

Annual General Meeting 2024, June 19th at 4:00 pm at the Omond Memorial Church

- 1. Call to order:** Jim Lamorie called the meeting to order at 4:05pm. There were 44 members present.

Absent board members: Danielle Barry, Richard Guillemette, Frank Turbach, Giselle Lynch.

- 2. Approval of Minutes:** the minutes of the Friday, January 23rd, 2023, annual meeting were presented and accepted.

Moved by Beth Guindon
Seconded by Don Piche
Carried

- 3. Reports:**

- a. Treasurer:** Financials for 2023 were circulated with the agenda for this meeting. Neither the Treasurer nor the Bookkeeper present to give details. The financials were accepted as presented

Moved by Beth Guindon
Seconded by Jan Wood
Carried

- b. Chief Director:** Jim gave an updated introduction of the members of the board and their respective responsibilities.
 - i.** Mary Lepkan: hospitality, special events, organizing catering and treats
 - ii.** Julia Morton: secretary
 - iii.** Cathy Strawn: treasurer
 - iv.** Richard Guillemette: bookkeeper and cleaner
 - v.** Frank Turbach: teaching Book 1 keeping track of Race and Level listings
 - vi.** Jan Wood: Sectional and Regional tournament chair
 - vii.** Giselle Lynch: newsletter editor
 - viii.** Danielle Barry: has stepped down from treasurer but will remain on the board
 - ix.** Andy Aitchison: club manager, fixer of all

Jim then gave an update on the director pool.

- i.** Ray Lendt has joined us from Sudbury and has introduced the club to a 2-board sit-out when we have half tables.
- ii.** Ann Szarka took over Mondays until her back objected. We wish her well.
- iii.** Andy Aitchison is doing Tuesday Swiss and Thursday novice games.
- iv.** Doug Oman looks after Thursday.
- v.** Marg Dittman is looking after Friday Swiss and generally filling in where needed.

In the past directors have been donating their time but finances are now at a level where directors can take their honorarium.

4. Old Business:

a. **Player** recognition for Winter/Spring 2024 events. The session winners are:

Monday 0- 299: Art Page and Mary Ellen Page
Tuesday Swiss: Wendy Champaign, Brien Thomas, Doug Oman,
Ann Szarka/John Biondi
Thursday Novice: Julie Grant, Terry Jackson
Toonie Thursday: Ray Lendt
Friday Swiss: Brenda Geden, Joe Sauro, Brian Thomas,
Wendy Champaign
Overall: Brian Thomas

b. **Omond Lease Renewal:** There was a discussion about the fact that our lease with Omond runs out this month. Feeling was that things have moved well. We paid for the extra usage with the Sectional and received a thank you card.

Moved by Ann Szarka, seconded by Don Piche that the Board have the permission to renegotiate the lease for another year for up to \$2500 per month. Carried.

5. New Business

a. **Table Fees:** Because the club is finally doing well financially the board made a table fees proposal - evening out game fees at \$7.00 for all games but novice remaining at \$6.00 After a lively debate it was moved by John Biondi and seconded by Ron Edwards that all games stay at \$8.00 with Thursday morning novice staying at \$6.00. Carried.

b. **Charity Game:** there was a discussion about the continuation of the Friday \$1 charity donation. Moved by Ann Szarka, seconded by Marg Dittman that the Friday charity donation continue to go to Omond Memorial United Church. Carried.

c. **A Wednesday Game:** The question of reinstating Wednesday's open game was raised. Doug, Jan, Ron and Beth volunteered to investigate the game 'Four is Enough'. This game would rank players from 1 thru 3 based on their master points. Pairs playing together could not have a total rank greater than 4. They are looking at initiating this game in the fall and playing it once a month. We hope that this type of game will encourage our experienced players to play with less experienced members.

6. Date of next meeting: June 2025

7. Adjournment

was at 5 pm followed by a delightful catered sandwich, soup, salad and dessert meal.

Julia Morton, Secretary