

## **Minutes of the Northern Kentucky Bridge Club July 14, 2009**

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Cindy Tretter, at 2:15 p.m.

### **Attendance**

All the Board members 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**

A draft of the minutes of the June meeting were posted to the club's website so that a reading of the minutes by the Secretary was waived. Don Duritsch in attendance at the meeting as a special chairperson on the Bridgemate committee, excepted the minutes as to the paragraph on the Bridgemate. After some discussion, it was agreed to correct the June minutes so that the motion to bring in the Bridgemate on a trial basis also included the agreement of the board members to approve the purchase of the Bridgemate, if after the introduction to the club on a trial basis the players expressed their acceptance of the Bridgemate. Upon motion of Dan Hance, seconded by Michiko Natsume, the minutes of the June 12 meeting were approved as corrected.

### **Old Business**

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Jack Mehalko reported that due to his vacation a report was not ready at this time, but would have something by the end of the week before again leaving town.

#### **Club Manager's Report**

Sheila Dippel said that there are five Fridays in July, so that we could schedule a charity game for July 31<sup>st</sup> for the benefit of the Senior Center. Concerning Charity Games held at clubs, the first Charity Game held during a year has to be for the benefit of the ACBL Charity Fund. The second one can be for a charity of the club's choice. Thereafter, every other Charity Game the recipient would be ACBL; meaning Charity Game 3 would be for ACBL, Charity Game 4 for a charity of the club's choice, Charity Game 5 for ACBL, etc.

Sheila said there have been some Mentor/Mentee games held at CBA and suggests that we hold one here at Elsmere. A date will be decided later. It will not be a free game. All Mentor/Mentee players will be playing in "C" strat, while pairs who play that same event who are not Mentor/Mentee pairs will be aptly stratified. September 13 is the ending date of the Mentor/Mentee program for 2009 so that a date for our event should be held before that time.

Sheila suggested that our club raise the "A" stratification level to 1,000 MP's and above. After some discussion of the pros and cons as to the various stratifications we now have for A, B and C strats, motion was made by Dan Hance, seconded by Cordell Coy that we raise the "A" strat level to 1,000 MP's or above, beginning August 2009. Motion carried.

Regarding the making up of the boards, Sheila mentioned that a discussion was held at the last board-making session that it might be well to schedule this project on a game day rather than scheduling a separate day to come in and make up the boards. It was agreed that we would try to set this up for the first and third Tuesday games, the first such board-making date to be July 21, 2009.

A date for cleaning the room and re-arranging cabinetry, etc., was set for July 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Webmaster's Report**

Cordell Coy reported that there is record-high usage of the website in the last month or two. Said he is doing what he can to integrate the website with the Bridgemate trial coming up. There may be some procedural changes in what the directors have to do to get the scores posted to the web. There will be a

meeting with the directors prior to the introduction to the club members to acquaint them with the product and to achieve a successful trial run without any glitches.

**Bridgemate Committee Report**

Don Duritsch presented each board member with a proposal from Bridgemate. There is no charge for the demo program and the system can be returned at no charge to us should the members not accept its usage and the Board members decide not to buy it. We are hoping to have the Bridgemate in hand and ready for first usage by the last week in July, possibly first club usage on July 31<sup>st</sup>. The committee will poll the members to see if they like it and would want it to be permanently used by our club. If they do not like it, then the Board will not approve the purchase.

**Standby List**

No report.

**Interclub Games**

No report.

**Newspaper Coverage**

Don Duritsch said we did get at least one entry in the local paper and considered that a success.

**New Business**

Cindy Tretter brought up the subject of contributions vs. flowers or flower planting with respect to a member's passing. After some discussion as to an established tradition and a recent monetary contribution, it was decided to investigate the club's prior policy from the recorded minutes and remand this to a future decision on the subject.

**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