



## **Arnprior Duplicate Bridge Club**

### **Minutes of 2022 AGM**

**February 11, 2022, by Zoom**

#### **Agenda**

**1. Welcome** and thanks for support to the Board and the Members.

**2. Financial Report**

The Club is in good financial shape. A financial report is available on request. Thanks so much to Arthur Ham, Treasurer.

**3. Facilities:**

The Board has regularly discussed the pros and cons of retaining or abandoning our facility on Old Hwy 17. We have been unanimous that we should retain the facility until we are more clear about the direction of Covid and the willingness and comfort of our members to return to face-to-face play. The Club can afford to maintain the status quo until we have a clear path forward.

Our current agreement with the new landlord extends until May 1 at which point we will re-evaluate. Until then, we will pay 50% rent plus the propane. We are also paying increased fees for significantly upgraded internet

There may be a possibility of generating additional income by renting out our facility to other groups who may wish to hold meetings or workshops. With our upgraded internet, this may be attractive.

**4. Schedule of Online Bridge 21 Games**

Thanks very much to Wayne Daze who has directed all the Arnprior online games and to Bridge 21 who administer. The Arnprior games schedule is:

Tuesday @ 2:55 pm

Friday @ 12:15 pm and 12:30 pm

Saturday @ 10:00 am

Sunday @ 7:15 pm

#### **5. Arnprior Club Members Only Game (12:15 pm, Fridays)**

In preparation for a return to face-to-face play, the Club created a Hybrid Model wherein club members can play in the club, remotely, or a combination of both.

The Club paid to upgrade the air circulation system. We significantly upgraded the internet capacity and can accommodate more than 40 players playing in the Club on tablets or laptops.

The point of the 12:15 game (as opposed to the Open game at 12:130) is specifically for club members to play with people they know. The Hybrid Game is continuing to evolve and grow, and we are optimistic about its future.

#### **6. Wayne's Worlds**

Wayne's World sessions with Wayne Perrin have been well attended and there is enthusiastic interest. We thank Wayne for his generosity and patience. We plan to continue to host regular Wayne's Worlds either via Zoom or in-person depending on circumstances.

#### **7. Christmas Mug-a-palooza**

The ADBC Christmas mug-a-thon was a great success. One hundred of our members received an arrangement. Response was wonderful. Many thanks to the team that helped assemble the mugs: Gail and Lorne, Dan and Phillippa, Kate, Sue Stavenow, Eleanor Hotchkiss, Doug Younger-Lewis.

#### **8. SALC (Seniors Active Living Centre)**

Dan Baran has continued to offer Bridge classes, mentorship, supervised play, and instruction via Zoom and in person throughout the nearly two years of the pandemic. Interest remains high. SALC players are now playing regular Duplicate, online games, Renfrew's RealBridge, as well as social games amongst their group.

#### **9. Tournament Preparation**

We have retained our reservation at the Nick Smith Centre for a possible Sectional Tournament in May. Our booking can be canceled at any time without penalty. We do not have any information about a possible 2022 I/N Regional although we would expect to be invited to host if conditions become favourable for such a Tournament.

**10. Directors Cup** was awarded to Mark LaCroix and Bill Wheeler. The trophy has been engraved and is in the possession of Mark Lacroix until the Club requests its return.

**11. Phyllis Brennan Trophy** The trophy has been engraved and is in the possession of Arthur Ham until the Club requests its return.

**11. Communication**

The Club has made efforts to maintain communication with members by phone and email. This outreach has been appreciated. In addition, the Club has written and distributed a variety of newsletters/articles/reports, on a wide range of subjects including the issues of Slow Play, and Convention Cards.

**13. Election/Acclaim for 2023 Board**

The current Board was canvassed as to their interest and intention to remain on the Board. We have a collegial and highly cooperative and functioning Board and all officers agreed to continue to serve.