

DRAPER LAB BRIDGE CLUB
SUMMARY ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES – 25th JANUARY, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 9:50pm and presided over by club manager Peter Matthews.

The minutes of the 2010 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report (Brian Duran):

The treasurer's report and recommendations were provided in writing. The recommendations were tabled until new business.

The club lost a little money this year, but is in stable condition.

The treasurer spoke with the US Internal Revenue Service. We do need to file Form 990N once every three years. This can be done online and does not require us to report any income or disbursements. We are under the reporting limit.

Membership VP's Report (Steve McDevitt):

The club had 84 regular members,
 16 exemptions (students, service, etc.)
 16 lifetime members
 this year.

We also gave free one-year memberships to the members of the IAP class.

Publicity Report: (Elizabeth Gompels)

The publicity group:

- Sent welcomes to new players, by e-mail or paper
- Advertising at the sectionals
- The group increased the IAP publicity this year, including posting flyers around campus.
- The focus for this year is to get more students to the game. Feedback and ideas are requested.

There was discussion and suggestions for enticing students to the game:

Get into the mailing that is sent to incoming freshmen
Contact Adam and James to see if they will share ideas

We have to be a student group in order to participate in some campus events. There was discussion around the requirements for being an MIT student group.

Club Manager's Report (Peter Matthews):

The club averaged 5.8 tables per game
 3.5 students per game (not all from MIT)
Player of the Year: Paul Wendt
Club Champion: Mark Throop & Peter Matthews

The loss of attendance is due primarily to the decline in the number of students attending the game.

Nominating Committee (Gloria Tsoi)

Slate of Officers proposed:

President: Emily Shen*
Treasurer: Brian Duran*
VP Membership: Steve McDevitt*

VP Publicity: Elizabeth Gompels*
Secretary: Pamela Miller*
Club Manager: Peter Matthews

ELECTED

OLD BUSINESS

Jack Chu and Emily Shen: To be life members of the club with thanks for all their efforts.

PASSED

NEW BUSINESS

Card fees:

There was discussion on the appropriate level of fees for students. There was discussion about special games and the cost of those games. The matter was tabled.

Special Games:

There were differing opinions in the room ranging from 0-50 regarding the appropriate number of special games for the club. There were 43 in 2010. After some discussion a motion was made.

Motion: We run half of the special games with benefits this year.

The Quick Trick says we are committed to all special games through April. The club manager will work with that.

PASSED

Manager's fee:

Motion: That the Manager's fee be raised from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per table.

PASSED

Card Fees (redux):

Motion: Card fees were set, subject to executive review in June. There was discussion and an amendment was made. The treasurer feels the club will break even for the year.

PASSED

IAP Class:

The novice game in 2010 lost money. The members of the club feel that novice games are an investment and should be continued.

There are fewer students in the IAP class this year. It has been trending downwards for a while. We need to find out why the students don't come back.

There was discussion around things members could do to make the club more friendly and more attractive to newcomers.

There was discussion around the difficulties in teaching and attracting young people. EMBA will be starting a program to teach very young people, and the ACBL will provide materials. One suggestion was that the IAP class be restricted to students only.

No motions were made. There was consensus that the people running the class and the novice game should decide what to do.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:18pm