

FORT WAYNE DUPLICATE BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

Monthly Board Meeting

August 14, 2019

President Stan Davis called the meeting to order at 4:48 p.m. Other board members present were Phil Eyer mann, Penny Henshaw, Dave Hoevel, and Carl Wheeler. Also present: ex-officio member Club Manager Gary Chaney. Absent: Lee Baatz, Bob Enyeart, .Joe Kohne, and Judy Nelsen

1. Phil moved and Dave seconded a motion to accept the June minutes. Motion carried. Phil moved and Dave seconded a motion to accept the June Treasurer's report. There was discussion about the sufficiency of the \$45 directors' fee for games. Gary reported on various discussions with directors/members of other clubs in Indiana/Southern Michigan indicating that our fee structure is above average. He has also discussed this topic with the other directors; no one feels that the fees are insufficient. He did suggest the board may offer an occasional stipend to Jim Kart for the extraordinary efforts and cost he incurs for the food he provides to Club events. Motion for accepting the Treasurer's report carried.
2. Due to the absence of the marketing committee chair, there was no report.
3. We discussed the Swiss team game schedule for October (it will be the second Monday in September). Options for October are Thursday or Saturday that month. Gary reported that Jim Kart mentioned in passing that Saturday would be a good choice. Carl moved and Phil seconded a motion to table the decision to our next meeting. Motion carried.
4. Discussion of board meeting cancellation policy. It was noted that the Club bylaws don't offer an option for cancellation.
5. Discussion of donation made to Ronald McDonald House. The donation was a Unit 154 action. Background: a portion of Charity Game fees go to the ACBL Foundation, which dispenses them back to Districts on a rotational basis. District 12 policy is to allocate the money among the Units. Unit 154 received \$4,250 in 2019 and the Unit decided to contribute it to Ronald McDonald House.
6. Penny brought forward a request from Ron & Kris to hold their party bridge tournament once a month at our facilities. Gary noted that the facility we're in is for non-profit organizations only; our lease does not allow subletting; and their game is not ACBL. There was also a short discussion of insurance liability. Short answer: not possible.
7. Gary started a discussion of the Club Manager's responsibilities and the time required to accomplish them. He requested that the board consider making the Club Manager's position a paid one; the suggestion would be for future managers, as he would decline any pay/stipend while he remains manager. He will provide a Club Manager's 'duty list' for the board's consideration. There was additional discussion on how such a payment could be authorized; the consensus was that current stipends are covered under the Club's standing rules, which could be amended by the board.
8. There was an additional discussion on the Club's financial balance and some Club members' perceptions of the size of it. We discussed some member appreciation options the Club could offer. Further discussion is needed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the board is Wednesday, September 11, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Eyer mann (in the absence of Board secretary Judy Nelsen).