

Durango Bridge Club, Inc. Annual Member Meeting 8/22/20 Minutes

The annual meeting of the members of Durango Bridge Club, Inc. (DBC) was held on 8/22/20 at approximately 11:00 am using Zoom conferencing software.

All actions shown hereunder were taken by motions duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, unless otherwise noted.

1. Quorum:

Secretary Michelle Harlow reported that 33 of 81 members were either present for the meeting or represented by proxies. This was more than enough to meet the quorum required in the bylaws - 25% of total membership.

2. President's Report:

Don Squires, president of DBC, reported that the board has been meeting regularly this past year, and working well together using the bylaws for guidance regarding club governance.

With the closure of the Senior Center, a virtual club was organized together with Farmington players. Many thanks to Cara-Lyn, Wayne, Larry & Bruce for volunteering their time to organize and direct the online games. Rob Davis is a new online director.

Jana Goldstein was organizing our annual tournament when the COVID-19 crisis forced the cancellation of the event.

The Zero Tolerance Drafting Committee finished its work so going forward we have policies and procedures regarding behavior at Club games.

Resumption of face to face play is still very much up in the air as the Senior Center does not anticipate reopening any sooner than November. Even after the Center reopens the Club will need to decide what to do about in person play with guidance from ACBL.

3. V-P Report:

Mark Zempel, V-P of the Club, is the chair of the Zero Tolerance Committee. Zero Tolerance Policies & Procedures were officially adopted by the board, sent to members, and are on our website.

4. Treasurer's Report:

Jonathan Mullins, Treasurer of the Club, reported on our finances. We are in good shape financially as we do not have rent or a mortgage to pay during the COVID closure like many other clubs. Our expenses actually go down without face to face play. As of the end of July, we have a bit over \$11,000 in the bank and our assets are valued at roughly \$15,000. Approximately 70% of the online table fees go to the club. The remainder goes to ACBL and BBO.

5. Manager's Report:

Wayne Caplan, manager of DBC, reported that ACBL is now depositing the game proceeds directly into our account. We have about 110 players on our ACBL "approved" list, and about

30 guests. The guest policy has been relaxed by ACBL, and a single director is allowed to run 2 games at the same time.

6. Amendments to DBC Bylaws:

Michelle Harlow, Club Secretary, presented the proposed amendments to the bylaws. Most of these were minor adjustments, and little discussion occurred.

The most significant change was to allow online play in our virtual club to qualify a player as a member provided the online players also played in person at least twice since 7/1/2018. The thinking behind requiring some amount of in person play before the club closed or in the future after face to face play resumes is to ensure the club is governed by players with some real connection to Durango. The bylaws also provide an alternative for players to become members by paying a fee which is presently \$30.

Michelle has been communicating with ACBL board members regarding what is anticipated for the future. Indications are that virtual club play will continue to exist after clubs reopen but the precise parameters are yet to be defined.

The bylaw amendments were unanimously approved by the voting members in attendance, and their proxies. The Amended Bylaws are posted on our website.

7. Virtual Club Games:

A brief discussion was held regarding the board's desire to increase participation in the online games. A mentor game is being organized which will pair NLM players with more experienced partners. A Newcomer Game could run alongside one of the Open Games if there is sufficient interest.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:50 am and minutes were prepared by Michelle Harlow.