

**Minutes of the Northern Kentucky Bridge Club  
May 12, 2009**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Cindy Tretter, at 2:25 p.m.

**Attendance**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the April meeting were read by the Secretary. Three corrections were made as follows: On the first page in the second paragraph of Manager's Report, fourth line should read "1 and 1 / 2 to 2 hour period..." and in the first line of Webmaster's Report insert "Cordell Coy reported that the website..."; and the last sentence of the second page under Mentor-Mentee is changed to read, "The Director will set up the strats prior to the game so that the teams can be formed. Whether we have the game or not is up to the Director." Upon motion of Dan Hance, seconded by Cordell Coy, the minutes of the April 21 meeting were approved as corrected.

**Old Business**

**Treasurer's Report**

Jack Mehalko reported that we had one new member. There were only 105 tables during the month due to the one week not played during the CBA Tournament and a less than average attendance the week of April 13th due to the Gatlinburg Tournament. We had one new member and received a STAC refund of \$113.32.

Net income	\$ 296.00
Bal in Ck. Acct.	9,061.95
Cash	643.68
Total assets	9,705.63

Motion was made by Cordell Coy, seconded by Dan Hance to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

**Club Manager's Report**

Sheila Dippel checked with Betty Hurst as to whether or not she received the coupons for the free games for the Mentor/Mentee Games. Betty reported that she received a total of six; and also that Evelyn Hance received her coupons for eight free games, all of which were approved at the April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Sheila said that someone approached her regarding the article in *Table Talk* about the appeal process when a player appeals or challenges a ruling made by the Director. Since we do not have a standing appeal committee, the Director will appoint a three or five person unbiased committee in most instances on the same day of the occurrence. After listening to the appeal by the player and the resulting decision of the Director, the committee will decide whether or not the ruling should stand. Sheila said it is highly frowned upon by ACBL for players to make frivolous appeals.

Sheila reminded everyone that June 2<sup>nd</sup> is interclub championship game, costing the players \$1.00 more to play. June 10<sup>th</sup> is also the lobster pot luck event and on an evening such as this we need extra help to set up the banquet table and the game tables. The Social Directors are encouraged to have a sign-up sheet to get the extra help and also sign-up sheets for pot luck dishes. June 9<sup>th</sup> is a North American Pair Game. June 17<sup>th</sup> is a championship game.

**Webmaster's Report**

Cordell Coy reported no changes to the website. Some people mentioned it is not compatible with their Blackberry. Cordell is working on it.

**Use of Duplimate by BCBC**

Cindy Tretter said she received an email letter from Gary Fan requesting that we reconsider our calculations on which we based our proposed cost to BCBC of \$5.00 per set of boards prepared by the Duplimate.

He said that \$2.00 for every usage is a more likely figure. A discussion as to the unknown life of the machine and lack of factual knowledge thereof, resulted in the Board's decision to keep the cost as previously calculated at \$5.00 per set.

#### **Standby List**

Rick O'Connor reported that he has a list of three people who volunteered to be standby players: Gary Kohl, Rose Busman, and Bernie Becker. These names and their telephone numbers were given to Jack Mehalko, the Partnership Chairman. Caution should be taken so that the standby players are not always paired with someone who consistently walks in and expects a standby to be called.

#### **Mentor-Mentee Program**

Betty Hurst reported that the Mentor-Mentee program seems to be really successful this year. There are close to 75 pairs between CBA and NKYB. Thursday night, May 14<sup>th</sup> is kick-off night at CBA. Mentees are asked to bring a pot luck dish.

#### **Bridgemate Committee Report**

Don Duritsch reported that the committee of Don, Cordell Coy and Tony Brockman are looking into the use of electronic scoring rather than manual entry into the computer. He said that the CBA was discussing it at their meetings also. The committee suggests that we do a trial usage of either Bridgemate or Bridgepad, the two competing brands, to see if the membership would accept its use if the Board would decide to buy into the program. We would also have to see how it works with our current computer system. The committee wanted some assurance from the Board as to whether or not we would vote for the program as it would seem useless to go through the motion of all the studies if in the long run we really did not want to consider approving the purchase. Dropping, breaking, replacing batteries, life of the small tabletop device should also be considered. Technical issues need to be resolved, such as wireless networking in our bridge room, life of batteries, life cycle of the Bridgemate or Bridgepad, Directors learning the use of the system, etc. Bridgepad will give us a 30-day trial program. The trial usage would allow the players time to see if they would like to have it in use at our club. A poll of the Board members indicated we should proceed to a trial program.

#### **New Business**

##### **Open Agenda**

Joe Pike brought up the North-south Card placement on the tables and suggests that it be uniform by the Directors. A response to this was that this item has been mentioned before and directors place the card at their discretion. Players should take note of the card placement when they sit at the table.

Joe Pike mentioned that often times when the large trash bag has been removed and a replacement deposited into the container, that "new trash" is deposited. We are supposed to have all trash cleared of all receptacles. The President noted while this is true, it should not be a real problem.

Jean Sturtevant suggested that if we eliminated a few steps on our website for a player to find a partner for a given game day/night, more players would take advantage of the website to find a partner. Cordell Coy said that it was set up to provide privacy protection for the people using the site, but that he would work on it to see if there was an easier method.

Rick O'Connor said that it was brought up a couple months ago that we could set up some interclub games with New England, CBA and our NKYB. Any interclub games have to be sanctioned by the ACBL. Rick was encouraged to provide more information for the Board to consider the matter further.

#### **Motion for Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the Board, motion was made by Dan Hance, seconded by Michi Natsume to adjourn, the meeting ended at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Imogene Enzweiler  
Secretary