

FORT WAYNE DUPLICATE BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes, September 14, 2022

Board President Phil Eyer mann called the meeting to order at 4:38 PM. Other board members present were: Dimi Cooklev, Kim Grant, Amy Kelly, Joe Kohne, Judy Nelsen (by phone), David Sorg and Carl Wheeler. Also present: ex-officio non-voting member Club Manager Gary Chaney. Absent: Kris Purcell

1. Kim moved, Carl seconded a motion to accept the August 10, 2022 board meeting minutes. Motion carried.
2. After discussion Kim moved, David seconded a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.
3. Club Manager's report:
 - a) Our Royal STaC games October 17-23 will award not only ¼ gold and ¼ silver MP's, but more points because scores will be combined for several districts. The board okayed the Royal STaC game cost of \$8-\$10 per table. Extra points will also be awarded for our upgraded Club Championship games in November.
 - b) Our dealing machines need to be refurbished while away for two-three weeks in February for an expected cost of about \$800. After the first week, the directors will handle dealing, possibly with player help. Gary has donated three of our old Bridge Mates to the new Angola game.
 - c) Gary has asked Bob Enyeart, Club Manager as of 2023, to attend the rest of this year's board meetings.
4. Old business:
 - a) Phil has called the American Bridge Association in an attempt to recruit new players--no response.
 - b) Gary has met with our cleaning person, Lori, and she is okay with coming twice a month instead of every week as she does now, with a payment of \$100 per visit compared to \$75 per visit now, starting January 2023.
 - c) With the board's support, Phil as board president appointed Bob Enyeart as head of the nominating committee for 2023 board elections and Kim Grant as President of the Election Committee. Names of all nominees must be posted at the club and sent to the player list by November 2. We also decided that ballots will be mailed to club members not on our email list around Thanksgiving and ballots will be sent to those on our email list December 2, with December 9 as the last day of voting. Only 2022 and 2023 club members can vote, and we will start selling 2023 memberships for \$10 the third week of November.
 - d) All agreed Phil will encourage Lee Baatz to present a plan for offering beginning bridge lessons possibly to be offered at the club in the spring. Also Lee should ask Parks and Recreation about providing publicity for this. Gary said our insurance should cover such a class. The board will discuss later whether to require participants to be vaccinated against COVID.
5. New business:
 - a) Gary presented a proposal, to be discussed at our next meeting, for offering January Junior Fund and Educational Foundation games as regular MP games rather than extra MP games, to save ACBL fees.
 - b) Kim moved, Judy seconded a motion to ban the use of psyching in all club games. Because others wanted time to consider this, with some disagreeing, the motion was tabled until our next meeting.
6. The meeting adjourned at 5:36 PM. The next board meeting will be on Wednesday, October 12, at 4:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Nelsen, board secretary