

Rochester Duplicate Bridge Club

November Board Minutes

November 13, 2019

Board Members Present: Deb Ernster, Arne Fockler, Mary Foss, Mary Jo Kelly, Sharlene Owens, Bob Roediger, Betty Shidler, Sue Greenberg, Club Manager, Judy Argue, Treasurer

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am by President Mary Foss.

Thought for the Day - "Life is a promise; fulfill it." - Mother Teresa

The minutes of the October 9, 2019 were approved. Motion : Sharlene Owens
Seconded: Arne Fockler Motion passed.

Reports:

Presidents Report: There will be no Board Meeting in December. Mary Foss was very appreciative of all the board members' contributions to the board. She specifically highlighted areas of their contributions. She also thanked Judy Argue for her past five years of being the Club treasurer and for providing such clear and concise reports. Kathy Maegerlein will be assuming this position in 2020, with Board approval.

Club Manager's Report: Sue Greenberg brought the Habitat for Humanity contract to help in their gift wrapping project during the Christmas season. Last year we were at the \$300 level (Silver) which provided funds to buy two large rolls of paper and bows. The motion was made to support Habitat Humanity again at the Silver Level at \$300. Motion: Betty Shidler Seconded: Arne Fockler Motion passed.

Sue said she would be renewing our sanction in December.

Treasurer's Report: Judy Argue, Treasurer, reviewed the Oct. report. She mentioned the beverage account and contingency fund were in good shape. The website was renewed. The net income was +\$219.09 and YTD income was \$198.46. We will have stipends to pay at the end of the year. Certain things can affect a particular month such as cold winter weather, summer/holiday luncheons. Judy said she can do a summary of the whole year by individual day re: number of tables. She mentioned she would like to do the audit the second week in January. Don Van Ryn has done previous audits. The motion was made to approve the October report. Motion: Deb Ernster Second: Sharlene Owens Motion passed.

Social Committee: Deb Ernster reported that the committee has selected HyVee to do the catering for our Holiday Party. They will provide sandwiches (two each)

Soup (two choices). The Social Committee will also provide a salad and members can bring cookies/bars/etc. The individual board members will contribute the wine for the luncheon.

Date: Wednesday, December 18 - 11:00am

Education/Mentoring – Sue said her class is ending soon. The other two are done. Free plays are starting to be used. Mary Foss said she has heard good comments regarding the classes

Nominating Committee - Arne Fockler presented the board members who have agreed to serve on the Board in 2020. Syl Sterioff and Jan Morris were also on the nominating committee.

Matt Belau	2 year term	Cindy Heins	2 year term
Gloria Georger	2 year term	Ed Prosser	2 year term
John Woog	2 year term	Arne Focker	1 year term

The slate will be presented at all meetings for the first two weeks in December. If there are no nominations from the floor during the two- week window of announcing the slate, it will be a voice vote. If there are nominations from the floor, it will be a ballot vote. Election week is Dec. 16-20

Non-Life Master Tournament – Ann Van Ryn and Sharlene Owens gave an update of the 2019 event. There have been five of these events in the past being held on a Saturday. Donna Wood and Jade Barrett will be involved again. The Committee is recommending a Thursday instead. This would eliminate paying the \$100 rental fee and the board felt more people might attend from Rochester and surrounding areas. Potential ways to advertise more were discussed. The email blast coming from the Unit would be beneficial. The dates for the Thursday event could be April 30 and October 29 (both 5th Thursdays). The consensus was to hold on those Thursdays and end earlier in the afternoon.

New Business

Deb Ernster brought up another member's question about a time clock to speed up play. This clock is for tournaments, is expensive, and has been discussed (and discarded as an option) by many previous boards. Sue will mention slow play to Greg Caucutt so he can talk to the other directors about calling rounds in a timely fashion. Should we talk to players who are consistently slowing the game?

The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 pm. Motion: Deb Ernster Second: Sharlene Owens
The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Jo Kelly