

MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting
ACBL Unit 573

December 2, 2017

Regina Duplicate Bridge Club (RDBC), Regina

President Miller called the regular Unit Board of Directors meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

Present: Barb Miller, Fiona Bishop, Jason Larrivee, Ray Webb, Rick Gaucher, Ron Miller, Lorraine Garratt. Joining at 9:45 a.m. Ken Gabora.

Others Present: Claire Jones

1. MOTION by Gaucher

Move to approve the agenda with the addition of Joint-Use Agreement to Other Business. Seconded by Bishop and carried without dissent.

2. MOTION by Bishop

Move to approve the minutes of September 2, 2017 meeting and the minutes of the following motions passed by email communication since the above meeting:

1. Motion to amend the motion regarding the Unit name passed at the September 2, 2017 meeting and
2. Motion to have Ron Miller undertake the steps necessary to change the Unit's current incorporated name to ACBL South Saskatchewan Unit 573 Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$100 and advise all necessary entities.

Seconded by Webb and carried without dissent.

3. Review of Action Items From Last Meeting

a) Banking

Gaucher has arranged with our financial institution for cheque signing requirement to be 2 of 3 designated officers: President, Treasurer and Secretary (currently Barb Miller, Gaucher and Garratt).

No action has been taken on comparisons of financial institutions' benefits at this time due to possible name change.

No action on changing the Unit's name on cheques because a motion to change the name needs to be brought to the Annual General Meeting.

b) Sectional Tournament Brochure

Brochure was updated for the fall sectional and revised template is being used for the spring sectional.

c) Moose Jaw Regional – May 14-20, 2018

The Heritage Inn will be the venue. Schedule is being revisited to potentially include Gold Rush events.

d) Possible Special Game

Bishop has no further information at this time but will contact Doug Rankin.

e) Possibility of a Gold Rush Regional

President Miller stated it may happen in 2020. Ann Vernetta plans to discuss this with North Saskatchewan Unit 575 and the Saskatoon Bridge Club.

f) RDBC Availability for Unit AGM – confirmed.

g) Updated Subsidy Policy – see **10** below.

h) Unit Name

Name changes must be approved at a membership meeting. President Miller will facilitate the name search at ISC in advance of the AGM.

4. Review of Motions Passed by Email Approval Since Meeting of September 2, 2017.

Covered under **2** above.

5. Treasurer's Report

a) The Unit's Current Financial Situation

Treasurer Gaucher presented a recent cash flow statement and balance sheet information.

b) Tournaments' Financial Results

Treasurer Gaucher presented the financial statements for the sectional tournaments held in Regina, April 6-9 and October 12-15, 2017.

c) Tournament History Summary

Treasurer Gaucher presented a charted history of tournament profits from 2001 to present along with table counts from 2007 to present.

6. Regina Sectional Tournament Matters

a) Review of Upcoming Sectional Tournament Dates

Regina Spring 2018 April 26-29, 2018

Regina Fall 2018 October 25-28, 2018

Regina Spring 2019 April 25-28, 2019

b) Feedback re October 12-15, 2017 Sectional Tournament

Fall sectional's table count was less than spring 2017 sectional. It was agreed that we should promote heavily to engage more 299ers.

MOTION: Gaucher moved that we provide all participants in club lessons, retroactive to the last lesson series, a free play for a game in either of the two 2018 sectional tournaments. Seconded by Ron Miller and carried without dissent.

ACTION: Bishop will promote with flyer/poster to recreational bridge players. Garratt will supply her with a list of contacts.

c) Vacant Tournament Coordinator Position

President Miller will undertake the Tournament Coordinator's duties until a Tournament Co-ordinator is determined following the AGM.

ACTION: President Miller will obtain the sanction for the game for the Unit's AGM and will also communicate with Jim Bingaman about sanctioning the special club games for 2018.

7. Regina 2019 Regional

ACTION: President Miller will contact the Italian Club re: its availability for October 14-20, 2019 and will contact Doug Rankin re: obtaining the tournament sanction.

Organizing committee:

Tournament Chair: Barb Miller

Hospitality: Leslie Mortin

Partnerships: Jason Larrivee

Intermediate/Newcomers: Joyce Butler

Others: Set-up/clean up: Ray Webb (Ron Miller to assist)

Registration: **ACTION:** Larrivee will ask Pam Keim

Caddies and publicity: **ACTION:** President Miller will contact Joan Quinlan and Cal McLeod for suggestions.

Possible Name: postponed until meeting of organizing committee.

Game Times: also postponed until meeting of the organizing committee.

8. Annual General Meeting (AGM)

a) Review of Responsibilities for Next AGM

- Order Mini-McKenney Pins: Gaucher

- Obtain Game Sanction: President Miller

- Arrange Director and Duplication: President Miller

- Food and Hospitality – Garratt

- Publicity: President Miller

- Nominating Committee: Bishop
- Set-up/Clean up: Webb with assistance of Gaucher, Ron Miller and Larrivee
- Presenting Ace of Hearts and Mini-McKenney Pins: President Miller
- Presenting Motions: Unit Name Change and Bylaws: Ron Miller

ACTION: President Miller will send out an email blast in February with Motions and and other AGM information.

(b) Gabora will be resigning from the Board effective March 24, 2018 and Larrivee will not be letting his name stand for re-election. Other incumbents agreed to let their names stand for re-election. With the prior resignation of Dunitz, three position will be vacant (2 Group B Members-at-Large and 1 Group A Member-at-Large).

9. Bylaws

a) Review of Latest Version of Updated Bylaws – undertaken at meeting.

MOTION by Gaucher: Move to present the current version of the bylaws to the AGM for approval. Seconded by Bishop and carried without dissent.

b) Next Steps

ACTION: Ron and Barb Miller will summarize the highlights of the bylaw changes in a document for distribution prior to the AGM.

10. Subsidy Policy

Draft updated subsidy policy was reviewed. Draft was accepted except subsidy for North American Pairs and Grand National Teams will be changed to \$200/person and all entry fees will be paid for Canadian Bridge Championships.

MOTION by Gaucher: Move that the updated policy as amended be presented for approval at the next AGM. Seconded by Larrivee and carried without dissent.

ACTION: Gaucher will present the revised subsidy policy at the AGM.

11. Other Business

a) Joint-Use Agreement

Draft document was reviewed. Draft was agreed to with the addition of the following: Any funds received from the disposition of the Equipment will be shared equally by the Regina Duplicate Bridge Club and Unit 573.

MOTION by Gaucher: President Miller is authorized to sign the Joint-Use Agreement on behalf of Unit 573. Seconded by Ron Miller and carried without dissent.

12. Next Meeting

Tentatively, May 5 at 10:30 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.