

DMBC ANNUAL MEETING

November 16, 2011

President, Jim Geary, called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m.

Election of Board Members:

Today is the final day to vote for new members of the Board of Directors. Those nominated are:

Judy Hinds – Up for reelection.

Howard Seybold – Up for reelection.

Scott Weiss – Up for reelection.

Carlton Cunningham – Former military and finance director.

Joanne Polowy – 12 year member of the bridge club.

Financial Report:

Judy Hinds was ill so Jim Geary gave the financial report. This year the two sectional tournaments brought in more than \$10,000 total. Table counts were higher this year and game fees were up about \$1500. The number of tables per game increased slightly from 9.2 to 10.1 and we continue to have about 350 members.

The Bridgemates which we purchased cost approximately \$6,000, all of which was provided by donations from club members. Tiling of the kitchen and restrooms cost about \$4,000. The new computer equipment and wireless microphone totaled about \$1,500. Our year-end balance is \$56,500.

The club is considering replacing some of the stacking chairs which are showing wear and tear. We are looking into purchasing 50 new chairs which would cost between \$1,700 and \$3,800. The Board will be discussing this at the next board meeting, Monday November 21.

50th Anniversary:

Jim Geary reported that Carol Lively is heading up the committee which is planning the 50th anniversary celebration to be held on Tuesday February 28, 2012. There will be a champagne reception from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. Invitations will be sent to the Mayor of Daytona Beach, etc.

The membership voted to begin our bridge game at 11:00 am, break for a catered lunch from 12:30 to 1:30 then continue playing until 3:00 at which time we would prepare for the party.

Mentoring Program:

Judy Hinds has started the mentoring program again. The Open Players are encouraged to sign up to be mentors for the less experienced players.

Holiday Party:

This year's Holiday Party will be held on December 14 at 12:30. Judith McCall is planning the party and could use some help.

The club will again be donating cash/gifts to the Headstart Program. The donation jar is on the Directors' Desk. The deadline for contributions is December 9. If you elect to bring a gift it should be for a 3 or 4 year old. If it is wrapped please indicate if it is for a boy or a girl.

January Sectional:

The September Sectional was so well attended that there is concern we may run out of space for the January Sectional. The board considered renting the Schnebly Center for the January Sectional but found that it would not be cost-effective and would be a challenge preparing meals, etc. Rather than move the game to another place, we are asking that our Open Players sign up on a list if they will volunteer to 'not play' if there are too many players. This would allow those from out of town to play.

99'er Games:

Jim acknowledged that Howard Seybold has done a great job coordinating and developing interest in the 99'er game which is held on Thursday afternoons. Betty Sandifer is giving informal lessons each Thursday which are very well attended and the reviews have been very good. Matie's Monday morning class is running about 15 tables.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted – Martha Wirkutis, Secretary