

MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting
ACBL Unit 573
February 20, 2018
Regina Duplicate Bridge Club (RDBC), Regina

President Miller called the regular Unit Board of Directors meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

Present: Barb Miller, Jason Larrivee, Rick Gaucher, Ron Miller, Lorraine Garratt. Joining at 5:05 p.m., Ken Gabora.

Absent (excused): Fiona Bishop, Ray Webb.

Others Present: Claire Jones (for last part of meeting)

1. MOTION by Larrivee

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

2. MOTION by Ron Miller

Move to amend the minutes of September 2, 2017 meeting to correct the date of the 2017 AGM to June 10, 2017. Seconded by Gaucher and carried without dissent.

3. Approval of December 2, 2017 Minutes

MOTION by Gaucher to approve the minutes of December 2, 2017 meeting. Seconded by Larrivee. Carried without dissent.

MOTION by Gaucher to rescind the motion in the December 2, 2017 minutes regarding the provision of free plays to promote 299er participation at sectional tournaments. Seconded by Larrivee. Carried without dissent.

Discussion regarding ways to promote 299er participation at sectional tournaments resulted in agreement to discuss with RDBC lesson instructors and directors of Monday and Wednesday evening games, a tentative plan to offer to players in Unit 573 with <100 masterpoints as of January 1, 2018, one free play for a session in the spring sectional tournament in Regina, on the days of April 26, 27 and 28, and potentially also a free temporary one-month ACBL membership for those people who are not already ACBL members (due to the new ACBL requirement that all tournament players must have an ACBL member number). President Miller will discuss administration of the potential free play and free temporary membership process with Doug Rankin.

4. Review of Action Items From Last Meeting

- (a) Promotion of Spring 2018 Sectional
 - Since the ACBL now requires that sectional tournament players have an ACBL member number, the Unit will not promote the tournament to recreational bridge players.
 - Note on sectional brochure has been updated as follows: “Players must have an ACBL member number and unpaid ACBL members must pay a \$4.00 surcharge per person.”
 - Updated brochure has been posted on the ACBL and WASUMI websites and at the RDBC. Copies are available at the RDBC as well as the Saskatoon Bridge Club and an ACBL email blast will go out.
- (b) Game Sanctions
 - Sanction has been obtained for the Unit AGM bridge game.
 - Rose Dunitz had arranged special Club game sanctions for 2018.
- (c) Regina 2019 Regional
 - Italian Club is booked for October 14-20, 2019 and tournament sanction has been obtained.
 - President Miller has talked with Joan Quinlan and Cal McLeod for suggestions about caddies and publicity; further action is deferred until later.
- (d) AGM
 - Draft AGM material has been prepared and will be distributed in late February, including background information regarding the Unit name change, bylaws update and subsidy policy revision.
 - New Unit name has been reserved at ISC.
 - Gaucher ordered the Mini-McKenney medallions.
 - Claire Jones will direct the AGM bridge game and President Miller has contacted Dale Wilde to arrange duplication.
- (e) Joint-Use Agreement
 - Has been signed by the Unit and RDBC presidents.

5. Treasurer’s Report

- (a) Current Financial Situation
 - Gaucher reviewed the January 1, 2017-December 31, 2017 Financial Statement and Balance Sheet previously distributed by email.
- (b) Review of 2017 Books
 - Claire Jones had examined the books and records of Unit 573 for the 2017 year and found the 2017 financial statements to fairly represent the Unit’s financial position.
 - Gabora suggested that future wording should indicate the financial position of the Unit as at December 31 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

MOTION: Gaucher moved that the 2017 financial statements be approved for presentation at the AGM. Seconded by Gabora. Carried without dissent.

6. AGM Information

(a) Email Transmittal

- Minor wording change will be made about special diet requirements for lunch.
- The process required to bring additional motions to the AGM will be added.

(b) Agenda

- Add President's Report.
- Add motion to approve the 2017 financial statements as presented.

(c) Bylaws

- As revised bylaws are yet to be approved at the upcoming AGM, Version 3 information will be removed from Document History.

7. Regina Sectional Tournament Matters

(a) Review of Upcoming Sectional Dates:

- Regina Spring 2018 -- April 26-29
- Regina Fall 2018 -- October 25-28
- Regina Spring 2019 – April 25-28
- In light of Regina 2019 Regional being held in October, no Regina Fall 2019 sectional will be held.

(b) Possible Different Game

- The proposed combined Pair/Team game was discussed. More information will be gathered and it is possible that this different game may be introduced at the fall 2018 sectional in Regina. More discussion about this will take place by email or at the May 2018 Unit Board meeting.

(c) Venue for Fall 2018 Sectional

- President Miller will ask for more information about the new RDBC location from Leslie Mortin.

8. Next Meeting

May 5, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.