

DMBC BOARD MEETING

November 15, 2010

President, Jim Geary, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Newly elected board members were in place and all were present for the first meeting.

In attendance were:

New members

Betty King

Roger Taylor

Howard Seybold

Peg Lupo

Martha Wirkutis

Existing members

Donna Benoy

Jim Geary

Scott Weiss

Judy Hinds

Lynn Brown (visitor)

The meeting began with each member introducing themselves and sharing something about their backgrounds. Jim briefly acquainted the new members with the board's more recent history.

The motion was made and passed to approve the below slate of officers for the coming year.

President:	Jim Geary
1 st VP	Donna Benoy
2 nd VP	Peg Lupo
Secretary	Martha Wirkutis
Treasurer	Judy Hinds

Jim recommended the formation of a new committee, one duty of which would be to interface with the contract service employees such as the directors, house services and the club manager. Roger, Scott and Howard agreed to serve on this committee. It was approved by the board. This committee has not yet been given an official name.

The board is also considering a new committee, also yet to be named, to assist newer players with a transition to open games. Betty has agreed to chair and will be working with Howard, Peg and Martha.

Roger suggested that our committees be publicized to club members to acquaint them with their resources

Attached to these minutes is the list of committees and latest committee members. Note that some of these positions are still under consideration.

Financial report:

Judy presented the new budget for the coming year. It is \$3000 higher than the 2010 budget. \$1000 of that increase is an allowance for advertising our beginner classes. An ad in the News Journal this past year proved very effective. Another reason for the budget adjustment is an increase in director and teacher fees

It is expected that the budget increase will be funded to a large extent by the dues increase and improved game attendance.

Spike has requested the board consider the purchase of 20 hand-held scoring devices in the coming year. The board is hoping to conduct a fund raising activity to make this happen.

The budget was approved as presented.

Education, Training and Publicity:

It was brought to the boards' attention the unique situation of Matie's very thorough and comprehensive beginner classes and the time dedicated to making them so successful. They unanimously agreed to increase her teaching allowance from \$10 to \$25 for her Monday morning and Thursday morning classes.

Additional games, Saturday, Sunday or evening, were discussed. The board agreed to not schedule new games until after the first of the year.

Judy reported on the progress of the mentoring program. She has prepared guidelines to help the mentors/mentees. Mentors are still very much needed.

January Sectional:

Lynn briefed the board on the Sectional plans. She stressed that she wanted to move towards more volunteers and asked all board members to encourage other members to volunteer. Caddies, servers, kitchen help, set up and clean up, are among the volunteer activities needed.

At the last January Sectional we experienced a problem with a slippery floor in the ladies room caused by extremely cold weather and condensation. The room was also quite cold. It was decided that that there was little that could be done safely to handle these problems. Leaving the door open at night should help with both. During the past year the board has looked at mounting an electric heater but has not found a suitable arrangement.

Sectional free plays will be given to our guest speakers. Club game free plays will be offered to any volunteer whose job requires that they not play in a particular session.

Because of the large amount of work and time required to plan, prepare and serve the food for a particular day, the board agreed to continue to offer \$50 in compensation per day to a member who will be in charge of that responsibility.

Lynn is checking into the District requirements for prizes to be awarded to winners.

Judy, Martha and Peg all volunteered to help with making boards on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights after the game.

Miscellaneous:

The deadline for dues to be paid is the end of November. After that players will pay the increased entry fee as non members.

Jim informed the board that he has received a letter of resignation from our club manager of many years, Spike. Spike has agreed to continue to serve the club in other capacities. The board is seeking a new club manager to begin in 2011.

Rude behavior continues to be a club problem. Discussions continue within the board on how to best handle this problem. This matter was tabled until our next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.

The next board meeting will be Monday, December 13.

Respectfully submitted – Lynn Brown, Secretary