

**Minutes of the Northern Kentucky Bridge Club
June 9, 2009**

Call to Order

In the absence of the President, Cindy Tretter, the meeting was called to order by Cordell Coy at 2:10 p.m.

Attendance

The following members of the Board of Directors were present: 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 May meeting were read by the Secretary. Upon motion of Dan Hance, seconded by Michiko Natsume, the minutes of the meeting of May 10, 2009 were approved as read.

Old Business

Treasurer's Report

Jack Mehalko reported that we had four new members. Table proceeds were \$707.00, for a total income of \$715.00. Expenses for the month were \$439.90, including \$100.00 paid to the Senior Center. It was noted by Dan Hance that the manager of the Center, Geri Herbert, that the \$100.00 being donated by our club to the center was being used to pay for cleaning both the upstairs and downstairs of the building. Dan said that in the future we might want to consider having a charity game to contribute towards the cleaning fund. Sheila pointed out that the first charity game the club holds must go to ACBL, then a second charity event can be used for whatever purpose we wish. Players receive extra points in a charity game. We could schedule such a game in August on a Tuesday or a Friday.

Net income	\$ 275.10
Bal in Ck. Acct.	9,774.60
Cash	206.13
Total assets	9,980.13

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

Club Manager's Report

Sheila Dippel said that there are three North American Pair Games scheduled at NKBC this summer--June 9th, July 22nd and August 28th.

Stac game fees will be announced after Sheila receives more information about this year's Stac Tournament. Sheila said that the game fee this year may possibly be \$7.00. Local clubs will not receive any of the proceeds from this year's Summer Stac Tournament. Proceeds will go to the National Tournament Committee for the upcoming National to be held in Louisville, Ky. District 11 Stac week is July 6 - 12. NKBC will be holding Stac games Tues., July 7, Wednesday evening July 8, and Friday July 10.

Webmaster's Report

Cordell Coy reported that he is making a change to the website so that a member can click on "Partnership" to find a partner. You will not have to log in, but you would have to log in if you want to add your name. A few people are still having a problem logging into the website. It doesn't make sense to change the way our directory works, like as Cincinnati where everybody has the same password. At CBA, the bulletin board says, "Here is how you log in, here's your password to log into the directory." Sheila wanted to know what is the reason some people cannot get in? Cordell says they do not know that they can log in at ACBL. Cordell mentioned that our system is set up for security purposes. We do not get a lot of use on our directory because a lot of names and addresses are not listed. The directory is not as usable as it could be as people did not take any action to log in. Betty Hurst pointed out that at CBA with the Mentor/Mentee program, logging in and getting names and numbers has not created a problem. Cordell said that the question is, "Do we want to change the behavior of the website or not? Maybe next time after you give it some thought, we can talk more about it."

Use of Duplimate by BCBC

A contract has been signed by the Board members and Gary Fan. We have dealt some boards for the BCBC and have received \$15.00 from Gary Fan.

Standby List

So far, we have Gary Kohl, Rose Busman, and Bernie Becker for standby players who when they are called and agree to come in on short notice, will play for free. Their names and numbers are to be posted inside of the computer cabinet for easy reference for last minute call. It was noted that Mary Lou Zurborg came into play on a late notice as a stand-in for a non-show partner. She is to be given a coupon for a free play since she paid for the game when she came in.

Mentor-Mentee Program

Betty Hurst reported that there are 87 participants and that several Mentors are mentoring more than one. There is a free game for the M/M game set for Thursday, June 11th at CBA.

Sheila Dippel brought up that the new ACBL update program 7.60 allows us to average a pair to decide the strat on a Mentor/Mentee game, so that she recommends that we have a Mentor/Mentee game set up maybe on a Wednesday night and if we do that, should we stratify it with the lowest Mentee, or average it (Mentor/Mentee)? She said that if she plays with her Mentee, it is going to be a high strat. Should we average or go with adjusted strat so that the Mentees are competing at the same level? Some thought it really didn't make any difference.

Bridgemate Committee Report

Don Duritsch reported a difference in the cost of Bridgemate vs. Bridgepad to be about \$300.00. We could do a trial run on either of them. The estimated cost of Bridgemate is \$2,600.00 for 16 units, Bridgepad is approximately \$2,200.00 for the same amount of units. If we buy 16, and we need to get more, we can continue the purchase on an individual basis. Imogene Enzweiler motioned to bring in the Bridgemate on a trial basis, seconded by Dan Hance, motion carried. Trial usage should begin August or September 2009.

Interclub Games

Continued to next month.

Newspaper Coverage

Don Duritsch asked if anyone noticed anything in the local Reporter circular? Said there might have been an entry in one of the papers last week. There are a number of community Recorders but was hopeful that at least the Erlanger circular would have included an entry from us. A photographer was around the room today (June 9th) but that was for publicity for upstairs. We may want to discuss applying some dollars toward advertising, and that ACBL would cover some of that cost. Dan will look into the rates of advertising.

New Business

BCBC Game on Mondays

Sheila Dippel said that Gary Fan talked to Geri Herbert, the manager of the Senior Center, who approved of BCBC using our same facility for their game on Mondays, but only after 11:00 a.m. Sheila said that when NKYBridge first started, we used our own tables but used the Center's chairs. The Senior Center often has parties down here and use our refrigerator and our tables. The question arises as to the use of our tables by BCBC. BCBC will be responsible for their own supplies. Don Duritsch questioned whether NKYBridge would consider a Monday game if our newspaper ads brought in more people. Discussion brought out that since BCBC has reserved Mondays for their game at Elsmere, that would not be an option. Motion was made by Dan Hance, seconded by Michi Natsume to allow BCBC to use our tables for their games, with the stipulation that the tables remain in place for the Tuesday game by NKYBridge, and further that all supplies necessary for the operation of the BCBC game will be completely furnished by BCBC. Motion carried.

Motion for Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, motion being made by Dan Hance, seconded by Michi Natsume to adjourn, the meeting ended at 3: 25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Imogene Enzweiler
Secretary