

**DRAPER LAB BRIDGE CLUB**  
**ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES – 13<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2015**

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

The minutes of the 2014 meeting were approved.

Membership VP's Report (Steve McDevitt):

The club had 84 members. Starting in August we didn't invite people to join as strongly as earlier in the year.

Club Manager's Report (Peter Matthews):

The club averaged	8.54 tables per game
	1.83 students per game (not all from MIT)
Player of the Year:	Nathan Glasser
Club Champion:	Nathan Glasser

The club did not collect entry fees during the month of December.

The club manager presented the financial details of running the club. The "books" are contained in one large spreadsheet, which is available to anyone who would like to inspect it.

Treasurer's Report (Brian Duran) was accepted.

Nominating Committee (Gloria Tsoi)

Slate of Officers proposed:

President:	Jeff Scott
Treasurer:	Brian Duran*
VP Membership:	Steve McDevitt*
VP Publicity:	Gloria Tsoi
Secretary:	Pamela Miller*
Club Manager:	Peter Matthews*

\* incumbent

ELECTED

**OLD BUSINESS**

IAP Class/Novice Game:

We have some repeaters in the class and some new players. 3 tables, consistently.

Discussion on how to find more people to teach. Ideas:

- (1) More MIT lists
- (2) Sloan School, both students and families of students
- (3) Advertising in the Tech
- (4) Flyers/ posters (consensus is this is not worth the effort)

A committee of Mark Throop, Gloria Tsoi and Aaron Kateshian will work on this in September.

Treasurer's Recommendations:

Brian suggests our Financial reserve is more than adequate. We could cover replacing all our equipment and still have funds left over. There was discussion on ways to spend our funds for the good of the club:

**Proposed:** That the club offer random free games, returning the funds to the members TABLED

**Proposed:** That the club purchase bridgemates.  
Cost is \$2500 for server and plenty of pads.

There was a wide variety of feelings in the room. The major problem is they would need to be carried each week. An office on campus was offered.

We would also want to move the website to Bridgewebs in order to take advantage of the features. This could be excellent or poor depending on feelings.

FAILED

**Proposed:** We grant free plays to the winner of the B strat. We already grant free plays to A&C strats.

CARRIED

There was a large amount of discussion of the parameters around such an idea. For instance:

- o If the game was too small
- o Team games
- o Only one free play per person per night
- o What about Howells
- o How many free plays if a Mitchell? ANS, AEW, B, C?

**Motion:** Steve McDevitt will develop a formula for free plays and submit it to the Executive Committee for approval. This formula will include Strat B. CARRIED

Director's fees and manager's fees: Pete and Barry are happy with the director's fees, but agree it is below market value. The club could not afford market value. Most of the work is in the manager area.

**Proposed:** Manager fee be raised to \$2.00 per table. CARRIED

**Proposed:** The membership fee be raised to \$5.00 as it is easier to collect.

There was an objection that this is not a good reason for raising the membership

CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS**

New Life Members

The club manager has a list of people who have "been here for a long time and done good things for the club". It is not clear what the criteria are for becoming or being nominated for life member. It was felt that we should not be debating the merits of each candidate in a public forum. There was discussion regarding a nominating committee.

There was general consensus that we only wish to recognize people we see at the club.

**Proposed:** Executive Committee debate by e-mail and vote later in the year. PASSED

Status of Students

**Proposed:** Students become members by paying the membership fee, after which no table fees.  
Objection that requiring MIT students to pay may jeopardize our standing with MIT.

There was a long discussion about our standing with MIT. We are currently a “faculty-staff sponsored event”. The paperwork is difficult. In theory we are still a part of the Math Department. Jeff Scott will look further at this situation.

WITHDRAWN

**Proposed:** MIT Students join and play for free. Other students pay the membership fee and play for free.

PASSED

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17pm