS by President Miller were filed which had been approved since the October 29, 2016 meeting.

a. Move that Unit #573 reimburse Jason Larrivee, Pamela Keim, Peter Worby and Darien Cozart each \$120 for their entry fee for the Canadian National Team Championship held in Winnipeg from April 29-May 7, 2017.

Seconded by Gaucher and carried without dissent. Not voting (due to conflict of interest), Larrivee.

b. Move that the Unit #573 registered office/ mailing address be the home address of the then current President.

Seconded by Gaucher and carried without dissent.

4. Treasurer's Report:

a. Treasurer Gaucher distributed the cash flow and balance sheet statement.

b. Treasurer Gaucher reported that service fees at the present financial institution are higher than at some other institutions.

MOTION by Gaucher: Treasurer be authorized to research banking fees at other institutions and move the Unit #573 account to another financial institution, if deemed appropriate, as well as the investments when they mature.

Seconded by Bishop and carried without dissent.

MOTION by Dunitz: That there be a requirement that two out of three designated officers (President, Treasurer and Secretary) be required to sign cheques, effective October 1, 2017.

Seconded by Webb and carried without dissent.

5. Tournament Co-ordinator's Report – Dunitz

a. Upcoming tournament dates were reviewed.

b. Several tactics were successfully used in recent tournaments: a posted list of volunteers and special efforts to attract 229ers. A draft of the brochure for the October 2017 sectional tournament in Regina was distributed.

ACTION ITEM: President Miller and Bishop will update the brochure for subsequent Board review.

6. Other Tournament Matters

a. Moose Jaw Regional – May 14-20, 2018.

ACTION ITEM: President Miller will speak with District 18 director Ann Vermette at the Saskatoon Regional tournament about plans, hospitality and supplies for the upcoming Moose Jaw Regional.

b. Games/possible changes at future tournaments: Discussion included Pairs IMPs games; the possibility of a special game to enhance intermediate level players' experience; and the possibility of a Gold Rush Regional (masterpoint limit 750).

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Bishop to revisit a previous conversation about the special game with Doug Rankin, and report back.

2. President Miller to speak with District 18 director Ann Vermette at the Saskatoon Regional tournament about the possibility of a Gold Rush Regional.

c. Future of sectional tournaments in Regina in view of a new RDBC location in summer of 2018 was briefly discussed. No active involvement at this time.

7. AGM

- a. Draft minutes from the June 17, 2017 AGM were reviewed and accepted for approval at the 2018 AGM. They will be forwarded (noted as draft) for posting on the Wasumi website (Word format).
- b. Feedback re June 17, 2017 AGM: Change start time to 11 a.m., organize and promote earlier and change lunch option.
- c. Date for next AGM. Tentative: March 24, 2018.

ACTION ITEM: President Miller will speak with RDBC President Quinlan to see if the RDBC is available to use on March 24, 2018 for the Unit AGM.

d. Assignment of responsibilities for 2018 AGM: Ordering Mini-McKenney pins, Gaucher; obtaining game sanction, arranging director and duplicating, Dunitz; food and hospitality, Dunitz and Garratt; publicity including email to RDBC database and an email blast through ACBL Unit, Webb; resolution requests and bylaws to be posted and publicized (minimum of 30 days in advance), President Miller; nominating committee, Bishop; set-up and clean-up, Gaucher, Webb, Ron Miller and Larrivee; rent, President Miller to speak with RDBC President Quinlan.

8. Subsidy Policy

The wording “given year” in the existing Unit subsidy policy is unclear and can be interpreted in different ways, e.g., preceding calendar year, or year prior to the event being subsidized.

MOTION: Gaucher moved that people qualifying under the subsidy policy from either the 2016 calendar year or from the Regina fall 2016 sectional and the Regina spring 2017 sectional will have entry fees paid for the District 18 North American Pairs final in September 2017 in Saskatoon.

Webb seconded. Carried. Abstaining, Bishop.

ACTION ITEM: President Miller will draft an updated subsidy policy for review at a future meeting.

9. Unit Name

There currently are multiple names in use for the Unit and consistency was deemed desirable for the future.

MOTION: Bishop moved that Ron Miller undertake steps necessary to change the Unit's current incorporated name to ACBL South Sask Unit 573 Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$100, and advise all necessary entities.

Seconded by Gaucher and carried without dissent.

10. Other Business

a. President Miller encouraged the Board to promote attendance at the September 26, 2017 recognition evening of the Worbys for their contribution of the Bridgemates to the Unit and the RDBC.

MOTION: Bishop moved that the Unit contribute one-half the cost of the appreciation function and gift.

Seconded by Gaucher and carried without dissent.

b. Posting of Unit's information. Unit information is on the Wasumi website. President Miller will forward meeting minutes to Claire Jones for posting on the Wasumi website.

11. Bylaws

Bylaw discussion is postponed to the next meeting.

12. Next Meeting

Saturday, December 2 at 9:30 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Lorraine Garratt.