

Board Minutes – ACBL Unit 380

Date: February 20, 2018

Time: 4:00 pm

Place: Belton Bridge Center

Present: Norman Duttweiler, Dave Gose, Robert Francis, John Randall, Linda Randall, and Julie Reiser.

Absent: Alison Mann

Minutes of the December board meeting were approved.

Old Business

Financials – Robert Francis presented the current financials. The current balance is \$16,110. Income for January was \$589, versus \$260 for last January. Expenses for January were about the same as last year. Memberships have increased and more people are playing.

Photos- There was a motion to thank Weeden Nichols for taking photos of members. A discussion ensued regarding the best way to mount and display the photos. Julie said she would check with local vendors regarding frames.

Upcoming Intermediate/Novice Tournament on March 17 – ACBL has a new policy that all tournament participants must be ACBL members. If membership has expired, participants must pay \$7.99 for a temporary membership, and must pay an additional \$4 for each tournament session. Non-ACBL members may continue to play in sanctioned club games.

Saturday games – The Saturday 0-199 games are averaging 5 or more tables, typically 18 boards are played per session, and the cost has been \$4. The Saturday game is run by Linda and John Randall, along with Dave Allen. John Randall proposed the Saturday games become an official club game so the club may receive revenue.

Website update – Norman proposed that we remove the link to the Financials, and to set up a BBC email in order to receive enquiries. Norman will also set up a Facebook page.

New Business

Charitable giving:

Alzheimer's Longest Day is a nationwide fundraiser which will happen in June.

Casa de Peregrinos - Robert has proposed that one Friday per month be Casa de Peregrinos day and players donate one can of food.

Addressing the annual deficit by raising revenue - Several ideas were discussed:

1. Adding a fall sectional tournament. More members will need to participate in the work involved if this is to become viable.

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2. More attendance at Sunday unit games. As unit games provide more revenue for the club, Norman has proposed explaining this benefit to the Tuesday class.
3. Possible college outreach. Julie Reiser has agreed to investigate this option.
4. Have a mid-summer or early November “membership game” with possibly a swiss event in one of the sessions. This would be an all-day affair and possibly serve as a venue to nominate new board members.
5. Raising the rent prices charged to directors. Currently directors are charged between \$20-\$60, depending on the number of tables. It was proposed that the rent formula be changed to flat charge of \$6.00 per table. This motion was seconded and approved.
6. Adding an evening game. Dave Allen has expressed an interest in directing a shorter-format evening game.

Norman has agreed to create and distribute a membership survey regarding the above mentioned proposals.

Scent-free games: Members have expressed to Julie that all games be free of perfumes or other scents which may cause difficulties for some of the players.

New table covers: Norman and Evelyn will be washing the table covers soon. We may need to replace the covers in the near future.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 pm.

Submitted by Julie Reiser

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