

## ACBL UNIT 380 BOARD MEETING

March 6, 2015

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

**ABSENT:** Gloria Blair

**GUEST:** Billie Edington

The meeting was convened at 3:50 pm.

**Minutes:** It was determined that there was nothing in the Bylaws that prevented the minutes from being approved via email. This is desirable so they can rapidly be put on the web site. The minutes were sent out in mid-January 2015 and several corrections were made. On January 29, 2015, Larry Gioannini moved and Bill Stein seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2015 Board Meeting as corrected. This motion was approved by all board members except Cliff Denton and Gloria Blair, who did not vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bill will email complete report to the Board of Directors. As requested by Larry, he is showing the fee paid to the director at the unit game as an expense. Income is slightly less because there are only two square dancing groups using the building. On the other hand, there is hope that the club will make substantially more money during the tournament because it will be held at the Belton Bridge Center.

Bill's final report for the first two months of 2015 showed \$7,505.73 in the checking account, \$11,833.01 in the A-1 Money Market Account, and \$5,448.19 in the CD at Citizen's Bank. For the first two months of the year, there has been a net income of \$663.14.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Parking Lot:** Dave had submitted a memo to the Board of Directors prior to the meeting. He has checked with the City to make certain that repairs would be grandfathered in. He met with Bobby Contreras, CRC Paving & Dirt Solutions, who explained that the state of the parking lot could lead to serious problems should there be a combination of rain and freezing. He recommended covering the current pavement with 1 ½ inch of asphalt. After five or six years, it will start cracking; and it will then be necessary to seal it (potential cost of around \$5,000). At that point, it should be good for about 10 more years.

The cost is \$12,000. Dave understanding that gross receipts tax is included in the bid. Essentially, the plan is to remove the car stops and salvage those that are not broken in the process of moving. After removing the car stops, the paving company will clean the parking lot, apply a hot mix and compact it to 1 ½ inches, stripe the parking lot, and replace the car stops that are intact (primarily against the building to protect it). The asphalt will be feathered (sloped downwards) towards the building, so there will not be any bumps for people to contend with.

Larry will rapidly try and get a bid from Seal Rite in El Paso.

Bill reported that there was approximately \$7,500 in the checking account, \$11,800 in the A-1 Money Market Account, and somewhat more than \$5,548 in the CD at Citizen's Bank. So total assets round off to \$24,850. So there is money out of current accounts to pay the full bill.

It has also been suggested that the club seek donations for a portion of the cost. Billie Edington is willing to serve as Fundraising Chair. While the club does have enough money to pay for the job, any donations should be gratefully accepted.

The job will take two days. The Game Owners will be consulted about the optimal time to do this. There was interest in getting this done prior to the tournament.

There were several specific questions that should be clarified within the contract:

- Specific clarification about gross receipts tax.
- Specific timing should be addressed.
- There should probably be no phrase saying "To be negotiated."

Larry Gioannini moved and Chris Little seconded a motion to accept the estimate presented by CRC Paving & Dirt Solutions after minor modifications are made in the contract. Motion carried unanimously.

**Murals:** The group that Larry approached is busy until summer, but they are still interested in painting a mural on the Belton Bridge Center outside wall and would like to meet with the Board to present sketches.

**Player Participation:** Dave has developed a list of everyone who has played in the Sunday games. It can be made available to anyone who wants to see it. Evelyn Colson had written down the names of people who play on Sunday but need to be called. She needs to be asked to share that list with Larry and Cliff, who are responsible for partnerships on Sunday.

Meanwhile quite a few of the newer players have committed to attending the March 14 Intermediate/Novice Sectional in El Paso.

The board agreed that Linda Spengler had made a very useful move in running novice games on Tuesday and Friday.

Everyone acknowledges the enormous contribution that Dixie Binning has made in bringing in new players and holding classes to increase the skills of all players who participate in her classes.

**Locking Bridge Center During Games:** There have been reports that thieves are coming into churches and businesses during the week and stealing women's purses. There was a suggestion that it might be wise to lock the bridge center during the games. Dave called the police who said that this was not happening in the vicinity of the Belton Bridge Center. The

board opted to not change the current procedure. If the situation changes, the policy will be revisited.

**Sectional Preparation:** The Sectional will be held on April 24-26 at the Belton Bridge Center. Evelyn Colson is the chair and she has asked Larry to serve as a co-chair. If the board can support Evelyn and Larry in any way, all members are willing to do so.

**Work Day:** Dave would like to schedule a Work Day prior to the April tournament.

**Next Board Meeting:** Dave does not anticipate having another board meeting prior to the Sectional Tournament. He was encouraged to schedule the board meetings far enough in advance that they did not conflict with people's vacation schedule.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm.