

**Minutes of the Northern Kentucky Bridge Club
December 8, 2009**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the President, Cindy Tretter, at 2:15 P.M.

Attendance

Cindy Tretter, Cordell Coy, Dan Hance, Jack Mehalko, Michiko Natsume, Imogene Enzweiler, and Sheila Dippel were present.

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion of Michi Natsume, second by Dan Hance, the minutes of the November meeting as posted on the club's website were approved.

Old Business

Treasurer's Report

Jack Mehalko reported income for regular games was \$497.00 and new membership \$8.00. Expenses included ACBL dues \$95.57, supplies \$66.15, party expense \$77.37, contribution to the Senior Center \$100.00.

Bal ch acct	\$8,962.95
Cash	570.45
Total assets	\$9,533.40

Manager's Report

The schedule for the bridge games and directors' assignments for 2010 has been prepared and distributed to the directors. Directors will need to obtain their own substitute should the need arise. Richard Fisher will direct two Wednesday nights a month during Don Duritsch's January/February absence. From March forward, Wednesday night games will be divided between Don and Richard.

Sheila said she has scheduled some games of added interest to provide some variation rather than having all team games on fifth Tuesdays and fifth Fridays.

Regarding mentor/mentee games, there will be two such games per month during the mentor/mentee program. When a mentor/mentee pair inform the director that they are playing as such in any other game during the mentor/mentee period, the director will place them in a C strat. There will be at least one game scheduled wherein only mentor/mentee pairs will play. As a courtesy, we will let CBA know our M/M schedule.

Our sanction renewal has been completed and sent to ACBL.

Regarding the newsletter, Sheila reported that it is very time consuming and suggested to the board that it be discontinued. The difficulty is not so much in the printing but the "creation" of the newsletter. A discussion ensued regarding the purchase of a portable bulletin board upon which club news could be posted. Don Duritsch has been shopping availability of bulletin boards which could cost approximately \$149.00. The website also covers items that have been included in the newsletter and could well be the ultimate solution to reporting club news and special announcements. While the newsletter has been the primary source of communication and the website secondary, it might be well to throw it out to the membership to see what they prefer. We do need to recognize when our players do well. It was noted that CBA has limited their club's newsletter to publication by website.

Birthday games will continue to be offered in 2010. Likewise, free game drawings will be continued.

We have been talking to the Crescent Springs Presbyterian Church regarding use of their basement for our bridge games, and will look into other possible sites as well, and will have more information next month. By April 2nd, 2010 we will have to have somewhere else to play.

Directories

Cordell reported that we are nearing completion of information necessary towards the new publication.

Bridgemates

We will be without our Dealer4 for two weeks in January for maintenance service so that our warranty will be preserved and upgrades will be available to us.

New Business

The director of the Senior Center suggested we have a good neighbor combined luncheon with the upstairs group on a day when we have a scheduled bridge game. Upon motion of Sheila Dippel, second by Dan Hance, Michi Natsume was appointed Chairman of the Good Neighbor day. A date will be set (probably on a Tuesday) and our club will provide the meat and members can participate with a pot luck dish.

Cindy congratulated and thanked Jack Mehalko and Dan Hance for a job well done as members of the board for the last two years.

Sheila reminded us about the holiday party games, Wednesday December 9, and Friday December 19. The door will be open for room setup on December 9th. At last year's Friday Christmas party there were about 15 tables. We need to get a list out for the December 18 game for appetizers, desserts, and main dishes.

Rick O'Connor reported that a committee has been established to work on a cruise for club members and their families/friends. (Committee: Rick O'Connor, Michi Natsume, and Elaine Jarchow). They will be getting bids from various cruise lines or travel reps. It is noted that this is not a NKYBridge sponsored cruise, but our club membership will be the targeted potential cruisers. It is hoped that one or more of our directors will participate and be able to run ACBL sanctioned games.

Adjournment

Upon motion of Dan Hance, second by Cordell Coy, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Imogene Enzweiler
Secretary