

FORT WAYNE DUPLICATE BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

Monthly Board Meeting

May 9, 2018

President Lee Baatz called the meeting to order at 4:55 p.m. Other members present were Gary Chaney, Stan Davis, Kim Grant, Judy Jenkins, Rick Kleinheksel, Joe Kohne, Judy Nelsen, and Carl Wheeler.

1. Kim moved and Judy J. seconded a motion to accept the consent agenda (April minutes and Treasurer's report). Motion carried.
2. Kim moved and Stan seconded a motion to reconsider the rule passed earlier by this board that partners of players who open one no trump would no longer have to announce its point-count range unless weak; motion carried. Kim moved and Judy J. seconded a motion that all one no trump ranges would again have to be announced, to be consistent with ACBL rules. Motion carried with one nay vote.
3. Judy N. reported on the ad hoc committee on marketing's efforts to promote the new Tuesday (1 p.m.) 0-299 MP game that starts June 5. Stan will be available as a partner if needed on the first three Tuesdays in June and Kim will secure someone for the fourth. Judy N. moved and Carl seconded that one free play for use any Tuesday in July be given to players new to the club who play rubber bridge on the morning of the Longest Day (June 20); these players can also take advantage of the last free game in June on June 26. Kim, Judy N. and Mary Lou Clegg have worked to update the home page of the website (including a write-up about the new game) and several other pages, with more work planned.
4. Rick moved and Judy J. seconded that the Club give the \$54 excess from the April charity games to The Alzheimer's Association through The Longest Day event. Motion carried.
5. Stan moved and Judy N. seconded a motion that the Club donate 10 free games to be awarded (5 each) to two winners of a raffle at The Longest Day event for the Alzheimer's Association. Motion carried.
6. Kim explained the need for a new software program for our website because the one now used is outdated and often freezes, making Mary Lou's work to update the website harder and more time-consuming than it should be. Our site is hosted by Go-Daddy, and there are many benefits to using their program, "WordPress". Go-Daddy will design the new website according to our wishes, will maintain virus protection, and it will be "in the cloud" so that more than one person can have access to change it if needed. Kim moved and Rick seconded a motion that the Club spend up to \$2,700 as a one-time charge to purchase the Word Press program to help us update our website. Motion carried. Kim, Judy N. and Mary Lou will work together to create all the new content for Go-Daddy to design and implement the new website.
7. The group discussed the Annual Meeting June 13; Lee as board president will speak. Longest Day planning was also discussed. Chuck and Lisa Surack of Sweetwater Sound have donated \$1,500 and other sponsorships are coming in. These must all be recognized at the event and in the press release following the event.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board is Wednesday, June 13, after the clean-up of the Annual meeting and game.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Nelsen, Secretary