

**Minutes of the Northern Kentucky Bridge Club  
August 11, 2009**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Cindy Tretter, at 2:20 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 July meeting were posted to the club's website so that a reading of the minutes by the Secretary was waived. Upon motion of Cordell Coy, seconded by Dan Hance, the minutes of the July meeting were approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Treasurer's Report**

Jack Mehalko reported for the two months of June and July.

**June:** regular games produced \$767.00, special game income was \$92.00, \$2.00 for one new member, income from BCBC \$15.00 for the preparation of boards for their games, for a total income of \$876.00. Expenses included ACBL dues of \$111.94, special game \$92.00, bridge supplies \$119.46, miscellaneous \$8.80, Senior Center \$100.00, for a total expense of \$432.20.

Net income	\$ 443.80
Expenses	432.20
Check Acct. bal	9,774.60
Cash	1,073.33
Total assets	10,424.53

**July:** regular games produced \$838.00, special game 40.00, Stac game \$280.00, Card Holder 5.00, new members \$10.00, BCBC\$40.00, contributions toward the memorial donation to St. Charles \$110.00, charity game \$248.00, for a total income of \$1,571.00. Expenses included ACBL dues \$89.46, special game \$40.00, Stac game \$210.00, bridge supplies \$16.74, coffee supplies \$91.04, Website \$190.80 (2 year fee), St. Charles \$150.00 (\$110.00 contribution from members; \$40.00 from club treasury), Senior Center \$100.00, charity game \$248.00, for a total expense of \$1,136.04.

Net income	\$ 434.96
Expenses	1,136.04
Check Acct. bal	9,454.74
Cash	1,404.75
Total assets:	10,859.49

**Club Manager's Report**

Sheila Dippel reminded us that the September 9<sup>th</sup> game will be an instant match point game. Don Duritsch volunteered to direct that game. Sheila made a motion to charge \$7.00 for the game (\$4.00 regular fee, \$2.75 ACBL cost, add \$.25 for the club, bringing it to \$7.00). Motion was seconded by Dan Hance, motion carried.

Sheila said she placed an order for 5,000 convention cards to replenish our supply, and also a set of boards. When we have the 199er game on Wednesday, we have to have two sets, and the same for the 199er game on the first Friday.

Sheila said that soon we will be getting our 2010 renewal application from ACBL. A discussion ensued about adding a game on Thursday. The facility would be available starting at 11:00 a.m. after the center's exercise

program is finished. Discussion centered around availability of directors, number of boards played (24 vs. 27) and response of players to the Thursday game. By agreement of the Board, Sheila will apply for the sanction for a NKYB Thursday game beginning the first Thursday in October.

All games in August are Mentor/Mentee games. Reference the most recent issue of Table Talk.

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

Cordell Coy reported that his current activity on the website is trying to prepare for the Bridgemate. Working on his machine at this point, but need to upgrade the club's computer and that should be ready sometime this week, and we will be able to see the contract information, the results page, and the hand records, all in one board. We will not need to have your score card--it will all be there. Our machine is pretty much unusable. It would cost \$100 to \$150 to upgrade our computer. I haven't had the time to see if a memory upgrade is available for that machine. The gigabyte should be sufficient if you have a 2 - 4 gigabyte upgrade. It has nothing to do with things added onto the website or what we have preserved for history sake. Upgrading the computer was put on hold.

The President asked Cordell about posting the minutes to the website and wondered if they were posted before all the members of the board had seen them. Cordell assured Cindy that the draft minutes, and the minutes are marked "draft", are posted to the website only after the secretary has informed him that no further suggestions for correction were given to her other than what she received the first time the first run of the minutes were given or emailed to the members.

#### **Bridgemate Committee Report**

Don Duritsch reported that the fifth session was completed today for the trial run of the Bridgemate. We have had some glitches but it really wasn't the Bridgemate's problem.

He said that Sheila received an email from BridgePad which offered their product at a lesser figure than Bridgemate. Don and the committee's investigation brought out that Bridgemate is a superior product, offers better cooperation on service and upgrade programs, and suggested that BridgePad may be working on changing their product which may be reason they are offering a reduced rate. Bridgemate said their largest customer is 800 members strong, 50 tables, 50,000 terminals and in 50 plus countries and the price here in America is lower compared to other countries. Bridgemate will soon have a Bridgemate II. The committee suggests that if we are going to buy a table-top scoring device, Bridgemate is the way to go without giving a trial run on a competing product.

Don passed out a sample poll and wondered if the board felt it was what we should distribute to the players and let them voice their opinion on the Bridgemate. The questions asked on the poll are: What do you like about Bridgemate? What do you dislike about Bridgemate? Should we keep it or send it back? Name on the poll is optional. The board members nodded their approval on the distribution of the poll.

#### **Standby List**

A standby list is to be taped to the inside of the directors' cabinet so that the names on the list are readily available should the occasion arise for the director to make a call for a player. It was noted that there may be less occasion to call a standby player in the event the Bridgemate is permanently in use, since the director could be available to play should the need arise. The drawback to a director playing is that if the director gets a "director's call" then he/she will be aware of that particular hand when that hand hits their table.

#### **Interclub Games**

Tabled indefinitely.

#### **Newspaper Coverage**

Don Duritsch said that now we are getting more frequent recognition under the "Activities" listing in the weekly papers, but as yet have not been able to get any bridge hands in.

#### **Memorials**

A discussion on memorials resulted in no policy being established, but that when an occasion occurs, the board members can arrive at a fitting tribute.

**Mentor/Mentee Report**

Betty Hurst reported that the free M/M game is this Thursday at CBA, starting at 6:30 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

After the President, Cindy Tretter, brought up the need for a policy regarding the Zero Tolerance Policy and roles of the directors and the club manager, no action was taken.

**CBA Board.** Cindy said the CBA is asking if we have anyone to suggest for their CBA Board. Anybody interested? We should have representation on that board. The CBA board is meeting next week. The names of Tonya and Jerry Glendening came up and they may be approached for that cause.

**Nominating Committee.** In September our club will have to develop our nominating committee to recruit nominees for election of board members in November and asked for volunteers. Our former chairman of this committee, Brenda Mehalko, is willing to serve on the committee, but declines to chair it.

**OPEN FORUM**

**New members.** Don Duritsch said that one of his neighbors told him about a rubber bridge game at the public library in Union on Tuesdays and Thursdays, about four to seven tables. I mentioned our novice games to him. Our novice games are going down the tubes. If there is a game over there (library), we should go over there and invite them to our game and see if we can get them to come over here. We need to “sell” our club to people who play bridge. Cindy said she would see about going to their game and talk to them about our club.

**Garden.** Jean Sturtevant brought in a plan for the garden outside our entryway. After some discussion which included the plans for the center to change the entryway, it was decided to put the garden program on hold until we see what changes will be made to the center.

**Variety of Games.** Rick O’Connor brought up the idea of scheduling a variety of games. More information will be gathered for further discussion.

**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