

12/04/2023 Board Meeting:

Meeting called to order by Judy Parsons at 8:00am

Attendees: Judy Parsons, Linda Davidson, Ed Scanlon, Sue Cathcart, Henry Behrs, Lloyd Schubert, Michelle Hovis, Kitty Shorb, Ike Hileman, Mitch Burke, Gail Burke, and Ed Magee (via telephone conferencing)

1. Minutes from the last board meeting were emailed to all board members prior to this meeting, the board voted to approve the notes

2. Club Manager's report: Ed Scanlon

A. Revenue was increased last month with the club championships games and the 2 over 1 workshop

B. Membership dues of \$15 is due for 2024 by January, board members need to assist in reminding players at each game

C. Tuesday afternoon game improved with players staying after the 2 over 1 workshop to play, need to encourage continued success of this game now that the workshop is done

3. Treasurer's report: Ed Magee by telephone conference

A. The treasurer's report was emailed to all board members prior to this meeting including figures through October, the figures for November are not all in yet

October Income \$9065.65

October Expenses \$8013.75

Cash Balance at the end of October \$16,272.71

B. CD came due, discussion if this should roll over or the money go back into the checking account. This CD was for a 9 month term. The board voted to approve rolling over the CD with a term up to 12 months

at the best rate with Northwest Bank

C. The rental agreement is valid through December 2023. Per Ed Scanlon the agreement rolls over with Brian Waltersdorff every 6 months without changes

4. Old Business:

A. Membership booklet - received information that there were several errors, Ed Scanlon is checking with players for accuracy, then an email will be sent out with the corrections

B. The contribution jar is in progress, have to consider a safe jar for this money to be stored for security after bridge games are done

C. Kudos to Janie and Russ McKnight who funded the prize money of \$100 for a 10 play ticket as the prize for the Ugly Sweater Contest at the Holiday Happiness event on 12/15/2023, the winner will be determined by vote of the players that day. They offered to fund another 10 ticket prize using \$5.00 raffle tickets at a future club event

D. Janie McKnight made up gift cards that players can purchase for a \$10 play at the club - ideal for stocking stuffers, other gifts, etc

E. Janie McKnight is doing a fantastic job with the social media, pictures, updates on the club's activities.

F. Results of phone contacts with lapsed players and bridge class participants - Linda Davidson and Sue Cathcart reported reasons given included:

people were traveling, busy with other activities, a few stated "they didn't feel smart enough" to play at the club, some commented that unsolicited advice was criticism, new players were overall positive to the classes, one experienced player said he would play if he had a regular partner.

The telephone committee was positive to follow up with lapsed players, new players, players in classes, reinforce coming to the club again

G. New chairs for the club:

1. Some of the chairs just need maintenance
2. For those players who want to buy chairs, a link with choices will be sent to them, they can purchase the chair and have it sent directly to the club
3. Revisit this issue if new chairs are needed

H. Thursday morning game - not successful, lost too many participants because the lessons were complicated. Ed expects a new class will start in the Spring.

5. New Business:

A. Holiday Happiness Party planning - sign up sheet is at the front desk, need to remind players at each game to sign up, food to be provided by players with names starting with N to Z, very few pairs that are

signed up have listed the food item they are bringing-this happens for all events but a lot of food does come in, already have the decorations for the party

B. Night-Weekend Venue for classes-games:

1. Ed Scanlon reported that Brian has not offered good options for 1 night/week or 1 night/month for this

2. Ike Hileman - has been investigating sites for classes:

a. 2 churches have available space for classes at night or on weekends, not suitable as the full-time club:

Advent Lutheran Church on East Market St. is nearby, accessible to main highways and players from York, Lancaster, E-Town, MD, would charge \$50/session

Lutheran Memorial Church on Hollywood Dr. near York Suburban HS has 2 rooms available

b. Ike has viewed properties with a realtor that have not been suitable for a full time club, need modifications for access and play, one has some potential priced in the \$300,000+ range

c. Ed Scanlon reinforced that any classes started on a certain day of the week and time of day or night need to roll into a continuous game on the same schedule and

the game needs to be sustainable financially to cover cost of the instructor, supplies, equipment at this alternate site

d. Who can instruct these classes? Contact Cathy Brown if she can commit to the classes then the ongoing game. No other instructors were suggested so Ed said it would fall onto him and he already has too much to do, would need to renegotiate his contract to cover this extra responsibility

e. If conducting classes at an alternate site what supplies are needed:
need to purchase 10 tables, start up cost estimated at \$500. Ed already has the boards and Bridgemates, need chairs if not available at the church

6. Swiss Game discussed - Judy and Ike will organize this for Thursday afternoon January 11, 2024, they will set it up as a "Mystery Swiss" with open and limited players combined to make up the teams,

to be conducted as the party event in January with some type of food. Promote players signing up and then continuing to play in other games

7. Items from the floor:

A. Need a sign for players to be respectful of players with health issues for a scent-free environment, Judy will ask Marge Boner to make a sign for this, Judy will approach individuals on this as needed

B. One player stated she wouldn't be returning to the club due to the low toilets- at least one toilet in the ladies room should be adapted - identified as a responsibility of the owner or landlord of the building

C. New Years Day, Monday January 1, the club will be open with the regular schedule of morning and afternoon games

D. February 14, Wednesday, suggested as a club party event

8. Next Board meeting scheduled for January 8, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.