

FORT WAYNE DUPLICATE BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

Monthly Board Meeting

December 12, 2018

President Lee Baatz called the meeting to order at 4:50 p.m. Other board members present were Gary Chaney, Stan Davis, Kim Grant, Rick Kleinheksel, Joe Kohne, Judy Nelsen, and Carl Wheeler. Absent: Judy Jenkins. Also present were newly elected board members Bob Enyeart, Phil Eyermann, and Dave Hoevel.

1. Kim moved and Joe seconded a motion to accept the November minutes and November Treasurer's report. Motion carried. Later in the meeting, Carl briefly reviewed the final 2019 budget with the group.

2. Judy reported that the Marketing committee has prepared a more complete sign-in sheet for new players that the directors are now using. Their survey and follow-up calls to new players resulted in positive reports of the players' welcome but an unpleasant incident for one pair, which has been followed up on by the directors. A new "business card" that can be given to new players or potential players is available now in preliminary version, to be finalized later.

3. The idea of a new monthly Swiss team game was discussed. Gary had prepared a proposal about how the game could be structured, which the group approved with the only change that any teams' Rank Points (a way of ensuring that every team include players with a range of expertise) could be no more than 10. The best time to introduce the Swiss team game might be at the Saturday game, but we will conduct a survey to determine interest in a team game and days that players would consider attending. It was noted that starting a team game on a day not currently offering a game might be a burden for our directors, since such a game would have to be run by an experienced director. Judy agreed to create a draft survey and run it by board members for input before it would be distributed.

4. As part of the above discussion, the issue was raised of moving the time of any Saturday game to noon rather than 1 PM. This might encourage more people to come as the 1 PM time makes it difficult for some potential players to attend Saturday late afternoon religious services or have enough time for Saturday night dinners out or other social activities. After discussion, Joe moved and Rick seconded moving the regular Saturday game time to 12 noon starting in January, 2019, subject to the approval of the game director. Motion carried.

5. The following decisions were made regarding the 2019 calendar:

- a. Stan moved, Carl seconded that the Annual Meeting and picnic be held June 12. Motion carried.
- b. Kim moved, Rick seconded that the Christmas party and board election be held December 14. Motion carried.
- c. Kim moved, Stan seconded that extra proceeds from all the April Charity games be donated to the Michigan Youth Bridge Camp for children aged 10 to 16. Motion carried.

6. After discussion, the decision was made to reserve 20 of the old bidding boxes for use in classes and such, and to make the rest available to players, asking that those given the boxes make a donation to the Alzheimer's fund.

7. The group discussed appointing a replacement to serve the remaining one-year term of Kim Grant, who is resigning as of this meeting. Judy moved, Joe seconded appointing Penny Henshaw to this term. Motion carried.

8. The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Board is Wednesday, January 9, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Nelsen, Secretary