

Minutes, Unit 249 Board
November 16, 2024, 9:00 am

Zoom Call organized by Jenn Verdam

Present: Ted Boyd (chair), Brian Clark, Hazel Hewitt, Tom Jolliffe, Jed Drew, Jenn Verdam, John Abbott, Malkin Dare, regrets Gary Robertson

1. Call to order-9:00 am

2 Secretary report(Jenn) re minutes AGM and Board meeting of August 10, 2024

3 Treasurer's Report-little activity at this time,

- most tournaments made money
- only mileage owed to John Abbott
- policy that if you play, no mileage
- financial books approved, treasurer to receive a \$700 honorarium-motion by Tom, seconded by Brian, passed (Jed abstained)

4 Membership-Brian

- we have 1228 membership
- felt that the increase was due to the social aspect of face-to-face bridge
- educational initiatives, bridge lessons also a factor

5 Tournament Report-Tom

- all sanctions are in place for 2025
- London will keep its October date, Goderich will keep its June date
- Stratford and Sarnia will no longer have legacy sanction dates held for them

6 Executive for 2024/25 year

President-Ted Boyd
Vice-President-Jed Drew
Treasurer-Jenn Verdam
Secretary-John Abbott
Tournament Coordinator-Tom Jolliffe
Education Coordinator-Malkin Dare
Web Master-Tom Jolliffe
Director At Large-Gary Robertson

- moved acceptance of agenda list of executive positions by Jenn, seconded by Tom passed unanimously

7 5-5-5 report

- we are receiving more money under this new arrangement (from 1500 to 2100 per quarter)

8 On line Director Courses Expenses

-to be paid per policy position,moved by Jed,seconded by Jenn,passed.
Unanimously.

9 Online games-Tom

- whether it is possible to establish a local unit online games
- Jed kept price to play at the lowest amount on BBO even for special games.
 - can we help in any way(promote?)
- Tom felt that it would not be fiscally responsible to run our own online games (see report)

10 Education Report-Malkin

- sanction to hold “bridge in a day” to be paid for yearly
- a motion to extend free plays from 3 to 8 proposed by Malkin,motion amended to 4 free plays by Malkin,seconded by Tom,passed
- Hazel said that having a partner to play with was most important to the new players
- having a mentor (6 to 8 times) for playing open bridge and support free plays for the mentor.,details to be worked out)Hazel found that the mentors competed as to who could bring their student along sooner.
- motion by Malkin and seconded by Hazel to develop a policy to encourage mentors passed.
- the unit has purchased the license for”Learn Bridge In A Day” for 2025.

11 New Bridge Tables

- motion to purchase 100 tables for up to \$7,500 provided that we can find place to store them reasonably in the Kitchener/Waterloo area-moved by Tom,seconded by Hazel passed

12 New Board Members

Tom and Ted have developed a letter to send to prospective members to join us..

13 Director's Course

Tom advised that over twenty are registered for the course next week in London.

14-Court case-tabled

15 Next Meeting

JANUARY 18,2025

Please advise if there are any errors or omissions. Thank you.

