

Garden City Duplicate Bridge Club

Board meeting minutes 5/12/2023

Present - Fred Maker (president), Brad Halfpap (vice-president), Barbara Berens (treasurer), Becky Mossbacher (secretary), Susan Molaris, John Brandeberry (ex-officio), and Judy Hartz (club manager and non-voting position)

The meeting was called to order.

1. Supplies –

New boards were ordered and should arrive at the end of May to allow for a complete set for multiple tournament tables.

We have enough bidding boxes and decks of cards, thanks to John B who purchased cards for us all.

We will purchase replacement PASS bidding cards which are wearing out.

Thank you to Mike Lilley for working with John B to fix the Bridgemate in time for the April Tournament. (Susan will send Mike a club thank you note .)

2. Finances –

Barbara provided a financial report for 2022 and 2023 YTD. Cash available went from a low of \$6,014 in Feb 2022 to \$11,116 in April 2023.

The board discussed placing ~ \$5,000 in an interest-bearing account, which will be looked into.

Petty Cash is sufficient for now. Some income comes from books and soda pop for sale. The cost of pop has increased which may affect prices to club members in the future.

3. Insurance-

A club member asked us to look into the club insurance policy re “Errors and Omissions”. Barbara provided a copy of the policy, which is also on the club website. No decisions were made and we will continue to consider the club needs and policy.

It was suggested the club purchase an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) with voice prompts and professional training for the Game Directors. The board agreed, and Brad will investigate and report back.

4. Mentoring and education programs-

The Monday night mentoring program is well attended. During the Monday night open game. We discussed giving quick feedback to mentees after the play of hand is completed in a quiet voice so as not to interrupt other players.

Educational options were discussed. Becky will create and teach a 1-night, 3-hour class for the Lifelong Learning center as an introduction to bridge. Brad plans to continue fall and winter Saturday classes.

5. Covid 19 policy-

We currently have a mandatory vaccination policy in place, in line with the ACBL. Federal guidelines indicate that Covid-19 is no longer an emergency, as of 5/11/2023. We discussed transmission, vaccination, and use of hand sanitizer. The ACBL recently polled members re mandatory vaccination, results pending. We voted to wait for ACBL vaccine policy before making any changes in our local club policy. Susan suggested placing hand sanitizer on all tables for all games and will be responsible for this. We have adequate supplies of hand sanitizer at present.

6. Advertising-

We want to expand the bridge club attendance. Fred brought several examples of local publications where the GCBC could be highlighted. He suggested placing flyers on bulletin boards around town. Becky is working with a volunteer to create the flyer. When school starts up in the fall we can look into student recruitment. The main advertising effort will be in time for fall. Susan will provide the club schedule to the Missoulian Community Events page and Missoula Events.net next week.

7. Website update-

A club member suggested adding to the website the Unit number (417), the district number (18), and the geographical locations covered in each. Judy will do so, and include the different ACBL rankings based on master points earned.

8. The next board meeting will be the second Friday in August at 11:00AM

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Susan Molaris