

ROCHESTER DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 8, 2020

Board meeting called to order by President Arne Fockler at 10:00am on Wednesday, July 8th via teleconference.

Present were Arne, Ed Prosser, Matt Belau, Mary Jo Kelly, Betty Shidler, Cindy Heins, Gloria Georger, and Yvonne Steiroff. Linda Grigoleit was absent. Ex-officio members in attendance were Sue Greenberg and Kathy Maegerlein.

President's quote: "If I had observed all the rules, I'd have never got anywhere." – Marilyn Monroe

Board items that required voting included:

- **Treasurer's report for May** was approved (7-0, motion: Matt, second: Betty, Mary Jo not voting [no audio]) as submitted with the update of actual revenue from the ACBL for the month.
- **June Board Minutes** were approved (8-0, motion: Ed, second: Mary Jo) as submitted.

Board items discussed that did not require a vote:

- President's report: **Regarding our lease agreement**, the RDBC building owners have suspended our rent payments for now, although they have not committed to suspending these payments through the remainder of our lease (ending this December).
- Treasurer's report: Kathy reported game revenue was the only thing that had changed on the May report (approved by vote, see above). Although we started paying online Directors in June, we **maintained a positive cash flow** thanks in part to the suspended rent payments. Checks to the online Directors were issued at the end of June for that month.
- Club manager's report: When we get back to face-to-face bridge games, Sue's recommendation was to **keep a spreadsheet of who directs and scores**, so that Kathy can continue to issue one check at the end of the month to each volunteer and have a more accurate accounting of game income. This would continue our current practice of compensating online Directors.
 - The **current online Director group** includes Greg Caucutt, Sue, Matt, Joyce Lewis, Linda, Layne Vinje, and Ann Van Ryn. One other person may be looking to Direct (John Ryder) and an effort is ongoing to have Kathy take the ACBL Director's test.
- Matt revisited the idea of an **online player directory**, which would be in a restricted area to RDBC players only on the website. It would include some personal information (phone numbers and email contacts), so players would have to "opt-in" to use it; the information would be accessible only to RDBC players who have a signon and password to access it. Sue recommended getting permission from individuals in writing to have their information online, and Matt agreed to look into the feasibility of creating such a database and have an update for the Board at a later date.
- Ed expressed his appreciation for **playing more opponents during some bridge games** (7 rounds versus 6 rounds, or 9 rounds of 2 boards each) as fairer games – Sue indicated she's in favor of 21 boards and Matt will talk to Greg Caucutt about the possibility of setting up the games differently (so more players play more opponents).
- There were many questions about **how to put together a plan for re-opening the bridge club**; primarily, Arne pointed out it's not possible to put together much of a plan because we don't know when re-opening will be possible. Gloria suggested the ACBL's directive of cancelling all tournaments through the end of the year might mean it will be at least that long; Sue also

offered that until the ACBL or BBO (or both) makes a decision on whether to continue to offer pigmented points online once clubs DO reopen, we can't know how many players will want to remain playing online (if that's an option). One option that was discussed was a player survey for players' comfort level in playing at the club, but any survey will be down the road as it was agreed we have plenty of time to figure that out when an improvement in the COVID-19 situation becomes clearer.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made (Mary Jo), seconded (Ed) and approved (8-0) to end the meeting at 10:40a. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 12^h.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Belau, Secretary to the Board