

ACBL UNIT 380 BOARD MEETING

January 10, 2015

PARTICIPANTS: Gloria Blair, James (Cliff) Denton, Robert Francis, Larry Gioannini, Dave Gose, Christina Little, Bill Stein

Guests: Dixie Binning and Kathy Kryway

Minutes: Larry Gioannini moved and Cliff Denton seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2014 Board Meeting, the December 13, 2014 Annual Meeting and the December 13, 2014 Combined Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Stein announced that all activities are finalized for the 2014 fiscal year. There was a net loss of \$1,144. There is \$6,570 in the checking account, over \$11,800 in the A-1 Money Market Account, and around \$5,448 in the Citizen's CD. The Treasurer's Report will be filed for review.

Bill projected figures for 2015. There are several new variables. One of the square dance clubs has left. The owner's rent for games has been raised with the additional \$1 per person being split between the club and the directors. The tournament will be held at the Belton Bridge Center. Bill estimates a net gain next year of approximately \$1,000.

Recording Money Paid Directors for Sunday Games: Larry feels strongly that all the money collected at the Sunday games should be recorded as income. The fee for the director should be an expense. Robert will check into the implications of this as far as paying State Gross Receipt tax is involved.

Cost of Sunday Game: Gloria Blair moved and Robert Francis seconded a motion that the cost of the Sunday games be \$6. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Parking Lot: Dave suggested that, because of the price of oil, this might be the most economic time to have the parking lot resurfaced. Doing so is an expensive project and could consume most of the financial resources of the Club.

The following plan was agreed upon:

- Dave will check with the City about the implications of repaving.
- Larry will revisit the contractors and find out whether their prices have been reduced.
- If this all seems to look like it is going to work, the Board needs to go to the membership and ask for financial support.
- Larry will write his City Councilor asking if there are any ways in which the City can help (grants, etc.).

Organization for Sunday Games: The following decisions were made:

- Larry (with assistance from Cliff) will be responsible for set up and clean up.
- Bill will collect the money and pay the director.
- Board members need to make sure that someone has signed up to bring food.
- The board needs to work on multiple ways to encourage members to attend the Sunday games as a way of supporting the Unit. The week of February 2 (before the February 8 game), Dixie and Larry will make announcements at all the games inviting people to attend. Larry will also send out an email inviting attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Meeting Times/Dates: Board meetings will be held on Wednesday after the games. Dave will send Board Members a list of proposed dates.

Web Site: Kathy Kryway proposed that the Club change the web site to a product called BridgeReults.net. Kathy is willing to serve as webmaster (for one and possibly two years) and has had extensive discussion with Linda Spengler, who will be able to provide back-up services. Linda will also remain responsible for the ACBL program and the operating system on the Belton computer.

If the Center contracts for both the results reporting and the web site, there is an annual charge of \$240 a year (currently paying about \$52).

Advantages include:

- There are only minor changes in posting results.
- Kathy will be able to manage the site from home. The directors will upload data from the games to the cloud where results will be calculated and displayed.
- The membership will be able to go home and see on the web what everybody bid plus a merged version of what everybody bid plus the hand record right next to it.
- With the Bridge Mates, the Belton is already recording all the information that will be displayed. No additional programs will be needed on the computer at the Belton.
- There may not be as much need for hand records.
- The various master point listings are shown.
- The program would eliminate the need to keep yellow sheets for Dixie's classes.
- The initial data that feeds the system will come from Bridge Mates.
- Using Bridge Mates, it will be possible to record the opening lead.
- There are also social networking features to the program.
- The front page has the opportunity for all kinds of announcements. Kathy does not want to write these but will post notices that are sent to her.

The plan is for Kathy to set up the program on her own computer and then work with Linda to run tests to make sure that everything is working and to refine procedures before teaching Roy and Barbara.

An individual who chooses to sign up on the Bridge Results website, can see their individual hand record, what everybody has bid. He/she can jump to a particular board. If a person is curious about a particular player, it is possible to see how many master points they have. Individuals can also get email that tells them when results are posted. Players who are not interested in these details can still go to the website and see basic results.

There is a 30 day trial period available. Gloria Blair moved and Larry Gioannini seconded a motion to update the Belton Bridge Center's web site and results reporting to BridgeResults.net. Motion carried unanimously.

Improvements Around the Bridge Center: Volunteers did an enormous amount of work getting the Belton Bridge Center operational. Not only did this save a lot of money, it fostered bonding and a sense of community. It is probably related to the level of civility that is maintained currently at the Center. It would be very good to involve new people in such a process.

There are jobs that can be done. Painting the exterior is the most obvious example. The board thought it was a good idea to identify a work date in the spring (perhaps by giving people a specific task associated with a specific date). Dave could give a good speech, and other ways could be found to communicate about this project (website, email). Dave will prepare a write-up and run it through the board.

As an alternative, it might be possible to have a mural painted on an exterior wall.

Grant for Mesilla Valley Community of Hope: The District's minutes indicated that the Belton Bridge Center's application for the MV Community of Hope was successful and that a check for \$4,300 will be forthcoming. Chris will write Bonnie Bagley and inquire about the status of this grant and making sure that the money will be sent to the Belton Bridge Center.

Ink Cartridges: Robert offered to order ink cartridges from E-Bay, where he was able to get five cartridges (two black and three colored) for \$19. These are not brand name cartridges. Robert also recommended purchasing a printer that will print on both sides of a page.

Belton History: Chris Little will send board members a copy of the history prepared by Patsy Hackler and Dave Gose. Dave may have the pictures.

Donation to Casa de Peregrinos: \$560 was raised for Casa de Peregrinos. When talking to the games, Dixie and Larry will take the opportunity to emphasize that this is the designated charity for the Belton Bridge Center. One option might be to designate one or two days a month for donations.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.