

FORT WAYNE DUPLICATE BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes, March 8, 2023

Board President Phil Eyermaun called the meeting to order at 4:45 PM. Other board members present were Michael Clegg, Dimi Cooklev, Joe Kohne, Judy Nelsen (by phone), Helen Ryan, and Carl Wheeler. Also present: ex-officio non-voting member Club Manager Bob Enyeart and guests Kim Grant and Carl Minick. Absent: Bev Brunson, Amy Kelly

1. Dimi moved, Michael seconded a motion to accept the February 8, 2023 board meeting minutes. Motion carried.
2. After discussion, Michael moved, Helen seconded a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried. Phil reported on the audit of our 2022 books done by Stan Davis. Stan said the books looked great, but he wondered whether we should report as wages the directors' fees and the stipends for those such as the Club Manager and board secretary who agree to do extra tasks. Carl Minick explained the directors are considered independent contractors since they collect player payments for the games they run and pay the club rent, based on our agreed table rate. He also thought the stipends needn't be reported, based on the IRS provision called the "Nanny Exception."
3. Club Manager's report: Bob asked the board for permission, if a game has to be cancelled, to schedule a replacement game later that week. He has talked to the ACBL and they say it's allowed. The board gave their permission.
4. Old business:
 - a) Judy read into the minutes the result of the email vote on: Phil moves, Dimi seconds a motion to authorize the Paul Knepper Bridge Academy to solicit initial start-up funding from FWDBC members. Motion carried on 2/22/23.
 - b) The board discussed a possible replacement for current Standing Rule #1: Board elections. The election of new board members will be conducted by means determined by the board, with results to be concluded by the first Wednesday in December of the current year. Only club members who have paid their dues for the current year or the next year are eligible to vote. Judy moved, Michael seconded a motion for approval. Motion carried.
 - c) Kim Grant reported that of players who responded to her survey about a possible Sectional tournament in Fort Wayne in August, 65 said they would play and 9 said no. Ken Bisson thought he could bring players from his games and Trine University. These should be enough to support a Sectional (Unit level) tournament, which is now scheduled for August 4-6. There will be no facility cost, and our players will be asked to donate food.
5. New business:
 - a) After discussion of where the funds from our April Charity games should be donated, Carl Wheeler moved, Michael seconded that they be given to the Community Harvest Food Bank. Motion carried.
 - b) Carl Wheeler asked for direction on how the money players are donating to the Paul Knepper Bridge Academy should be handled. After discussion, Carl agreed he will talk with Gary and with Stan Davis and Carl Minick about this and report back to the board.
6. The meeting adjourned at 5:31 PM. The next board meeting will be on Wednesday, April 12, at 4:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Nelsen, Board Secretary