

March 14, 2023

Dear Members of the Edmonton Bridge Centre,

Thank you to everyone who attended our Annual General meeting. We thanked retiring members of the Board, Amanda Atwell, Karen Long, Valerie Bowker and Phil Hardin, for their service and efforts. New Board members elected are Esther Oaks, Chris Buchanan and Ron Chalmers. They join remaining members Kathy Turnbull, Angela Brigley, LeeAnn Lagace and Allan Terplawy. The financial report showed an annual loss of about \$75,000 after accounting for \$40,000 in annual Casino funds. Our live attendance is still about 60% of pre-COVID numbers.

Many ideas were shared at the meeting. The new Board and I will be following up on these suggestions. One idea from the AGM was a possible increase in fees. A suggestion was made that many members would be willing to pay \$10 instead of \$8 for an entry. For now, we are trying to leave the entry at \$8 and see how many people voluntarily donate a few extra dollars at the desk. So far this has amounted to over \$100 a week. Thank you all.

The Board has met and are looking for some input for upcoming decisions. Ron Chalmers has prepared a short survey for all members to participate in. Please click on this link to access the survey. [<Survey Link>](#) It should only take a few moments. It would be wonderful if all results are in by Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup>. If you have multiple people in your household who would like to do the survey, you may have to access it again from a different device or browser. The link is also on our home page.

Some people may have noticed that the ACBL has recently revised the masterpoint formula for face to face games. Depending on how many boards are played, the masterpoints will increase by as much as 50%. This means that any masterpoints shown on recap printouts or on our calendar results page are preliminary. The actual masterpoints will be shown on ACBLlive and in your ACBL members account.

I hope you had a great Pi day on Tuesday March 14 (3.14159265.....) and enjoyed some pie. Also another week of championships go from March 20<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>.

Upcoming tournaments to plan for include the Edmonton Spring sectional at our club May 26 – 28 and the Alberta Regional at the Edmonton Inn next door from Tuesday Aug 8 thru Sunday Aug 13.

4 lesson series have started with about 50 students. We welcome these folks to our game and club. See you at the tables.

Memberships for 2023 are still available. Membership for 2023 has increased to \$75 each. Lifetime memberships remain at \$1000. When you renew, please confirm that we have your current phone numbers and information. As always, any extra donations to support our club are gratefully appreciated. If you wish to buy by e-transfer, do it to [club@edmontonbridge.ca](mailto:club@edmontonbridge.ca) (no password required).

Thank you, everyone, for your interest and participation. I look forward to seeing you at the club. If you need a partner, please let us know if you are available for a game or drop in before gametime.

*Matthew Greenways*

Manager

P.S. Please pass on this letter to others who may not have email or are not on our lists.