

DRAPER LAB BRIDGE CLUB
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES – 17th JANUARY, 2017

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

The minutes of the 2016 meeting were missing but approved on the contingency that the secretary would circulate them by the end of the week.

Membership VP's Report (Steve McDevitt):

The club had 53 regular members this year.

Club Manager's Report (Peter Matthews):

The club averaged 8 tables per game early in the year, falling off to 7 in the second half.
1.71 students per game (not all from MIT)

Player of the Year: Nathan Glasser with 23.85 POTY points

Club Champion: Steve McDevitt averaging 56% with two separate partners

The club ran many special games this year and still made money.

In 2017 we will need to buy cards and other supplies.

Treasurer's Report (Brian Duran) was accepted.

Publicity Report:

None. We had no VP of Publicity.

Nominating Committee

Slate of Officers proposed:

President:	Jeff Scott*
Treasurer:	Brian Duran*
VP Membership:	Eric Throop*
VP Publicity:	Peter Matthews
Secretary:	Pamela Miller*
Club Manager:	Shirley Marquez Dulcey

* incumbent

ELECTED

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Novice Class Memberships

The club has had a policy of paying one half of a first-year ACBL membership if you complete the novice class. This has been \$15 per person. The ACBL new "first-year" junior rate is \$5.00. It seems odd to pay \$2.50 towards the membership for our younger students.

We need to double-check that our instant membership forms work for the new Junior membership. That way the club can still get credit for signing up the new members.

Motion: We subsidize up to one-half of a first-year regular ACBL membership. If that sum pays for an entire junior membership then we pay the entire membership.

PASSED

Manager fees

Manager fees were discussed. A motion resolving the issues was proposed and seconded.

PASSED

Current duties of the President:

Our current president is making the boards, reserving the rooms, and working with the MIT events people as regards to our club.

Motion: Card fees for Jeff Scott are waived during the period he is making the boards for the club.

PASSED

Scoring Devices:

There are three options of scoring devices: BridgeMates, BridgePads, and BridgeTab. See handout for explanation of the devices.

The BridgePads makers will allow a free 30 day evaluation period. BridgeTab can be piloted with Android devices, or we may be able to borrow from Tim. There was discussion about network/wireless issues and the MIT network. We need to be sure this doesn't cause any problems with their network as that might raise our profile.

Motion: Shirley Dulcey and Mark Throop are authorized to pilot BridgePads and BridgeTab (no cost). After receiving feedback from the members, the Executive Committee will decide whether to purchase an electronic scoring system.

PASSED

BridgeWebs:

This is the website many clubs use which provides all the hands with contracts and results. We would still need to retain our site as we use this for Player of the Year and other things. We could upload electronic data from scoring devices to our site as well as BridgeWebs. There is a nominal cost for BridgeWebs.

The attendees decided to table this question for a while. BridgeWebs will not work unless we have some form of electronic scoring; we have not made a decision on scoring devices.

Common Game:

The common game allows users to compare results across all the 'Tuesday night' games. There is no effect on the number of masterpoints awarded. Once again we would need to have electronic scoring.

The attendees of the meeting objected to the fact that we would need to wait to post our results on the web until Wednesday morning. [Clubs on the West Coast would still be playing the hands on Tuesday evening]

This issue was tabled for a year.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00pm