

Durango Bridge Club, Inc. Annual Member Meeting 8/31/22 Minutes

The annual meeting of the members of Durango Bridge Club, Inc. (DBC) was held on 8/31/22 at approximately 10:00 am using Zoom conferencing software.

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. 4 of 7 board members were present for the meeting (Don Squires, Wayne Caplan, Jennifer Mullins & Michelle Harlow). Three members attended (Dawn Read, Jean Walter & Jonathan Mullins).

Officers' Reports:

Don Squires, president of DBC, reported that the club had a very good year with a combination of online and face to face games. We have cash on hand of approximately \$25,000. According to Jennifer, for the year ending 6/30/22, approximately 70% of our revenue was from online games. Wayne provided data on table counts: Our table counts (online and F2F) were first in our Unit, 2nd in Colorado, and 11th in District 17. Don thanked all of our volunteers, especially our game directors and the club's board of directors.

Don also reported on recent developments. Pagosa Springs players were officially accepted into the club by the board at its last meeting. Beginning in September, ACBL sanctioned F2F games will be played in Pagosa thanks to the efforts of Wayne Caplan, Suzanne Russell and others. The club purchased extra equipment which is being loaned to the Pagosa players.

Michelle reported that after board approval, the club is sponsoring a beginning bridge program to be taught for several weeks in September/ October by Bob Somppi. This will be followed by a beginner game at the Sr. Center on Thursday afternoons. This will be an informal, unsanctioned game supervised by a volunteer from the club, at least initially.

Michelle mentioned that we are looking to increase participation in F2F games. We had an excellent turnout for the Longest Day Event when the club provided food and drinks for the day. Ideas to promote F2F play are appreciated. We are hardly alone with this problem. Clubs all around the country are having the same issue. According to ACBL, return to F2F tournament play is gradually improving nationwide.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:30 am and minutes were prepared by Michelle Harlow.