

Durango Bridge Club, Inc. Annual Member Meeting 8/12/24 Minutes

The annual meeting of the members of Durango Bridge Club, Inc. (DBC) was held on 8/12/24 at approximately 11:40 am at the Senior Center.

As there were no items of business on the agenda which required a vote of the membership, a quorum was not required for this meeting. Five of the seven board members and about 25 club members were present for the meeting.

1. President's Opening Remarks:

Don Squires, president of DBC, thanked Wayne Caplan for his invaluable contributions to the club as manager, and director (on the board and at games). As club manager Wayne, among other things, supervises the card dealing, handles our communication with ACBL, orders & maintains supplies, and addresses any issues with the scoring and reporting of game results. Wayne enters the club in all of the special games offered by ACBL which increases the MP awarded to players.

Don also thanked members of the club's board of directors and all of our game directors (Karl Hasz, Jean Walters, Susan Westerwick, Caralyn Lappen, Wayne Caplan, Larry Anderson, and Greg Westerwick. He recognized each of the board members as follows:

Jennifer Mullins – Treasurer

Larry Anderson – Vice President and director in charge of Zero Tolerance.

Michelle Harlow – Secretary

Caralyn Lappen – Director in charge of our website

Susan Westerwick – Director in charge of our tournament & Longest Day.

Wayne Caplan – Club Manager

Don also recognized various members who have contributed to our efforts at bridge education and the many volunteers for special events. He extended a special thanks to those players who drive to our games from nearby towns.

The members thanked Don for his excellent service as club president.

2. President's Review of DBC this year:

Don explained that we are in very good shape financially with about \$26,000 of cash on hand and in short term cds. Post COVID attendance at the games is excellent in comparison with other clubs. For example, we are first in our unit, 8th in Colorado, and 22nd in ACBL District 17 (a collection of western states). Our club is doing really well for a town the size of Durango. Don mentioned that

the club recently purchased new tables and side tables for the Senior Center in lieu of a cash donation.

3. Review of Zero Tolerance Policy & Procedures:

Don explained that the club has a policy of zero tolerance for misconduct at our games. The definition of misconduct is explained in our official documents on the website and posted at the Sr. Center. In general we mean rude behavior towards the other players or the director. We have a form for reporting incidents of suspected misconduct and procedures for addressing such incidents.

4. Upcoming opening on the board:

Michelle explained that she is resigning from the board at the end of this year as she is selling her Durango home. The board will need a new secretary and Don or Michelle would be happy to answer questions if anyone is interested in the position.

5. Thursday Classes:

Daverelle reminded the group that she is teaching bridge classes on Thursday afternoons for advanced beginner and intermediate players. For more information contact her at daverille@yahoo.com.

6. General Discussion/Adjourn:

Those present asked questions and exchanged ideas for improving our club. The suggestions included making donations to local charities, bringing in outside bridge instructors, changing the date of the tournament to increase attendance, putting up a plaque to honor deceased players, having a refresher course for game directors, and using a timer at games. Several people expressed their opinion that the free week of play was unnecessary. The board was asked to formally survey the membership about the various suggestions. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Minutes were prepared by Michelle Harlow, Secretary.