

**Minutes of the Northern Kentucky Bridge Club
March 10, 2009**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the President, Cindy Tretter, at 2:40 p.m.

Attendance

All the members of the Board of Directors were present: Cindy Tretter, Cordell Coy, Dan Hance, Michiko Natsume, Imogene Enzweiler, Jack Mehalko, as well as the club manager Sheila Dippel.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February meeting were distributed to the board members via email and thus were not read. Dan Hance moved to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Cordell Coy, the minutes were approved.

Old Business

Treasurer's Report

Jack Mehalko gave a financial summary for three months: December 2008, January and February 2009. Significant entries for the three months were the Duplimate cost of \$4,250.00, computer cabinet \$211.00, duplimate duty \$40.00; Christmas game freebies; and Christmas gifts to Directors.

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| December: | Income: | \$ 545.50 |
| | Expenses: | <u>\$5,656.87</u> |
| | Net: | (\$5,111.37) |
| YEAR END: | Income: | \$12,646.67 |
| | Expenses: | <u>\$13,854.57</u> |
| | Net: | (\$ 1,207.90) |
| Year end assets: | Checking acct: | \$8,525.47 |
| | Cash | <u>389.26</u> |
| | BOH: | \$8,914.73 |
| January: | Income: | \$ 716.00 |
| | Expenses | <u>\$ 792.10</u> |
| | Net: | (\$ 76.10) |
| | Checking account: | \$7,835.15 |
| | Cash : | <u>\$1,003.48</u> |
| | BOH: | \$8,838.63 |
| February: | Income: | \$1,073.00 |
| | Expenses | <u>\$ 854.07</u> |
| | Net: | \$ 218.93 |
| | Checking account: | \$8,014.51 |
| | Cash: | <u>\$1,043.05</u> |
| | BOH | \$9,057.56 |

Jack Mehalko reported that everything is ready to go to file the 2008 taxes which will be done shortly.

Dan Hance moved to approve the Treasurer's report, Sheila Dippel seconded, motion carried.

Manager's Report

1. Sheila reminded everyone that April is charity month so that the game fee will be \$5.00.
2. In the last week in April the CBA will hold its annual regional games so that our club will not be open that week for games as this was agreed upon several years ago by the Board of Directors.
3. There will be an inter-club game next week, March 18th.
4. Several years ago at a board meeting it was decided that whenever there is a fifth Tuesday or Friday we would have a team game, board-a-match, or Swiss Team game. Sheila suggested that the director who is scheduled for a "fifth-week game" should have the privilege of choosing the type of game to play. It doesn't have to be the same as we have always done. We could have a mixed partners game, or individual game, or mentor-mentee game, pro-am game, or a team game; at the Director's discretion. Discussion brought out that it definitely should be something different than a "regular game." Dan suggested that an "8 is enough" team game could be scheduled wherein the team player points cannot total more than 8, e.g., A players 3 points, B players 2 points, C players 1 point. You could have 2 A's and 2 C's; you could have 1 A, 2 B's and 1 C; etc. Sheila suggested playing a pairs game, but score it as IMP's.
5. Peg Ammon apologizes that Jack and Peg did not get enough lobster this year for a big feast, but suggested that we hold a potluck supper on a Wednesday night and she would make lobster casserole. This would be sometime in May--Sheila will check with Peg on the date.
6. Sheila thanked everyone who helped make up the boards. The boards will need to be prepared every other week. We have been doing it at 1:00 p.m. on Thursdays and she appreciates when directors come to help and everyone who has volunteered their time. With more hands it only takes approximately 2 - 1 / 2 hours. Next board-making date is March 19th.
7. Cindy thanked all the directors for making an effort to balance games and sit-outs. The speed of the games has increased even as we play 27 boards which most of the time increases the length of the games. Good job Directors!
8. On the Stand-by Partner - how is it going? Jean Sturtevant mentioned that she didn't think it was going too well. Some people think it is not a good idea. Some of the people who signed up for it called and wanted their name taken off the list. Today a standby came in, even though wasn't asked to do so, and then the Director of the day played as his partner to fill a table. That is not the way it was designed. We really haven't had that much need for it. People are really using the website for partnership. It was mentioned that in light of the fact that we have the website and we have a partnership chairman, having someone come in for standby is overkill. It was also mentioned that at other bridge clubs (some in Florida), a standby partner is called the night before, so that a person who has called and asked for a partner the day or night before a game can have a partner. Otherwise, just showing up without a partner does not guarantee that you will play. The "stand-by" doesn't have to show up and sit there just to see if somebody shows up without a partner. Jean Sturtevant and Rick O'Connor volunteered to look into making a list of people within a three mile radius of the club who could possibly be called on short notice to come and play.

