

FORT WAYNE DUPLICATE BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting –October 13, 2021

Board President Phil Eyermann called the meeting to order at 4:26 PM. Other board members present were Bob Enyeart, Kim Grant, Joe Kohne, Judy Nelsen, David Sorg, and Carl Wheeler. Also present: ex-officio non-voting member Club Manager Gary Chaney. Absent: Kris Purcell. Board member Dave Hoevel passed away in September.

1. Kim moved, David seconded a motion to accept the September 8, 2021 board minutes. Motion carried.
2. Treasurer's report was discussed and Carl said the phone billing problem has been resolved. Kim moved, Joe seconded a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.
3. Club Manager's report: A new TV has been purchased as approved in an earlier board meeting.
4. Old business:
 - a. After discussion, we postponed consideration of whether to require players to get COVID booster shots until we have more information about medical opinions and when all kinds of shots may be available.
 - b. After discussion and since we still have quite a few free Thursday game passes left, Kim moved, Judy seconded a motion to extend their use for 0-299 MP pairs through December even if the club may have to cover some of the cost. Motion carried.
5. New business:
 - a. We decided not to appoint a new board member to replace Dave Hoevel with the new election so soon.
 - b. Bob, who will not be running again, agreed to chair the Nominating Committee for our December election. Nominations must be made by November 5. Kim agreed to be President of the Election Committee.
 - c. We discussed, then Kim moved and David seconded a motion to affirm the plan below. Motion carried.
 - 1) Because some players have not returned due to COVID, we will send ballots on December 6 by email survey or regular mail to all members who paid dues in 2019-2020, with ballots to be returned by December 17. Survey data has no identifiers and postpaid return envelopes will be sent to others.
 - 2) The board will consider at its November meeting how to decide which electees will serve for three years and which for two years.
 - 3) We will not have a Holiday party this year because food can't be served due to COVID.
 - d. We decided that the 2022 club membership fee of \$10 will not be waived this time.
 - e. We discussed concerns about low attendance at games and what might be done to help. Judy has reestablished the Hospitality committee to welcome new players, with five members so far. She also suggested a guaranteed partner for Tuesday games, if possible, and asking Lee Baatz and Joe Shull to offer lessons some Thursdays. We can discuss this item further at another meeting.
6. Gary reported a situation with a player and asked the board to think about possible penalties if it occurred again.
7. The meeting adjourned at 5:39 PM. The next board meeting will be on Wednesday, November 17 at 4:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Nelsen, board secretary