

MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting
ACBL Unit 573
December 1, 2018
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, Ray Webb, Sandra Benson, Tina Allen, Rick Gaucher, Bev Stepler, Ron Miller and Lorraine Garratt.

Others Present: Claire Jones

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

Seconded by Ron Miller and carried without dissent.

2. **MOTION** by Stepler to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2018 meeting.

Seconded by Benson and carried without dissent.

EMAIL MOTION (passed subsequent to October 15, 2018 meeting) by Gaucher, seconded by President Miller, that ACBL Unit 573 support the 2-session Unit championship in Fort Qu'Appelle on November 24, 2018 and that the Unit will incur any net loss, to a maximum of \$250, or realize any net profit associated with this event. Carried without dissent.

3. Review of Items from Prior Meetings

(a) 299er Attendance at Recent Sectionals and Future Action to Try to Increase 299er Attendance at Tournaments.

Although 299er attendance increased for the tournaments where free plays were provided, it is not known whether the free plays were the reason for the increased attendance. **ACTION:** President Miller will contact Sharon Stevenson of the Saskatoon Bridge Club to encourage 299er travel from Saskatoon to upcoming tournaments in Regina.

MOTION by Benson that ACBL Unit 573 provide one free play for one 299er Pair session at the Regina Spring 2019 Sectional Tournament to individuals who have fewer than 100 masterpoints at February 28, 2019 who reside within the geographical area over which the Unit has jurisdiction.

Seconded by Webb and carried without dissent.

(b) Further Feedback re: Fall 2018 Sectional and Ways to Increase Attendance of Regina Participants
ACTION: Claire Jones will email results of District 18 survey of ACBL members with 0-500 masterpoints which was conducted earlier this year. Discussion will be postponed until the March 30, 2019 meeting.

(c) Potential Hospitality Supplement for 2019 Regina Regional

MOTION by Gaucher to supplement hospitality budget for the 2019 Regina Regional up to \$1,000.

Seconded by Stepler and carried without dissent.

(d) Fort Qu'Appelle Unit Championship

MOTION by Gaucher that the Unit provide the Fort Qu'Appelle club with the net proceeds from their tournament. Seconded by Ron Miller and carried without dissent.

President Miller will forward the cheque to the Fort Qu'Appelle club.

Discussion about future assistance by the Unit for such events concluded that it will include securing the sanction and promoting the event.

4. Treasurer's Report

(a) Current Unit Financial Situation

Presented by Gaucher.

(b) Updated October 2018 Sectional Financial Results

Presented by Gaucher.

(c) Etransfers

MOTION by Gaucher that he investigate whether Etransfers would be advantageous to the Unit, and if pleased with the way it would work, implement this payment process.

Seconded by Bishop and carried without dissent.

Gaucher will make a short-term investment of \$6,000.

5. Annual General Meeting

(a) Finalization of Date and Agenda

The date will be March 23, 2019 if the Regina Bridge Club President Mortin confirms the club venue is available. President Miller will follow up.

MOTION by Bishop that the agenda be approved and that there be a <100 masterpoint section if the numbers warrant it.

Seconded by Benson and carried without dissent.

Claire Jones will email his district representative report, to be read, as he will be at an ACBL meeting.

(b) Review of Responsibilities for 2019 AGM

Since the date will not be on one of the "8 is Enough" dates, updates include:

- Obtain Game Sanction – President Miller
- Arrange Director and Duplication – President Miller

(c) Nominations for the Unit Board

ACTION: President Miller will send out an email blast in January to seek interest for Unit Board positions up for election in 2019 and will send out meeting material prior to the AGM. Bishop will chair the Nomination Committee.

6. Future Tournaments

(a) Spring 2019 Sectional

Jones agreed to present a mini-lesson on April 26, 2019 at 6:15 p.m. He suggested we replace several sets of boards. **MOTION** by Gaucher that Jones replace up to four sets of boards at his discretion. Seconded by Stepler and carried without dissent.

Jones has cleaned the boards. The boxes and bidding cards will need to be cleaned prior to the 2019 Spring Sectional.

Bishop has been provided access to ACBL Marketing Solutions and will send out reminder about the 2019 Spring Sectional close to the start of the tournament. Stepler will email President Miller and Bishop information gathered from the last sectional experience.

(b) Regina 2019 Regional

Flyer has been distributed.

(c) 2020 Sectionals

Dates: April 30-May 3, 2020 and October 22-25, 2020.

7. Review of Unit Purposes and Responsibilities per Bylaws

In addition to the purposes and responsibilities listed in the bylaws, the Unit should be involved in allocating special Unit games and running sectionals.

8. Next Meeting: March 30, 2019.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.