Webmater's Report

The website is doing fine--we recently added a link to the ACBL . Click on ACBL from our website and you can get the hand of the week, much like Tom Hassett suggested for our site. We haven't heard anymore from Tom on his suggested problem hands for our web, but this link serves the same purpose.

We need to renew our "domain name" or decide whether or not we want to maintain the web hosting at a cost of \$100.00 per year. It costs \$10.00 for the name, and the web hosting fee is \$90.00. There is a slight discount if we sign up for three years. Actually, instead of \$96.00 a year, it would amount to \$84.00 per year if we went to the three year renewal. Motion made by Sheila, seconded by Dan Hance to renew for one year, motion carried.

The President thanked Cordell for all his work on the website and for the club.

Organizing Equipment and Clean-up

The President thanked everyone who volunteered for the clean-up and organize day. It was a real success. Wondered if we should do it once a month. Discussion resulted in once every other month on the first Tuesday. Next clean-up day will be April 7th.

Advertising

Don Duritsch has agreed to work with Brian Mains to get the ACBL hands in the Community Recorder and to add our website and Cindy's phone number for additional information. We are looking into getting the ACBL and possibly one of the local banks to sponsor some advertising dollars for our cause.

Library

Thanks to Cordell and Karen Coy for getting the library up and running. Cordell said that Gayle Keaney is the librarian at CBA and there is a possibility that books from their library may be available to our NKBC players. If a member wishes to take out a book from the CBA, they can make the request through a liaison --Jean Sturtevant volunteered as liaison.

New Business

Rick O'Connor suggested that every other month or occasionally it might be well to promote a team game between our club and possibly the New England and/or CBA resulting in partnerships getting more points. It would cost \$1.00 more to play. After some discussion it was decided that until we know more about whether the possibility exists, we should not consider it.

Rick brought up that in the Enquirer on Mondays there are bridge questions. If you go to the other papers, there are seven questions, but we may have only three or four, so we need to call the Enquirer and complain that we don't get what other papers get.

Rick entered for record a proposal that we allow the Boone County Bridge Club to rent the use of our Duplimate so that the Director of their club can create hand records. Ninety percent of the Boone County players are players from our NKBC so that we are not giving advantages to Boone county. Hand records are helpful in improving everybody's game. It would let us make a little bit of money and would benefit everybody involved. The Duplimate would not leave our site, Sheila would be in charge of making up the boards. Boards would need to be created for 4 to 6 days of the month. Discussion ensued regarding percentage of use by NKBC (2/3rd) vs. BCBC (1/3rd); maintenance cost to us per year (\$250.00); life of the machine in relation to number of boards dealt (40 - 50 boards a week) (warranty is 5 years). Motion was made by Dan Hance, seconded by Jack Mehalko, to table this until next month, motion carried.

Cindy Tretter said that Dave Dressman wanted to know if he could publish in our Table Talk a notice for lessons by him. We have never done this as there are other people in our club who give lessons. It was brought up that through CBA's educational committee, a lot of stuff is filtered through and lesson offerings by various teachers gets into their website. After reading Dave's letter proposal, it was agreed that he could put up a flyer on the bulletin board here at the club, but that publishing an advertisement for somebody who is promoting himself as a pro would not be acceptable at this time.

Joe Pike proposed that we should investigate a way to set up a system of accounting for the number of times a person/pair has a sit-out, and when that number gets up to 24 boards, they get a free game. Actually the computer would be able to determine when that number is reached. Discussion involved around the fact that we already dole out enough free games during the year and that as long as the directors make a reasonable effort to balance out the "sit-out" times, it would not be a significant benefit to the players or for the club. No motion was made to follow through on this suggestion.

Betty Hurst mentioned that the Mentor-Mentee program is coming up and she will follow up with details in April.

With no further business, Dan Hance motioned, Cordell Coy seconded for adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Imogene Enzweiler
Secretary