

President and Club Managers Report

Annual General Meeting

September 20, 2018

We are pleased to provide our thoughts on the progress made in the sixth full operational year of the Grand River Bridge Club.

Table Count

Table count or participation in games by bridge players during the fiscal year (July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018), increased in seven of the twelve months in comparison to the previous year, with decreases recorded in the other five months. Overall, table count increased by 3% to a total of 4027 tables. The days with the higher table counts, in descending order, are Friday afternoons, Wednesday mornings, Thursday afternoons and Tuesday afternoons.

There are now one 0-99 game, a 0-199 game, three 0-499 games and four Open games a week. There is also a supervised bridge lab each Monday for new players and those wishing to improve skills.

Lessons

Malkin Howe, the club's lesson lead, in conjunction with the other lesson instructors, provides seasonal lesson plans based on student feedback and anticipated demand for courses. The provision of lessons by knowledgeable instructors continues to attract new members and develops the skills of existing players.

There has been a noticeable decrease in the number of students participating in multi-week lessons. This is perhaps a reflection of the busy lives of active seniors. Single modules on specific topics are being offered in response to member's request for this type of class.

Financial Status

There was an overall increase in revenue, primarily in games revenue, with smaller increases in membership dues and bridge lab revenue. Membership numbers were similar to the previous year. The club ended the fiscal year with a net income of \$36,302. The Treasurer's report will provide further details.

Organizational Structure

The current organizational structure is working well. The Board of Directors meets regularly every two months and is focused on longer term, strategic issues. The Management team meets monthly and makes decisions on operational aspects of the club.

Premises Committee

The bridge club's lease at Gage Street ended as of June 30, 2018. The Premises committee led by Stephen Carpenter, included Ted Boyd, Dave Shortt and Jim Dalglish. Over the past two and a half years the committee made eight offers on different properties. The Premises Committee had almost concluded an offer on a property located on Davenport when the possibility of a lease from Dare Foods on the Kingsway surfaced. The Committee after touring the Kingsway property, along with members of the board and the management team, decided that this was by far the best option and proceeded accordingly.

Project Committee

A new committee, the Project Committee was struck to prepare for the bridge club's future home. The committee is comprised of; Project Coordinator-Jim Dalglish, Kitchen-Diane Jamieson, Furnishings/Colour scheme-Margot Stockie, Construction-John Kokko, Moving-Bill McDonald, Technology -Grant Roberts and Communications-Ted Boyd. Activities

accomplished to date; kitchen layout chosen and ordered; decisions made on flooring and painting; contractor identified with a bid for the renovations forthcoming; move to temporary quarters went smoothly; technology transferred to temporary quarters; and periodic updates provided through the Alert.

Volunteer Appreciation

The bridge club exists due to the efforts of many individuals in the club; we applaud and thank all those members who selflessly give of their time and expertise. In particular, we thank Susan Lawton and Adrian Record, both of who served as President for a year, during their six years on the board. Both individuals provided valuable input on the issues dealt with by the Board over these years.

We also want to thank Margot Stockie and Cindy Mahn, both of who participated on the Management Committee for a number of years. Margot lead the Marketing efforts, while Cindy was the Lead Lesson Instructor during their time on the committee.

If you as an individual have some time to donate to the benefit of the club please advise Bev or Bill Pope, our volunteer coordinators, a board member or a co-manager.

We would be happy to answer questions that any of the members have at this time.

Adrian Record

President

Jim Dalglish and Joan Slover

Co-Managers