

Minutes of the Northern Kentucky Bridge Club Meeting
January 12, 2010

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the President, Cindy Tretter at 2:21pm.

Attendance

Cindy Tretter, Cordell Coy, Ron Jarchow, Mary Ann Boyle, Michi Natsume, Imogene Enzweiler, and Sheila Dippel were present.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the December meeting were approved as posted to the club's website; however, it came to light during the meeting that in the report under the paragraph "Bridgemates", a correction should be made. Rather than *Bridgemates* being returned for maintenance, it should read "***We will be without our Dealer IV for at least two weeks in January for maintenance service, thus preserving our warranty.***" Further correcting the report to read that "***We have 18 units of the Bridgemates for swap to the new upgrade when that becomes available.***"

New Board Members and Offices

The President appointed Sheila Dippel as Club Manager with the consensus of the board.

The president welcomed our new board members: Mary Ann Boyle and Ron Jarchow. As to the officerships for the current year, the president reported that Mary Ann volunteered as Treasurer and Imogene Enzweiler as secretary. Ron Jarchow agreed to serve as Vice President. Michi Natsume volunteered to continue as social chairman.

The President thanked Dan Hance and Jack Mehalko for their service on the board for the preceding two years.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Ann Boyle reported income for the month of \$443.00, expenses of \$762 showing a negative balance; however, Jack Mehalko had written a check to Mary Ann for \$5,000 and another for \$594.74 which she is in the process of setting up a checking account for the club at her bank. Mary Ann suggested we open an interest bearing account for the purpose of letting our surplus dollars earn some money for the club. We will need to check with our tax pros (Rick O'Connor and John Woeste) as to the consequences of our club earning money.

Manager's Report

Sheila reported that February will be Junior Fund Month and that January saw a number of championship games being played.

Sheila brought up the matter of making up the boards while she is out of town and the Dealer IV machine possibly not being back in time to make up boards before she leaves. If Cindy or Cordell are not available to operate the machine in her absence, then we will have to revert to the old method of just shuffling and dealing and no available hand records.

Regarding the newsletter, Sheila is disappointed that she does not currently have the time to complete a newsletter, but hopes that announcements and newsworthy items could be supplied via a large bulletin board mounted on an easel. The type and size and place of purchase is under investigation for such a bulletin board. Even if someone else would want to consider drawing up the "Table Talk" newsletter, Sheila would still have to coordinate the information, which is very time consuming, and time is the crux of the problem getting the *Table Talk* published.

Sheila reported that she did sign the club up for the STAC games in March.

Website

Cordell Coy said he has changed the website so that the total calendar 2010 can be posted. Changes can be posted on the calendar as necessary. He also reported that 380 persons accessed the website this week.

Club Directory

Jean Sturtevant was present and reported that progress is being made on the new directory. She presented a

draft copy. The club's logo will be on the front page, the officers of the club will be listed, as well as committee chairpersons. Jean will get an estimate from several print shops and then have them printed. Cost will be approximately \$200.00.

Bridgemates

We have a solid quote of \$682.89 to update the Bridgemates, that is, turn in the current units for new versions of the Bridgemate. This price includes shipping and insurance. Discussion ensued the possibility of waiting for another upgrade instead of following through on this upgrade in light of the fact that we just purchased this model. If we did that, then we would have to buy all new units at a new original price, thus our initial investment would not have been protected. We saved \$600 on the initial purchase, but now are spending close to that amount on this replacement order. Down the road we would have to spend approximately another \$2,400.00.

Motion was made by Sheila Dippel, seconded by Michi Natsume to go ahead and place the order so that we have them before we move to the temporary bridge site in April. Motion carried.

Dry Marker Board

Currently under consideration, but no purchase has been made yet.

Good Neighbor Luncheon

The luncheon will be held on January 26th. Chicken will be purchased with our club's funds; members are asked to bring a vegetable or salad; and the Senior Center will provide the desserts and the plates and napkins.

NEW BUSINESS

Volunteers for chairperson for the following committees for 2010:

Social Chairperson - Michi has agreed to continue in that post, which includes mailing of cards and keeping us in a supply of cards.

Supply chairperson - we will have to ask the membership for a volunteer.

Librarian - Karen Coy will continue.

Clean-up Chairperson - Everyone is on that committee and a cleanup day is set up for January 19th.

Change to By-Laws

Cindy suggested that we might consider appointing a By-Laws Committee to address the matter of how the elected members of the board were appointed to a specific office, more specifically, the ascendancy of a vice-president to the presidency. After some discussion, it was decided not to bother with the changing of the By-Laws, and it remains that the trustees meet shortly after the board election and agree among themselves as to the holding of a particular office.

Open Forum

Mary Ann Boyle brought up the fact that several players have mentioned that too often there is an uneven serving of various foods at our potluck or festive luncheons. It was resolved that rather than a person writing their name to a list and saying what they would bring, there would be headings of "SALAD" "DESSERT" or "MEAT/ENTRÉE" so that when a person subscribed their name they would write under the particular column of the item they intend to bring, so everyone can readily see that there is a balance.

Mary Ann Boyle pointed out that there are often grumblings as to how the direction cards are placed on the tables since it varies in respect to who is doing the directing on a given date. Different Directors have their preference and generally cannot agree on a uniform direction of cards, so that it is next to impossible to change that situation.

Mary Ann also pointed out that at other centers, a person enters and signs in at the front table and pays immediately and receives his/her table assignment. As to the matter of payment on entering the room, Sheila pointed out that there are many different things to be taken care of upon arriving at the club, such as table setup, coffee making, Bridgemate placement, bidding boxes, etc., not to mention last-minute arrivals which often times changes the make-up of the games. Now if there were someone to take a number of those chores off the directors' hands, a change might be considered, but this is not likely to happen in the near future.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the meeting, motion was made by Mary Ann Boyle, seconded by Cordell Coy, to close the meeting, motion carried. Meeting adjourned approximately 3:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Imogene Enzweiler
Secretary