

DRAPER LAB BRIDGE CLUB
SUMMARY ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES – 8th JANUARY, 2008

Meeting was called to order at 9:34pm and presided over by club manager Peter Matthews.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Membership VP's Report (Gloria Tsoi):

The club had 69 regular members,
16 MIT student members and
13 lifetime members this year.

Publicity Report: (Vincent Koon-Kam-King)

The publicity this year focused on the IAP class, including e-mails to the internal [MIT] community. The committee also coordinated pairings for the EMBA sectional.

Club Manager's Report (Peter Matthews):

The club averaged 8.0 tables per game
7.8 students per game (not all MIT)
Player of the Year: Stephen McDevitt (2nd year in a row)
Club Champion: Leo Zelevinsky (who played with two different partners)

There was discussion regarding the duplimate machine. Pete purchased the machine and is renting the results to the club. Agreed to put postpone the discussion to later in the agenda.

Slate of Officers proposed and accepted unanimously via a voice vote:

President:	Jack Chu
Treasurer:	Brian Duran*
VP Membership:	Gloria Tsoi*
VP Publicity:	Vincent Koon-Kam-King*
Secretary:	Pamela Miller*
Club Manager:	Peter Matthews*

*incumbent

Thank you to Mike Lieberman for being president and webmaster of the club. Motion was made to make Michael a Life Member of the club.

PASSED

Treasurer's Report (Brian Duran):

The club did well this past year and is in stable condition.

OLD BUSINESS

Hand duplication: The club manager is happy with the current fee per table. There was discussion regarding the machine itself. The current machine requires bar-coded cards. Those are double the price of regular cards. There is a newer, better machine which does optical recognition. The current machine can be returned for a full refund in the first year. It takes a half hour to duplicate the boards.

Proposed: Keep paying the Club Manager for the use of the machine.

PASSED

There was additional discussion regarding increasing the fee if the other machine is purchased, as this will save the club money on purchasing cards. No formal motion was made.

Table fees: There is a need to revisit the table fees, postponed from last year. This was postponed to new business.

Proposed: That the club switches to the 30VP scale for its Swiss Team events. Peter Matthews described the history of the scales. After some discussion, no motion was made.

Start times: There was discussion regarding moving the start time from 6:30pm to 7:00pm. Both sides of the issue were aired. The proposal was made to ask people who are occasional players what time they prefer.

NEW BUSINESS

IAP Class: The class is being moved to Tuesday and Thursday evenings in order to attract people who can play on Tuesdays.

There are 8 tables in the first class.

Volunteers are needed to help run the novice game from Feb through May and to lecture on various topics.

Volunteers are also needed to fill in the movement.

The Club Manager is willing to support people who wish to take the Director's Course and exam. The Nationals in Boston this fall would provide [lower-cost] opportunities for anyone who wishes to become a director.

Proposal: That the club hold a barometer game or a Swiss pairs.

There was discussion of both formats. We would need pick-up slips and a non-playing director.

PASSED (barometer game)

Proposal: That the card fees for 2008 be set regardless of the type of game.

PASSED

Proposal: That membership to the club be free to the players in the novice class for the calendar year of the class.

PASSED

Proposal: To change the director/manager fee structure for the club. It was agreed that Brian will form a committee to study the issue and make a recommendation.

Proposal: That the club purchase bidding boxes.

FAILED

Members have been transporting their own.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40pm.