

Fort Collins Duplicate Players Club
Board Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2011

Present: Dawn Foltz, Beth McGregor, Fiona Freeseaman, Rhonda Huser, Liz Varra, John Worley, Vicki Hamende

Officers

Rhonda Huser succeeded Beth McGregor as board president. Vicki Hamende was elected vice-president, and John Worley remained as secretary. The remaining board members are Beth McGregor, Fiona Freeseaman, and Liz Varra.

Financial Report

Dawn Foltz presented the financial report. The club's balance at the end of 2010 was \$3,751.63, which was a decrease of approximately \$788. The large expenses for the year were the new computer and printer, and the manager's bonus. Currently, the following amounts are paid out of the card fees each week:

\$35.00	Club manager fee
\$10.00	Hand preparation
\$5.00	Greg Foltz for set-up (free play)
\$5.00	Director fee (free play)
\$4.00	Duplicating hand records

It was discussed whether Jimmy, the church maintenance man, should be paid for his help setting up. Dawn has suggested that he be paid \$10/week and that Dawn and Greg would no longer be compensated for setting up each week.

Action Item: Dawn and John to work together to get more detailed information on attendance, income, and expenses.

Bridgemates

The topic of purchasing BridgeMates for electronic scoring was discussed at length. The Unit 363 board is considering a program whereby the Unit would front ½ the cost of the BridgeMate system for interested clubs. The clubs would repay the unit at a rate of \$10/week; in addition, the Unit would credit each club \$30 for use of the BridgeMates at the unit game. The current price for BridgeMate II units is \$148 each, or \$140 if 20+ units are purchased. The BridgeMate II server is \$288, and a carrying case is \$65. The following table shows two scenarios:

Units purchased	Total Cost	Unit Contribution	Repay Time
15	\$2,573.00	\$1,286.50	18 months, 3 weeks
20	\$3,093.00	\$1,546.50	22 months, 1 week

The argument for purchasing 20 units is to have spares for the club game and enough for most units games if the Wednesday night club is the only early adopter.

Action Item: After completing the financial review, the board will decide how many units to purchase; it is highly desired that this purchase not result in increased card fees. John Worley will investigate the issue of maintenance and upgrades. The board will meet in March or April when the information is available to decide the next step.

Club games

Dawn discussed the special games that will be played at the club this year. The board decided to continue with the mentor games on the 5th Wednesday. The board agreed to host a Board-A-Match (BAM) game the second Wednesday in May (the first Wednesday is STAC week) to expose the club members to the format and generate interest for the BAM event at the Denver Regional.

A suggestion was made to attract players from the Thursday night 0-200 club, possibly by awarding a free play to the winners of that game.

The next board meeting is slated for March or April, pending the financial review.

FORT COLLINS DUPLICATE PLAYERS' CLUB

Bylaws

Revised 1/31/2007

Name

The name of this club is the Fort Collins Duplicate Players' Club, hereafter referred to as FCDPC or the Club.

Purpose

The FCDP is a franchised club of the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL). Its function is to conduct weekly duplicate bridge games in conformance with the ACBL rules and regulations. These games are to be open to any interested duplicate bridge players.

Membership

Any participating bridge player is a member of FCDPC.

Officers and Board of Directors

A Board of Directors of the club (Board) shall be elected from the membership at large. The Board shall elect as its officers a president, vice-president and secretary. The president shall act as the Chairman of the Board. The Club Manager will attend the board meetings but will have no vote except to break a tie. The Board shall conduct the business of the Club. Its duties shall be to: to establish policies for the operation of the Club within ACBL regulations; to set playing fees; to determine prizes for winners; to make provisions for refreshments, if any, to appoint a Club Manager and set compensation for the Club Manager; to outline the duties of said manager; to set compensation for game directors; and make such other policies as will promote the enjoyment of duplicate bridge for the greatest number of players.

Meeting of the Board: Meetings shall be held at least once each year within thirty days of the election of the members and at such other times as the Chairman or another Board member requests.

Quorum: A quorum shall consist of three members of the Board. Official action shall require approval of a majority of members present at a meeting but never fewer than three approving votes.

Board members shall be elected by the membership at the annual membership meeting held during January of each year. At the first Board meeting each year, the Board shall elect officers. Terms of office shall be two years beginning with the day of the election. The terms shall be staggered so that only half of the Board is up for election each year. A nominating committee shall submit nominees to the members.

Vacancies: the vice president shall succeed the president. Other vacated, unexpired terms shall be filled by appointment of the president upon approval by a majority of the remaining board members.

Club Manager

The Board shall appoint a Club Manager (Manager). The Manager shall carry out such duties as defined in the ACBL Handbook for Club Managers. The Manager shall appoint game directors and outline their schedules. The Manager shall carry out such other policies and duties as prescribed by the Board for the smooth operation of the club games.

Club Directors

Weekly duplicate games shall be directed, when possible, by an ACBL certified director. The director shall be in sole charge of the each game, subject only to general guidelines such as number of boards to be played, penalties for slow play, and types of movements established by the board. The director shall turn the results of each game over to the club manager who will certify the winners.

Revision

These Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the club membership at its annual meeting.