

FORT WAYNE DUPLICATE BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

Monthly Board Meeting

January 9, 2019

President Lee Baatz called the meeting to order at 4:43 p.m. Other board members present were Stan Davis, Bob Enyeart, Phil Eyerhmann, Penny Henshaw, Dave Hoevel, Joe Kohne, Judy Nelsen, and Carl Wheeler. Also present was ex-officio member Club Manager Gary Chaney.

1. Stan moved and Phil seconded a motion to accept the December minutes and December Treasurer's report. Motion carried.
2. The board unanimously elected officers for one-year terms: Stan Davis, President; Judy Nelsen, Secretary; and Carl Wheeler, Treasurer. Retiring President Lee Baatz then turned over chairing of the meeting to new President Stan Davis.
3. Judy reported that the Marketing committee has agreed to set up a Hospitality Committee, to be composed mainly of 0-299 MP players, to welcome all new players, give them a sheet of information, show those who haven't played duplicate some of the mechanics, and follow up afterwards with a call or email making sure they had a good time. The committee is still working on content of the new "business card" to be given to new players or potential players.
4. Stan briefly reviewed the SWOT analysis and strategic goals developed by the board last year, saying that we are in a phase of working to maintain and add to our strengths, including continuing to attract new players. It was noted that past goals have also included building the Thursday night and Saturday games, goals we may want to focus on this year.
5. The survey to test players' interest in a new monthly Swiss team game will be distributed and emailed soon. There was some further discussion of Gary's earlier proposal about how the game should be structured to include both 0-299 MP and higher ranked players on the same teams. It was agreed that if the survey suggests interest in such a game, Gary will meet with a few others to develop a proposal for board consideration of how the game would be structured.
6. Possible ways to grow the Saturday game were discussed. Jim has learned that the current players don't want to move the game time to noon as considered in the last board meeting. Discussed were: asking each Saturday player to bring someone new to a particular game; trying to attract college or high school players; holding a monthly mentoring game; a grandparent-grandchild game; and exploring further the possible interest of 0-299 MP players if they could have a separate section. The issue was tabled but Penny agreed to ask other 0-299 MP players of their possible interest.
7. Gary has cleared the storage room of items no longer needed and will offer them to players, asking for a voluntary charity donation. After discussion, Carl moved and Phil seconded a motion to donate these funds and \$1,000 from the Club's bank account, which has ample reserve funds, to Fort Wayne's Community Harvest Food Bank. Motion carried.
8. After discussion, the following decisions were made:
 - a. We will purchase a 4-foot by 8-foot white board (cost approved in 2018) for the club now.
 - b. Bob will teach a couple who approached Gary about private evening beginning bridge lessons.
 - c. We will continue our policy of directors deciding when to cancel games based on weather; players will be notified by email and an announcement on the website if possible.
9. The meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the board is Wednesday, February 13, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Nelsen, Secretary