

## **Minutes of the Northern Kentucky Bridge Club September 8, 2009**

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Cindy Tretter, at 2:10 P.M.

### **Attendance**

Board members Cindy Tretter, Cordell Coy, Dan Hance, Jack Mehalko, Michiko Natsume, and Sheila Dippel were present. As Imogene Enzweiler was absent Cordell recorded the minutes of the meeting.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the August meeting were approved as posted to the club's website upon the success of a motion from Cordell Coy, seconded by Jack Mehalko.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

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

Jack Mehalko reported for August:

Income	\$786.00
Expenses	\$671.40
Net Income	\$114.60
Checking Account	\$10754.08
Cash	\$220.01
Total	\$10,974.09

The Treasurer's report was approved upon a successful motion from Dan Hance, seconded by Michiko Natsume.

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

Sheila Dippel reminded us that beginning in October we would be hosting an additional game each Thursday. Jim will direct 10/1, Betty 10/8, Sheila 10/15. Sheila is still looking for additional directors to direct regularly on Thursdays. In October only, Sheila has said she will cover 10/22 and Jackie will cover 10/29.

10/1 will be a club appreciation game and as a promotion the board decided to offer free pizza.

Sheila mentioned her concern for starting the game at 11:00. She was worried that not enough time would be available for the director to make the necessary preparations as we only would gain access to the room at 10:30. The board decided to move start time of the Thursday games to 11:30. It was noted in the discussion, that a cleaning staff arrives at 3:30, so the game will need to finish promptly.

Sheila mentioned our upcoming anniversary party on 11/10. It will be a potluck. After some discussion, the board agreed to fund the purchase of chicken for the potluck and Jack Mehalko volunteered to procure it.

November is election month. Usually the senior center is used for voting and we must find other quarters for our game that day 11/3. Sheila will speak with Elmer to see if we can again make use of the Burlington K of C hall.

Sheila asked the board to consider canceling creating boards for the Wednesday evening 199er game due to apparent lack of interest. This matter was tabled and will be discussed again next month.

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

Cordell Coy presented a graph of website activity over the last year. The graph showed the number of pages accessed each week and also the number of different IP addresses accessing the site each week. From the graph, it was easy to see how much variance there was from week to week. It also showed that the site continues to gain (albeit slowly) in number of new users.

Cordell indicated that he would be finishing up with the BridgeMate changes to the website this coming week.

#### **Bridgemate Committee Report**

Don Duritsch presented the board with the results of a poll of the membership regarding the BridgeMate scoring system. The survey was available to all players attending games during the week of August 25. Of those attending, 78% indicated their approval of the system. 8% indicated they felt the system was too expensive for the benefit gained.

Don indicated that BridgeMate will be cheaper than the original proposal. There is a price reduction in effect because BridgeMate will soon be introducing a newer model. The new models have different hardware and are not compatible with the units that we have tested. BridgeMate has claimed that they will support both models for the

foreseeable future.

The committee recommended purchasing the units that we have plus two additional to cover sparing and potential growth. A motion to adopt the committee's recommendation was made by Dan Hance and seconded by Jack Mehalko. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Nominating Committee**

Cindy Tretter has appointed Mary Lou Zurborg as chairperson of this committee. Mary Lou has asked Brenda Mehalko and Francis Brothers to co-chair the committee. Jackie Swango and Michiko Natsume will provide secondary counting of the votes.

#### **Boone County Library Bridge Game**

No action was made during the month to contact the members of this group.

#### **Entrance Area - Jean Sturtevant's Gardening Plan**

Cindy Tretter told the board that the plans to update the building would leave the current entrance area as is. She was asked by Jean Sturtevant whether we would then proceed with her gardening plan to improve the desirability of the area. The board asked for an estimate of cost for Jean's plan. However, based on a successful motion by Cordell Coy and seconded by Michiko Natsume, the board approved purchasing 3 Hasta plants to begin at least some of the improvements.

#### **Variety of Games**

Rick O'Connor was not present at the meeting, so no follow-up on this topic occurred.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Senior Center Director Retiring**

Cindy Tretter mentioned that Gerri Herper, the senior center director, will be retiring later this month. Gerri has fostered a very positive relationship between the senior center and NKYBC. After a successful motion from Dan Hance, seconded by Michiko Natsume, a \$50 gift certificate to Thai restaurant will be purchased and given to Gerri.

##### **Additional Charity Games**

Jack Mehalko suggested that our club should host more charity games. Sheila indicated that there ACBL restrictions on when charity games could be held and also restrictions on where the money could be donated. These restrictions notwithstanding, and with no discussion of how many charity games to add, Sheila will based on her knowledge of the restrictions, schedule more charity games at the club beginning in 2010.

##### **Free Game Door Prizes**

Jack suggested that the club could afford to give away 4 free game coupons at each club game. The board liked the idea and after some discussion, it was agreed that the coupons would be given to a NS pair and an EW pair in a random drawing. The coupons could only be redeemed at a future game. The mechanics of how the drawing would be done are yet to be resolved.

#### **OPEN FORUM**

A suggestion was made that we purchase a 'Wet Swiffer' to be used for spot clean-up between the weekly cleanings. Betty said she had one she would donate. The club will need to purchase the necessary pads.

##### **Motion for Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, a motion being made by Dan Hance, seconded by Cordell Coy to adjourn, ended the meeting at 3: 20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cordell Coy  
Vice President