

Belton Bridge Center Board Meeting

February 3, 2025

Trails West North Recreational Building

Attending: Norman Duttweiler, Sue Brown, Kathy Clark, Marian Ford, Robert Francis

Absent: Penny Salome

Norman called the meeting to order at 11:10am.

Norman welcomed Robert Francis as the newest Board member.

**Minutes of December 2024 General Membership Meeting:** Moved by Robert, Seconded by Marian to approve the December minutes. Motion passed with one abstention. Because these were minutes from a general meeting, they will need to be approved by membership at the next General meeting.

**Election of new officers:** The following have agreed to serve again in the following positions:

Norman Duttweiler, President; Alison Mann, Secretary; Kathy Clark, Treasurer. Moved by Norman, seconded by Robert to have Sue Brown take the role of Vice-President. Motion passed.

**Year end financials:** Kathy stated that in 2023 we had a total of 1,045 tables, and in 2024 we had 1053 tables. She reported on the checking and savings accounts with expenditures for the floor, hot water heater, land plumbing. Moved by Robert, seconded by Marian, to approve the Treasurer's report.

**Review of Motions regarding the floor:** Norman requested the Board approve motions made on email regarding expenditures and scope of floor repairs. Since the Board had already passed the motions by email, the same motions passed.

**Update on floor and activities afterwards:** The installation of the floor began today February 3 and will continue to Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>. On March 1<sup>st</sup>, there will be a work call for volunteers to help put the Bridge Center back in order. The welcome back unit game will be on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, and there will be two more unit games that month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays. **ACTION:** Kathy will request approval from ACBL for the extra Unit game. Norman will announce the March 2<sup>nd</sup> game to the membership.

There will be some changes to the Belton layout. The small bathroom near the refrigerator will become a storage area and the ice machine will be there with some shelving. The door will be removed to that room. The cabinet next to the refrigerator will have some reinforcement on the bottom.

**Pruning:** Norman has pruned books and puzzles leaving 25 bridge books and books of different genres, and 6 puzzles. On February 7<sup>th</sup>, Members can go through any items that are being discarded. Otherwise, they will be donated to the library.

**Donors:** A few donors have come forth to augment the payment for the hot water heater in the ladies' bathroom. **ACTION:** Kathy will follow-up on getting the promised checks. Alison will write thank you notes. A sizeable donation to augment the cost of the plumbing was also received.

## New Business

**Directory:** We currently publish the Directory each year, but it is suggested that we print an update sheet and then publish every other year. There were concerns about having the online directory because of personal information. Moved by Marian, seconded by Sue to eliminate the online directory and publish the directory every other year, with an updated print out of changes in the off year. Motion passed. We will wait until after moving back to Belton before announcing this change and requesting updates.

**Spring Tournament:** The Spring Tournament will be May 3 and 4. Norman will serve as Chair, Kathy will chair a committee for Hospitality, Marian will be in charge of Partnerships and will increase the number of subs in case of cancellations. The Board is being asked to submit names for the tournament.

**Directors' area:** Rob Van Ekeren has requested that there be a new internet provider. He also would like the area to be more functional with the dealing machine higher to make it more accessible. Changes in shelving would help as well. **ACTION:** Kathy will talk to Comcast to get information. Norman will get Dave's viewpoint on the Directors' area.

**Operational Manual:** Needs an update. ACTION: Alison will review.

**Next Board Meeting:** Monday, March 24 at 11:15.

**Adjournment:** 11:50am