

Durango Bridge Club
Board of Directors Meeting
August 2, 2019

President Don Squires called the meeting to order at 11:00.

Board members present were: Sherry Brown, Wayne Caplan, Karl Hasz, Don Squires, Marilyn Swanson. Proxies for two absent members, Rob Davis and Sharon White were held by Don.

Guests: Willa and Jim Beatty

Minutes of April 12 were approved.

Treasurer's Report. Don Squires

Don reviewed the report and some discussion followed.

A printed report is available and attached.

Our present balance is \$8,443.97

Report approved.

Manager's Report. Wayne Caplan

Wayne announced we have 10 new Club Members who are also ACBL members.

As a result of the increase in membership, we will play an upgraded membership game beginning September 16 in which players qualify for more points.

Two more Bridgemates have been purchased bringing our total to 14. Wayne is also purchasing 4 more cases of boards.

Greg Westerwick joins Anita Davis as a member that can generate and deal cards.

The club has been reimbursed for costs of the Sectional Tournament.

Sarah Castle is a beginner teacher using the Audrey Grant series. Her students have completed book #1. All of them have joined ACBL.

Managers report approved.

Sectional Tournament. Karl Hasz

A different venue will be necessary for the tournament next year. After considerable research, Karl recommended the VFW. Their fee is \$250 a day, for a total of \$750. VFW has a kitchen, handicapped access, and good parking. We will be expected to do a light clean-up after our event. Keith will bring tables from the Grand Junction area.

Other venues investigated: the Fair Grounds which would require us to move for Sunday's games, and the Holiday Inn, which is too small.

The Tournament is scheduled for June 12, 13, 14.

Wayne moved and Sherry seconded that we accept the VFW as our location for 2020. Karl will make the \$200 deposit to hold our reservation.

President's Report Don Squires

Don gave a strong commendation to Karl for running such a well organized tournament. Debbie Saunders was also commended for the superior food she organized and provided. She accepted no reimbursement.

Concern was discussed about game starting times. Don introduced a discussion about how to improve this.

The final decision is to have a 12:15 arrival time with at least 1 of a pair checked in early so the Director can plan play accurately, and actual play can begin promptly.

The charge for Tuesday Night's game to remain in the center will be \$15.75 per hour, the non-profit rate. Don calculated our increase in costs would be \$1,000 to keep the game at the club in 2020. He presented a detailed breakdown of his calculations to support this amount. His calculations are attached.

It was voted to approve the contract with the county to play at the club on Tuesday Nights.

Work on incorporation of the club to a 503 C has begun. Committee members are: Don Squires, Michelle Harlow, Jonathan Mullins, Betsy Norton, Jean Walter, Wayne Caplan.

Besides the manner of selection of Board Members, and the responsibilities of the officers, there are disciplinary rules, check writing privileges, and free entries to games to be described in the by-laws. Presently the President and Manager grant free entries at their discretion on an individual basis for club service.

It was suggested that we have monthly meetings to discuss committee progress.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:03.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Swanson
Secretary