

Minutes of the Northern Kentucky Bridge Club October 13, 2009

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the President, Cindy Tretter, at 2:13 P.M.

Attendance

Board members Cindy Tretter, Cordell Coy, Dan Hance, Jack Mehalko, 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 Dan Hance, seconded by Jack Mehalko.

OLD BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report

Jack Mehalko reported for September:

Income	\$1555.00
Expenses	\$3389.17
Net Income	(-\$1834.17)
Checking Account	\$8524.29
Cash	\$615.63
Total	\$9139.92

The larger than normal game income was offset by the one time cost of the BridgeMate electronic scoring system. The Treasurer's report was approved upon a successful motion from Dan Hance, seconded by Sheila Dippel.

Club Manager's Report

Sheila Dippel gave us the following details regarding the upcoming game schedule:

10/23	no game. please plan to play at the Cincinnati 'Octoberbest' sectional
11/3	election day, game as scheduled at Elsmere Senior Center, there are no northern KY ballot issues
11/10	anniversary party and annual election of officers
11/27	no game, Friday after Thanksgiving, no director available

At the anniversary party, the club will provide chicken entree for lunch for each person attending. Jack and Brenda will order the chicken ahead of time. Members will be requested to bring a dish to share.

The 2010 game schedule will include a variety of game types for games occurring during the fifth week of any month. While the specific games have not been set, a 'ProAm' game has been popular in the past as was the '8 is enough'. Individual competitions, separate sections of Men's and Women's pairs with overall winner, and mixed pairs games are also being considered along with others ideas.

Sheila requested that the board approve the addition of Cordell Coy and Richard Fisher to the list of club directors. Dan Hance made such a motion, seconded by Jack Mehalko and approved by all board members.

Sheila discussed the changes recently implemented when dealing boards. We recently added Thursday games, and we didn't want to increase the number or frequency of sessions for dealing boards. At the same time, the boards dealt for 199ers are rarely used. For the time being, we are now dealing only one set of 199er boards. When they are used, another set will be dealt. This means that 199ers will be playing different boards from the open game. The boards will not be easier or harder, just different. This change will keep the workload on the 'dealing committee' at about the same level.

Webmaster's Report

Cordell Coy reported 50% increased traffic for the last two weeks. Don Duristch indicated that a possible source of additional traffic was the indication from BridgeMate that they are recommending our site to their potential clients.

Cordell also indicated that the change in procedure dealing with 199er boards necessitated changes to the website. These changes allow the director to either indicate that the boards played in two separate sections have the same hand records, different hand records, or no hand records at all. These changes are now complete and in operation.

Nominating Committee

Mary Lou Zurborg reported that she had secured the agreement of the following members to run for election to the three open board seats:

Cindy Tretter
Courtney Thurman
John Drew
John Wolfe
Mary-Ann Boyle
Ron Jarchow

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OPEN FORUM

Millie Lockert announced her decision to retire from directing at the club effective the end of the year. Thus, Millie's last game to direct will be the 199er section on 12/4. For years, Millie has been one of the 'famous four' directors of our club. The club has also benefitted greatly from Millie's leadership as well as her championship of new players. **Millie, thank you for your long term commitment of time and energy to improving our club!**

Jean Sturtevant reported that this year's Mentor/Mentee program was well received by the participants. The data collected from participants indicated the desire for NKYBC to duplicate Cincinnati's free game offers for mentor/mentee participants over the summer.

Rick O'Connor discussed the need for education of members surrounding 'psyche' bids. What are they and what are the ACBL laws regarding them? He proposed creating a document for discussion and distribution. Jack Mehalko, Betty Hurst, and Don Duritsch will join Rick in creating a proposal for the board to consider.

Betty Hurst suggested that it was time for us to consider redistributing new hardcopy of the club directory. Cordell indicated his desire to remove the current website restrictions limiting current online publication of the directory. Cordell suggested that everyone in our club listed on Cincinnati's site should be listed on our site. This met with general approval. Cordell and Jean Sturtevant will work together to produce an up-to-date hardcopy and online version of the directory.

Don Duritsch said that BridgeMate had provided the current directors with BridgeMate branded name tags. He also requested that the board provide a portable easel to be used with team games, posting of sign-up sheets, special games, etc. The board asked Don to research costs and options.

Motion for Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, a motion being made by Dan Hance, seconded by Sheila Dippel to adjourn, ended the meeting at 3: 26 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cordell Coy
Vice President