

Minutes of the Northern Kentucky Bridge Club Meeting
April 2, 2010

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 P.M. by the President, Cindy Tretter.

Attendance

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

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion of Michi Natsume, second by Mary Ann Boyle, the minutes of the meeting of March 9, 2010, were approved with the following addition to the minutes: Under Open Forum, "...upon motion of Cordell Coy, second by Ron Jarchow, to change the Thursday game time to 10:00 a.m., *voting for: Cordell Coy, Ron Jarchow; voting against: Imogene Enzweiler, Mary Ann Boyle, Michi Natsume, Sheila Dippel*, the motion was denied..."

Old Business

Treasurer's Report

Mary Ann Boyle reported a net loss in the amount of \$206.59 for the month of March. This was mainly due to the exchange of the old Bridgemates for the new Bridgemates. Total income was \$971.65; expenses: rent CSPC \$100.00, rent KofC \$125.00, STAC fees \$219.00, CSPC memorial (Ruth Eubanks) \$25.00, coffee \$10.68, and Bridgemates \$698.56. Checking account BOH is \$8,865.57. Mary Ann said that the KofC would reimburse us for the \$25.00 rental for one day which we did not use. Upon motion of Sheila Dippel, second by Michi Natsume, the Treasurer's Report was approved.

Club Manager's Report

Sheila Dippel reported that in March we talked about ordering some bridge supplies from a discounted source, but so far have not been able to accomplish that goal; still working on it. Sheila did manage to get another *Table Talk* published to let people know what is going on in the club. *Table Talk* is also on the club's website.

Sheila mentioned that it would be a good idea to have the Standard American Yellow Card booklet on hand so that when new players come in and they do not have an agreed convention card, they can refer to the SAYC as their system.

Regarding the Mentor/Mentee program, knowing that last year's kick-off M/M game at CBA was held in April, Sheila had scheduled a Mentor/Mentee game for April 27 at our club. CBA's official kick-off of the M/M program this year is scheduled for May. Nonetheless, the April 27 game will still be a M/M. Jean Sturtevant, heading the M/M program for our club will give Sheila a list of M/M participants and this will be provided to all Directors so that they will have a reference list when they are informed by a M/M pair that they are playing as such on a particular date.

Sheila reported that Peg and Jack Ammon have agreed on April 28th, Wednesday evening 5:30 P.M. for the "Lobster Fest." A sign-up sheet will be posted so that players can volunteer for accompanying delights.

Sheila said she was approached by someone who suggested that club make a contribution of \$50.00 to the church's food bank. It was noted that directors encourage players to bring in canned goods and that in the future a charity game might result in a monetary contribution for that purpose.

Cindy Tretter commented on a conference call with Gary Fan of BCBC which suggested that NKBC drop one game and BCBC would drop one of their games so that attendance for both would improve. People being invited to his games consider that they have too many games now, that they could not attend BCBC games. Sheila expressed strongly her opinion that the topic of possibly canceling the Thursday game due to low attendance should not even be discussed until after the summer months and when the club will be applying for our 2011 ACBL sanction renewal. No one was in favor of canceling any games. As long as we have directors, we will continue the current games.

Webmaster's Report

Cindy Tretter suggested that since the website is pretty well fine-tuned, it would not be necessary to carry the "Webmaster's Report" as an ongoing agenda item.

Cordell Coy did report that in connection with improving the connection in the temporary quarters to aid us in the use of our reporting of data to the ACBL, it was hardly worth the expense of the Presbyterian Church to go to any expense, or our expense for that matter, considering that it is only a temporary necessity.

Psyche Bid Policy

No report today as this is still a work-in-progress.

Bridgemate Status

Cindy Tretter thanked Cordell Coy for all his work in the exchange of the old for the new Bridgemates which have been up and running now for about two weeks.

New Business

Cindy Tretter said she received an email from Gary Fan who recently attended our game. He made some suggestions toward improving our current setting. One of the suggestions concerned parking for handicap and all agreed that the lower parking spaces all be reserved for parking by persons with handicap stickers. The directors have been announcing and encouraging this all along and players are to be reminded again that those spaces are reserved for cars with handicap parking stickers only.

Open Forum

Betty Hurst noted that Tonya Glendening stated she now has attained Life Master status and wondered if she should be placed in the "B Strat." After discussion, it was resolved that when she is officially notified that she has in fact received that status, she will then be placed in B Strat; and further we will celebrate with a "Life Master Cake."

Betty Hurst brought up that so often after scores have been officially reported to ACBL, that she receives calls claiming that an error was made via the Bridgemates; that the scores were in fact OK'd by E/W, but yet were wrong. So much time then ensues in getting the scores straightened out, and often times results in the change of overall scoring of the event. Betty was hoping the Board of Trustees would establish a policy that "once the scores were entered and OK'd by E/W, that they are final and no adjustments will be made." The Bridgemates were purchased for the purpose of clear and accurate reporting of scores and as a time-saving device beneficial both for players and directors. After some discussion, the Board of Trustees did not elect to set a policy, but it was suggested that the Directors make an announcement regarding the entering and approving of scores, that once E/W have approved the scoring for the round and left the table, no adjustments would be made. Players at each table are responsible for accurately reporting and accurately approving the scores. Cordell pointed out that the new Bridgemates have a system whereby at the end of play of the 3 or 4 or 5 or 6 boards, there is a method whereby E/W can again review the scores for the round and know for sure that the hands were reported completely and accurately. No further adjustments need be made by a director. Cordell will attempt to educate the players on the system to be used in this regard.

Imogene Enzweiler pointed out that in the nature of charitable giving, the KofC is not just a leisure-based organization, but also contributes time and money towards charitable groups, such as the mentally/physically disabled, and that it might be a good idea to let the KofC keep the \$25.00 rather than return it for the one day rental unused by our club. Cordell Coy made a motion, seconded by Mary Ann Boyle, to donate \$25.00 toward their charity, motion carried.

Mary Ann Boyle pointed out that Gayle Keeney has been appointed chairman of the hospitality room for the upcoming CBA Flying Pig Tournament and wanted to know if we would support them by donating food items (snacks or foods). Consensus was that all we need to know is where and when to bring the food items, a sign-up sheet will be set out, and we would be happy to participate.

Motion for Adjournment

No further business to come before the board, upon motion of Cordell Coy, second by Imogene Enzweiler, carried, the meeting ended at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Imogene Enzweiler
Secretary