

FORT WAYNE DUPLICATE BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting – June 9, 2021

Board President Phil Eyermann called the meeting to order at 4:44 PM. Other board members present were Kim Grant Dave Hoevel, Joe Kohne, Judy Nelsen, David Sorg and Carl Wheeler. Also present: ex-officio non-voting member Club Manager Gary Chaney. Absent: Bob Enyeart and Kris Purcell

1. Kim moved, Carl seconded a motion to accept the May 5, 2021 board minutes. Motion carried.
2. After discussion, Kim moved, Dave seconded, a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.
3. Club Manager's report: Gary has replaced a fire extinguisher and we now have our quota. Our current printer is working well except that it may need a new drum; he suggests keeping it and not getting a new printer. He also suggested the board consider what we should do if a player who has been vaccinated gets COVID. The group agreed that if the person had played, all the chairs and tables would need to be cleaned before the next game and a new set of bidding boxes used. (Cards are used only once per week and shouldn't be contaminated that long.) Gary also suggested we think about our possible policy for when booster vaccination shots may be needed and we agreed to do so.
4. Old business:
 - a. Judy said plans for Longest Day continue to go well. The food to be served will cost up to \$125 and the group agreed this was okay.
5. New business:
 - a. We discussed the issue of attendance since the club has reopened. Players are gradually returning and the numbers are growing, but perhaps could be increased if there were stand-by partners on Tuesdays and educational opportunities on Thursdays. Judy and Lee Baatz might agree to cover some of the latter. Judy said she might try to put together a package covering intermediate content for the fall, to offer at the club--not through Purdue since then we can't require all be vaccinated. The board encouraged her to explore player interest in these paid lessons. Finally, it was suggested to use the Bridge News and website to encourage players to return to the club and to call others they know for possible partnerships.
 - b. We discussed and agreed that in all FWDBC games, players will not need to announce their one-no-trump high-card point range if this range is exactly 15-17 HCPs.
6. The meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM. The next board meeting will be on Wednesday, July 14 at 4:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Nelsen, board secretary