

Minutes of the Rochester Duplicate Bridge Club Board of Directors

November 13, 2024

Members present: Jan Morris (president), Sue Greenberg (ex-officio), Rod Morlock, Al Larson, Joanne Long, Harlan Wickre, Connie Dalzell, Becky Cook, Bonnie Fox

The meeting was called to order by Jan Morris, president, at 11:15 AM.

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2024, meeting of the RDBC Board of Directors was made by Bonnie Fox, seconded by Joanne Long, and approved by unanimous vote of members present.

President's report: nothing to report

Treasurer's report: The September, 2024, financial report was reviewed. A motion to approve the report was made by Connie Dalzell, seconded by Becky Cook, and approved by unanimous vote of members present.

The preliminary report of the October, 2024, financial report was reviewed. The report includes a one-time expenditure of a new laptop computer for the club.

Manager's report: Sue had previously reported that she has been made aware of a potential new venue for the RDBC. The space is currently undergoing some renovation work. She will tour the space when renovations have been completed. There has been no discussion regarding cost of renting the space.

A recent email from the Outreach Chair of the Gopher Regional Tournament invited members to name a game at next year's tournament in honor of someone special to them or their club. Sue suggested that RDBC name a game in honor of Carol Mahoney, an active member of our club and Emerald Life Master, who passed away this year. The cost for naming a game is \$100. A motion to approve the funds and honor Carol by naming a game at the 2025 Gopher Regional Tournament was made by Harlan Wickre, seconded by Joanne Long, and approved by unanimous vote of members present.

Sue also informed the board that there has been some difficulty in getting the club's new computer to communicate with the Bridge Pads. She reported that Ed has been in contact with the owner of the Bridge Pad company. Although the Bridge Pads are older technology, they are confident the issues will be resolved.

Lastly, a relatively new set of online games is available on BBO: ACBL Clubhouse games. A variety of these games are available on BBO throughout every day, most for members with 0-499 points and a limited number for "open" players. Sue informed the board that ACBL

will reimburse a portion of the table fees paid for the Clubhouse games to the club with which the player is associated.

Social committee report: Becky and Bonnie reported that things are on track for the holiday luncheon, which is scheduled for Monday, December 9. Members are asked to sign up by December 2, and are allowed to bring a guest. There is no charge for members or their guests.

Old business: none

Nominating committee: Connie reported that the committee has found candidates to appear on the ballot to fill the four 2-year positions being vacated on the board of directors: herself (she will assume role of president of the board for 2025), Harlan Wickre, Jan Morris, and Tom Grigoleit.

New business: Connie relayed a request that the club consider adding some “practice” sessions for advancing players who would like to add more complicated conventions to their every-day play. The target audience would be people who have taken Sue’s classes or have a basic knowledge of those conventions. These sessions would be limited to 2-3 sessions, twice per year. The idea is to play pre-dealt boards illustrating various conventions and then have a short period of discussion after each board is played. The board agreed to go ahead with this idea. Dates and times will be determined. Connie will be the facilitator for these sessions.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08.

Submitted by Connie Dalzell, secretary.