

DMBC BOARD MEETING

December 19, 2011

President, Jim Geary, called the meeting to order at 4:53 p.m.

The following were in attendance.

Donna Benoy	Betty King
Carlton Cunningham	Howard Seybold
Jim Geary	Scott Weiss
Judy Hinds	Martha Wirkutis

Lynn Brown – part time
Carol Lively – part time
Judith McCall – part time.

50th Anniversary Update:

Carol Lively provided an update to the 50th Anniversary Celebration plans. The Anniversary Committee consists of Carol as chairperson, Betty Sandifer, Roger Taylor, Matie Ellery, Betty King and Martha Wirkutis.

Carol advised the board of plans to send “save the date” emails to Community Leaders followed by official invitations. Another email reminder will be sent as the date of the celebration nears. Invitations will also be sent to our local media, and to Directors of other Bridge Clubs in the area. Carol encouraged the board members to address and send official invitations to anyone of his/her choosing.

To date, printing costs are about \$100.00. The graphic artist bill is running about \$200 which includes the emailing of all the electronic reminders and invitations.

The day of the celebration the bridge game will begin at 10:30 am with a break for a catered lunch between 12:30 and 1:30. Then bridge will continue until 3:00. The reception will begin at 4:00 and it will also be catered.

Roger Taylor has already addressed 60 invitations and has them ready to be mailed.

Judith McCall will speak with Donna about making flyers to put up within the club.

Winter Sectional:

Lynn Brown provided an update on plans for the Sectional Tournament which will take place from 1/12 – 1/15. She provided a list of volunteers to the board. Lynn advised us that we will be using the Bridgemates for scoring so the only caddies that will be needed are on Sunday and she needs only 1 more volunteer for that day.

Lynn mentioned that she thought the club was in good shape for the tournament with the exception of the Ladies' Room door which is not closing properly. Scott Weiss will check into it and coordinate with Don Beecher to get it fixed.

Jim will address the need for volunteers in the newsletter. He will also request that those who are able park farther away from the club during the tournament to leave closer parking spaces for visitors and those needing to park nearer.

Judith McCall is managing the food for the tournament. Carlton volunteered to help on Thursday. Martha and Judy were asked to volunteer to coordinate food for another day. They will think about it. Martha and Judy suggested that we do the same thing as the last tournament which is have one team in charge of the breakfast and morning break, and another team do the lunch and afternoon break.

Club Manager's Report:

Judith McCall reported that attendance has been good overall, particularly the Thursday 99'er game. The Friday night SWISS game is not being well attended so is only being held twice a month. She has heard there is much interest in the New Year's Eve pairs game, but so far only 10 people (5 pairs) have signed up. The consensus was that we should have a minimum of 8 pairs to hold the game. Judith thinks that attendance should improve in January when many of the snowbirds return.

Jim asked what the policy is regarding making changes to scores entered in the Bridgemates. How long do players have to request a correction? Should we require a member of each team verify the correction? Scott Weiss suggested that verification by the opposing team not be required if the correction was detrimental to the team requesting the correction. Judith and Donna will develop a policy and will present it at next month's meeting.

Howard Seybold brought up an issue regarding some last round scores not being posted. Judith and Donna are aware of the issue and now double-checking before posting the final scores.

Jim Geary asked Judith to be sure that non-members are charged the extra dollar for playing at our club. The directors will remind the players at each session of this requirement.

Financial Report:

Judy Hinds presented the Financial Report. Our first month for the new fiscal year came in right on budget.....within \$25 overall.

For the current year, we have collected dues for 213 people. We have budgeted for 365 members, so we still need to collect for 152 people or \$2280. Martha Wirkutis will print a report showing 2011 members who have not paid dues for 2012.

Our food costs for the month were \$657. Last year our food costs averaged \$551/month. We have budgeted \$7000 for the year or \$583/month. Our food costs are up 89% from 2008. It was noted that the members are not bringing food as much as they used to.

Our ending balance is \$58,980 which is \$2463 greater than last month.

Chair Replacement:

Howard Seybold presented an update to the Chair Replacement Project. The two chairs which Howard had ordered as 'samples' were not well received. The consensus is that the chairs were too narrow and that a separate back is more comfortable for many. He has been unable to find an exact replacement for the Samsonite chairs we currently use. He presented another candidate, an 18.5" "Poker Chair" (picture attached). Howard will order one to see if it will meet our needs.

Grounds Committee:

Jim Geary and Scott Weiss have replaced one panel in the southeast corner of the ceiling, but it is obvious there is still a leak somewhere. When Don Beecher returns at the end of December he and Scott will look into where the leak is originating and attempt to repair it.

Mentoring Program:

Judy Hinds reported that the mentoring program is going well. We have 56 people involved so far. There are 5 people who have signed up for mentors but do not yet have mentees. There is a mentoring game on 12/20 and another scheduled for 1/20. It

was pointed out that to participate in the mentor/mentee program both players must be members of the club.

Miscellaneous:

Jim Geary has asked Martha Wirkutis to assist him in taking over emailing of the monthly newsletter. He will notify Robert Renuart of the change.

There was a short discussion about investigating the possibility of more lessons before the open games. Nothing specific was decided.

We discussed the possibility of a training course for those interested in becoming directors. Jim will pursue this with Judith to determine the best approach to take.

Committees were reviewed and revised per the attached "Committees 2011-2012" list.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 pm.

The next board meeting will be Monday January 20, 2012.

Respectfully submitted – Martha Wirkutis, Secretary

DMBC Committees - 2012

Computer/Website - Martha Wirkutis (Chair), Bill McManus, Bob Renuart

Contract Employee Relations - Howard Seybold (Chair),
A. Roger Taylor

Decorating - Barbara King (Chair), Mary Amato

Education/Transitional Development - Betty King (Chair), Betty Sandifer, Howard
Seybold, Martha Wirkutis,

Entertainment/Special Events - Judith McCall (Chair), and team

Finance - Judy Hinds (Chair), Bruce Ohmann, Misuzu McManus, Happy Dodd

Grounds/House - Scott Weiss (Chair), Clyde Benoy, Don Beecher, Joe Reeves

Mediation - A. Roger Taylor (Chair), Howard Seybold, Scott Weiss, Jackie Vowell

Membership - Judy Hinds (Chair), Martha Wirkutis

Partnership - Game Directors

Publicity - Donna Benoy (Chair), Martha Wirkutis

Purchasing - Susan Hagey (Chair), Bob Aumiller, John Sterling, Carlton Cunningham

Tournament - Lynn Brown (Co-chair), Donna Benoy (Co-chair), Judith McCall

Spruce-Up - Carol Lively (Chair), Betty Bayard

Sunshine - Betty King (Chair)

(Board President is an ex-officio member of all committees.)

Stacking chair.

Item Specification

Seat Size:

18.5"W x 17"D

Back Size:

19"W x 16.5"H

Seat Height: 17.5"H

Seat Thickness: 4.25"T

Assembled Height: 32.25"H

Assembled Width: 19"W

Assembled Depth: 23"D

Overall Dimensions: 19"W x 23"D x 32.25"H

