

FORT WAYNE DUPLICATE BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

Monthly Board Meeting

September 12, 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, Judy Nelsen, and Carl Wheeler. Absent: Joe Kohne

1. Kim moved and Stan seconded a motion to accept the August minutes and August Treasurer's report. Motion carried.
2. The group discussed Gary's proposal for how absentee and early balloting for the board elections should be handled. Kim moved and Rick seconded a motion that Standing Rule #4 (Election of Board Members) be changed as follows: The board shall select a board member (not running for a new term) to chair the Election Committee, assisted by two club members (not on or running for the board) of his/her choice to handle early voting, absentee voting, and the annual election held in December. Motion carried. Stan moved and Kim seconded that Gary chair the Election Committee for 2018. Motion carried. Lee as Board President will appoint a Nominating Committee for the 2018 election.
3. The new website is up. As the former E-communications manager has resigned, Kim is interviewing candidates for the position. Gary moved and Stan seconded that Kim be given authority to make a final decision on hiring. Motion carried. Announcements will be made at games to try to secure more members for the Marketing Committee.
4. We agreed that this year: a) the club will offer games on the Wednesday before (November 21) and the Saturday after (November 24) Thanksgiving; b) the club will be closed Christmas week so the carpet can be cleaned; and c) club members will not be charged an entry fee for the game the day of the Christmas party (December 1).
5. We discussed members' responses to the SWOT analysis. Several ideas were presented to attract and keep new players: a) form an outreach group to invite new players, help them before and after their first game, and follow up with them afterward; b) create a business card with our contact info and games, for members to pass out to other bridge players. Kim asked that everyone read the analysis provided and identify three priorities in each category so that at our next meeting, we can discuss realistic priority goals and how to achieve them.
6. Carl mentioned that we need to begin talking about the budget at the October meeting. Board members were asked to bring any items that needed to be included or considered in the budget.
7. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Board is Wednesday, October 10, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Nelsen, Secretary