

Fort Collins Duplicate Players Club
Board Meeting February 22, 2012

1. Meeting called to order 5:15
2. Members present: Vicki Hamende, President, John Worley, Rhonda Huser, Beth McGregor, Frank DeMeyer, Bob Solick, Dawn Foltz [ex officio]
3. Election of officers: DeMeyer elected Vice President, Solick elected Secretary.
4. Partnership person: Interim solution is to announce games at Monday and Tuesday games. Anyone needing a partner for Wednesday should mention it to Dawn or a member of the Board. Use of social media to be explored for arranging partnerships. [Hamende]
5. Financial, filling Dawn's shoes when she is absent: Board voted [5-0, 1 abstention] to pay \$15 plus a free play [\$5 value] for set-up and clean-up. List of duties available from Secretary [qsolick@gmail.com]. Posting of this info and other information about the club on website to be initiated. [Solick]
6. Board decided to acquire three additional tables and two additional sets of bidding boxes to enable club to handle a 20 table game, which we are approaching on Swiss Team nights and other special events. [Hamende, Worley]
7. Schedule date and location of the 2012 Instant Matchpoint Game and date for the Board-a-Match team game.
 - a. Board-a-Match scheduled for first Wednesday in May
 - b. Instant Matchpoint game to occur Thursday 4 Oct. It requires an additional fee of \$3 per person to cover expenses paid to National for handouts. Since this happens on the night of the 199er game, the Board decided to consult with Mr. Snowden about combining our game with Burke's at his venue, provided that his members are interested in participating. If that arrangement falls through, the FCDPC will arrange to hold a special Thursday session at our current location. [Hamende]

8. Changes in Stratification [currently 0-500/500-1500/1500+].

a. Facts: ACBL does not allow four strata. One FCDP goal is to ease transition for 199ers to the open game. Moving to 0-750/750-2000/2000+ as previously proposed would move very few current players to a new stratum

c. The plan to adopt 0-750 was discarded. An alternative plan to stratify based upon partnership's average masterpoints will be evaluated. [Worley]

9. Club Director's Guidelines to recommend movements and procedures to standardize operations with different directors was prepared by John Worley. Due to time limits on Board meeting, discussion was postponed. Draft Guidelines will be circulated for comment to current Directors, as amended by suggestion of Frank DeMeyer re playing directors. [Worley]

10. Finances. No decisions. Bank balance is sufficient to fund planned equipment purchases and continuing operating expenses.

11. Methods to Entice additional members to play and to increase satisfaction of current players. Board briefly discussed incorporating a mid-session break in play, replacing plastic cards with others that are easier to sort and hold. To attract new members, a flyer will be composed and distributed to other clubs in the vicinity. The Guidelines regarding club operations will be posted on the website when final. Suggestion that venue could be changed to increase attendance noted for further study. [Hamende, DeMeyer].

12. Meeting adjourned circa 6:10 PM.

Bob Solick, Sec'y
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