

Durango Bridge Club
Minutes, Board of Directors Meeting
April 12, 2019 at the Durango Seniors Center

President Don Squires called the meeting to order at 11:00.

Board members present: Wayne Caplan, Sharon White, Karl Hasz, Don Squires, Marilyn Swanson. In addition, Don had proxies from Roger Ayers and Rob Davis.

Guests: Jim Beatty, Jean Walter

Minutes of January 18 were approved.

Treasurer's Report. Don Squires

A donation of \$1,500.00 was presented to the Senior Center.

A printed Treasurer's report for the current year was distributed and discussed. Our present balance is \$6,621.01.

Jean reported that possible new actions by the Center include no evening bridge on Tuesday nights. The club will be considering alternate venues which will probably all require a rental fee.

Treasurer's report approved.

Manager's Report. Wayne Caplan

Our Unit has put forward a education and equipment grant for individual clubs with a top of \$200.00. Wayne purchased new cards and boards and has received a \$200 reimbursement.

The computer cart has been upgraded with new wheels.

The club is registered for 26 special games in the present year. Wayne described an option for the club when we don't qualify for a special game requiring a minimum 5 tables. Evidently it is possible to play a Club Championship game that day instead and still receive extra master points.

Anita Davis is trained to deal the cards now. Monday prior to the established afternoon games, is the selected day for this. It is necessary to notify the Senior Center staff each week that our Club will be using space for this process.

Manager's report approved.

Sectional Tournament, June 7-9 Karl Hasz

Next year it will be necessary to hold the tournament in another location. This is due to a reduction of funds in the County and the resultant squeeze in hours available for use at the Senior Center. (This has affected Tuesday night play also.)

Karl's discussion of the tournament focused on door prizes. He suggested drawing for a paid entry to the next game and even a drawing for Swiss Teams. He will speak to the Unit about possibly covering the cost.

100 Flyers for the Tournament will be available next week.

It was determined we have 20 available tables at the club which should be enough for tournament play.

President's Report Don Squires

We have two new club directors, Karl and Rob Davis.

Susan Westerwick will organize the Longest Day. Our current date is Monday, June 17, but it may be changed to later in the week.

Don has met with Vicki, new Director of the Senior Center, to develop a contract covering the bridge club's use of the Center to try to avoid future misunderstandings. Suggestions were made to refer any disputes to Don for rectification rather than attempting to deal with them individually.

The county is cutting overtime so it is necessary for everyone to be out of the building by 4:45 pm in order to close the building by 5:00 pm. There will be no exceptions to this rule.

Michelle Harlow has not done anything concerning incorporation of the Club, but plans to go forward with the process upon her return to Durango. Jean offered to be part of the committee working on By-laws/Articles of Incorporation.

Jean questioned Karl about encouraging more Mancos bridge players to join us for duplicate games. Karl's response was that social bridge is the preferred game there, and he didn't believe there was any interest in duplicate.

Sherry Brown has put forward her resignation from the Board, but will remain through the Incorporation/By law process.

Sharon has also indicated she will be leaving the Board because she is moving to Colorado Springs. She will remain active until her departure..

A decision was made to defer adding more Board Members until the By-laws are written outlining how they should be selected and approved.

Next meeting is scheduled for August 2 at 11:00.

Meeting adjourned at 11:52.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Swanson, Secretary