

FORT WAYNE DUPLICATE BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting – July 14, 2021

Board President Phil Eyermann called the meeting to order at 4:45 PM. Other board members present were Bob Enyeart, Joe Kohne, Judy Nelsen, and Carl Wheeler. Also present: ex-officio non-voting member Club Manager Gary Chaney. Absent: Kim Grant, Dave Hoevel, Kris Purcell and David Sorg

1. Bob moved, Joe seconded a motion to accept the June 9, 2021 board minutes. Motion carried.
2. After discussion, Bob moved, Joe seconded, a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.
3. Club Manager's report: Our old printer has been acting up again and Gary asked for approval to buy a new one he has identified. Judy moved, Bob seconded a motion approving purchase of a printer for up to \$500. Motion carried.
4. Old business:
 - a. Judy reported that the 2021 Longest Day games, auction and raffle were successful, our players and other donors were generous, and the club raised just over \$19,000 for the Alzheimer's Association's research and service programs, including those in our area.
 - b. Attendance at games has continued to increase, but some players have said they probably won't return. The group asked Phil to try to contact a group in Auburn who may be interested in lessons. Later, we may contact presidents of the American Bridge Association in Gary and/or Indianapolis to see if any of their members might be interested in playing at the FWDBC. Bridge classes through Purdue, when resumed, may also help.
5. New business:
 - a. After discussion of how to use \$200 a player has donated for free plays at Thursday games, Bob moved, Phil seconded, a motion that any pair of Z (less than 200 MP) players can play free in August; also the games will be stratified so the top "Z" pairs will be awarded MP's. Motion carried. Judy will write up publicity and run it by Phil and Bob for approval before sending.
 - b. Gary suggested that we consider removing the last sentence from Standing Rule #16, which states "Current board members are not eligible" to receive the annual Bonahoom award for service to the club. He pointed out that often those who have given great service to the club could not receive the award for years because they were on the board. The group agreed to consider and vote on this issue at the next board meeting.
6. The meeting adjourned at 5:37 PM. The next board meeting will be on Wednesday, August 11 at 4:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Nelsen, board secretary