

**Saskatoon Bridge Club
Annual General Meeting
December 9, 2001**

Present: Linda Connell, Ken Connell, Larry Custead, Maxine Godfrey, Evelyn Sisenenko, Valerie Thompson, Liz Warren, Bill Zerebesky (Executive)

Joy Trevelan, Grace Samborn, Sheila Rodger, Jean White, Mary Hardy, Doreen Reid, Nick Mogus, Kay Mogus, Al Schumach, Ruth Schumacher, Verla Zerebesky, Peggy McGregor, Vetha Paine, Thelma Pepper, Garth Thomas, Virginia Beaubier, Ken Olson, Del Olson, Rolf Holzkaemper, Christine Holzkaemper, Ron Hemeon, Lee von Hagen, Pat Boyle

Motion: Peggy McGregor/ Verla Zerebesky: To adopt the minutes of Dec 10, 2000/ carried.

Business Arising

The St. Volodymyr offer is no longer on the table. Our property is not quite large enough for them, so they would need to acquire more; moreover, our position was that we would only move if it were to our advantage to do so.

Linda Connell submitted the president's report (attached).

Maxine Godfrey submitted the treasurer's report (attached).

Motion: Maxine Godfrey/ Doreen Reid: To adopt the treasurer's report/ carried.

Evelyn Sisenenko submitted a report as ACBL Liaison (attached). Overall, numbers for the previous year were good, especially for the EasyBridge tables. There was also a small increase for the Branch, suggesting that the EasyBridge program is filtering into the regular games.

New Business

Denis Schneider submitted the results of the building inspection (attached). The building is in good shape, but in need of minor repairs. The estimate for these repairs was about \$1700.00.

Motion: Ron Hemeon/ Doreen Reid: That the executive attend to the repairs that were recommended in the report, during the upcoming year/ carried.

There was a discussion on the topic of bridge as an Olympic sport: some people viewed this as a way to increase the popularity of the game; others argued that bridge is not really a sport, and so therefore does not belong in the Olympiad.

Motion: Doreen Reid/ Al Schumacher: That the executive voice our opinion on the possibility of bridge becoming an Olympic sport to the District level/ defeated.

Ron Hemeon pointed out that there is a large surplus in the maintenance fund, and asked whether the executive had any plans to either cap the fund or to spend the money. Linda Connell replied that there were no immediate plans either way.

There was discussion regarding the job of Club Manager, which has become very

onerous. There are a lot of special games, and if we are unable to recruit someone for this position, the Club will suffer.

Motion: Ron Hemeon/ Jean Ripley: That the Executive develop a financial plan that is to consider the possible reassignment of fees collected for the maintenance fund, and to consider the possibility of paying some of the Executive Members/ carries.

Concern was expressed about the expansion of the Club, arising from the EasyBridge program, and the possibility that the maintenance fund will be needed to provide renovations. Linda Connell replied that the impetus for any renovations will need to come from the membership, as previous Executive Committees have devoted countless hours to developing renovation plans that are turned down by the membership.

There was a discussion concerning the fact that Club members do not feel ownership for the Club, as evidenced by the fact that attendance at the AGM has dropped from 100 to 25. Moreover, all of those in attendance are those who are serving on one of the Executive Committees. It was suggested that we do not need three Executive Committees, and that just one would do; this would reduce the pressure on our volunteers. Linda Connell indicated that such a change would require an amendment to the constitution. The Executive members from the Branch and the New Horizons club would need to approach the Executive of the Club; once that has happened, the necessary steps could be taken to amalgamate the Executives.

Motion: Pat Boyle/ Rolf H.: That nominations be closed for election to the Bridge Club Executive/ carried.

Valerie Thompson and Liz Warren were declared by acclamation. Eleanor Sisenenko will continue for the time being as Club Manager. Ruth Schumacher will continue looking after maintenance, but would like to resign. Kay Mogus volunteered to be a Member at Large.