

**Minutes of the Northern Kentucky Bridge Club
April 21, 2009**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the President, Cindy Tretter, at 2:25 p.m.

Attendance

All the members of the Board of Directors were present: Cindy Tretter, Cordell Coy, Dan Hance, Michiko Natsume, Imogene Enzweiler, and Jack Mehalko, as well as the Club Manager, Sheila Dippel.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March meeting were distributed to the board members via email or hand delivered and thus were not read. Cindy made one correction: paragraph 7 of the Club Manager's report should read, "Cindy thanked ..." Dan Hance moved to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Cordell Coy, the minutes were approved.

Old Business

Treasurer's Report

Jack Mehalko reported that we had three new members, there were five free games. Income was \$756.00, dues \$149.00, bridge supplies \$49.00; coffee and miscellaneous supplies \$80.00 (including the curtain rods); rent paid to the Senior Center \$100.00.

Net income	\$ 352.07
Bal in Ck. Acct.	9,200.00
Cash	200.00
Total assets	9,409.09

We did receive a check back from STAC for the previous games \$113.32.

Motion was made by Dan Hance, seconded by Michi Natsume, to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Manager's Report

Sheila thanked everyone who came in to help make up the boards on a bi-weekly basis. It usually takes about one and half to two hours time. There is an article in the newsletter (Table Talk) about it and Sheila suggested that if every member would volunteer once a year, it would be of benefit so that not just a few are relied upon to do it all the time. We now make up 8 board sets a session.

Michi Natsume suggested that the Directors be called upon to take turns in helping with this project as it is in their job description to have the boards ready for the games. Sheila said it is an open invitation for the Directors to come in, but that Sheila or Cordell need to be here. The optimal number of people to complete the task in the 1 and 1 / 2 to 2 hour period is five. We need two or three people to disassemble the cards from the boards, stack the cards in front of the duplimate, one person feeds the cards into the duplimate, one person operates the duplimate, and then the boards are organized into the carrying cases. Sheila said she has been very pleased with the turnout for this project. Can get by with four, but five is probably better. Part of the process is done at home by Sheila--hand analyses--one or two a day, so that the computer is programmed to run the duplimator on the appointed day.

Betty Hurst wondered if the Wednesday night game could be limited to one set as more often than not the 199ers are assumed into the open game as there are not enough tables for the 199ers, and sometimes the 199ers want to "play up." Cordell mentioned that we really want new players to come into the club so

that we ought to keep the 199er game available. Also mentioned that during the summer if we do have a 199er game, let the 199ers play the duplimator hands and the open pair players could just shuffle and play. Michi thought we should make up the two sets for the 199er days. No motion was made--the schedule will remain as currently set.

Sheila said we need to pick out a date for the Ammons to bring in their lobster dish. The date of Wednesday, June 10th was selected. It will be a combination of lobster and pot luck.

Club championship game is June 17th.

Thursday May 7th, there will be a "Head Start Graduation" here at the center. We can have our bridge game on Wednesday evening, after which we will take down the tables, but leave the chairs up.

A large discussion was had on the subject of standby partners, and the process by which the Partnership Chairman accomplishes the task of finding a partner for a call-in. Jean Sturtevant said that very few people check into the website to find a partner. Jean is resigning as Partnership Chairman, Jack Mehalko volunteered to serve in that capacity. Jack said that as chairman, if a player calls looking for a partner, the player will be noted on a list so that when another player calls looking for a partner, Jack will tell him/her to call the listed player, and if those two agree to play, one will call Jack and inform him the match was made, etc. Jack does not see his job as continually making calls to find a partner to fill the request. However, if it is a new player calling for a partner, a more concerted effort will be made to fill that request. Also, meeting the request of a call-in who "prefers not to play with certain people" is not an option.

Webmaster's Report

Cordell Coy reported that the website is running smoothly. Renewed our name "Nkybridge.org" for the next two years, and when the hosting is up for renewal in July, it will be renewed for two years as well. Don Duritsch did take care of advertising in the Community Recorder, so that when there is room the Recorder will run the ACBL hands which Don has given to them, and the article will include our website address and a phone number to call. Don had to eventually call a higher-up at the Recorder to get some response to our request for inclusion in the press. Don has sent them five articles and will send five more when the first five have been used.

BCBC Use of Duplimate

Cordell Coy made up a schedule summarizing the wear, tear, maintenance and cost of the Duplimate, based on a 10 year life; Jack Mehalko did the same based on a 5 year life of the Duplimate, so that we could come up with an idea of how much to charge BCBC for the use of the machine. BCBC originally offered \$3.00 per set of boards. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Sheila Dippel, seconded by Dan Hance, that a revised contract from the one originally presented by Rick O'Connor be drawn up for presentation at the next meeting to include: A charge \$5.00 per set of boards, Sheila Dippel be the designated person to make up the boards via Duplimate; either party may dissolve the contract at any time; renegotiate in 2010; motion carried.

Mentor-Mentee

Betty Hurst suggested that we have 6 door prizes/ free games to be awarded as an incentive for the program and as a thanks for the players' participation in the program. Motion was made by Cordell Coy, seconded by Dan Hance that six coupons be prepared as door prizes, motion carried.

Betty Hurst brought up the "Eight is Enough" game, using as a basis that an A player is 3 points; B 2 points; and C 1 point, so that a team of 4 can be formed limiting members' total points on the team to 8. The director will set up the strats prior to the game so that the teams can be formed. Whether we have the game or not is up to the director.

New Business

Michi Natsume mentioned that Evelyn Hance was generous with her time and contribution in the making of the curtains for the windows. All agreed that it is of great benefit to the players. Upon motion

made by Michi, seconded by Sheila Dippel, that 8 free games be awarded to Evelyn, motion carried (Dan Hance abstaining from the vote).

Open Forum

Don Duritsch observed the use of the “*Bridgemate*” scorepad in Gatlinburg. After entering the score of hand by North and approved by East or West, the score of a hand is immediately transferred to the computer, so that no waiting is necessary to reach a final score. No hand entry into the main computer need be made from a sheet of paper handed in by each table. As a director, he feels this would be of great benefit to our club. Said the cost would be about \$2,600.00 for a 16-table setup. There are two brands on the market. The competitive brand is “*Bridgepad*.” Don suggests a committee be appointed to bring back to the Board a comparative analysis. Cincinnati is also looking into it and would like to see us look into it also. The possibility exists that should CBA make a like purchase, we could coattail in on their order and get a break in price for both clubs. Don Duritsch will chair the committee, Cordell Coy and Tony Brockman completing the three-person committee. A consideration was given as to how to pay for the scoring system so as not to eat into the treasury. A surcharge of \$1.00 per game for a period of time was mentioned, also possibly a vote by the membership, all to be decided at a later date. One can look up “*Bridgemate.com*” to get an idea of what it can do for the club. It gives us a lot of information on the game we played.

No further business coming before the Board, a motion was made by Dan Hance, seconded by Cordell Coy, to adjourn, the meeting ended at 3:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Imogene Enzweiler
Secretary