

Board Minutes- ACBL Unit 380

Date: April 11, 2018

Time: 3:58pm

Place: Belton Bridge Center

Present: Norman Duttweiler (President), Robert Francis, Dave Gose. Alison Mann, Linda Randall, John Randall, Julie Reiser.

Guest: Cliff Denton

Minutes: Robert moved, and Dave seconded to accept the minutes of the March 2018 meeting. Thanks to Julie Reiser for taking them in the absence of Alison.

Treasurer's Report: Robert reported that taxes for the club are due on May 15, 2018. The club currently has \$16,364 in cash, which is up from \$15,257 at the beginning of the year. Year to date through March 31, 2018, we have a profit of \$312. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday rents will be deposited in April resulting in higher revenue for April. Robert indicated that Directors are usually a month behind in paying rents. During the current year, the year-to-date revenue from the square dancers is only down \$54, \$645 vs \$699, which equals one Saturday of building use.

Norman requested that the financial statement be sent to Board members via email before the meeting. Robert agreed to do so. Robert posted the financial statement on the Bulletin Board.

There are no physical concerns about the building at this time which would require major expenditures.

It was moved by Linda and seconded by John to accept the Treasurer's report All approved.

Luck of the Irish Tournament: Norman thanked all for their hard work. Robert reported that the Tournament grossed \$900. and expenditures were \$245., leaving a profit of \$655.

Framing of photos: Thanks to the Randalls, the photos now hang in the southeast corner of the BBC close to the area where bridge classes are taught.

Website: Dave had emailed a document titled "Simplified Operation of the Belton Bridge Center" to Board members. Several questions were asked about its content, and to clarify some issues, Dave will revise and resend the document to Board members again. Eventually it will be a helpful summary, and will be placed on the website once approved by the Board. Dave also asked Board members to read the historical document which includes photos; the red folder will be placed on the top shelf of the bookcase for Board to read. After review by Board, Dave would like this to be put on the website as well.

Norman will request that Bob Kimball remove information about Dixie Binning from the website.

The email address listed on the website goes to Linda Spengler. Julie asked that the password for that email be known.

BBC Facebook page: On hold

Survey Results: Results from the survey were discussed. Norman pointed out that an increase in Game fees received many positive responses and that pot luck unit games (PUG) were popular. And people indicated that even if they didn't bring food for a PUG, they would contribute through financial support.

Robert moved and Julie seconded that rent to Directors will increase to \$6.00/table. Approved. Norman will talk to the Directors about the rent increase and the expected hike to \$7.00/person to play with May 1, 2018 being the time when both raises will happen. The Fall sectional has not happened for the last two years because people who help to put it on say it's too much work, so there will not be a Fall sectional.

Norman will send out a summary of the survey results to the Board and if approved, will send to the membership through the club email, and will include comments anonymously.

For next month's agenda, Pot luck games, Pro-Am event, Club Champion games and other suggestions.

Game Ownership/Directors: Dave Allen and John Randall would like to bow out of Directing Saturday games. There is a need to train other directors. Julie and Marty Poel are going to start training to be Directors with John on Thursday mornings. It will take about 4-5 weeks before they will sit for the ACBL test.

Robert Todd workshop: Alison and Gary are proposing bringing bridge expert and teacher, Robert Todd to Las Cruces, for a one day workshop with the Manns underwriting the event including lunch. Todd works with Larry Cohen, and Audrey Grant and is a professional bridge player and teacher. The Club would receive all revenue from the day, with the hope that 100 people would pay \$25./person to attend. Clubs in the area would be invited to attend also. However, a slim turn-out would negate the effort required to bring Robert to the BBC. A Sunday was thought to be the best day for this event. It was recommended that we send out information to assess pre-interest, and people can sign in to show interest when they come to the club. Alison will put together a flyer which she will send to John and Norman for comment.

Pins: Molly Evetts has researched the cost of name pins for individual members. The cost at LC Trophy is \$8.00/pin, and Molly has graciously offered to pay \$5.00 of that fee/member, so members could get a name pin for \$3.00. Alison moved and Linda seconded that the Board accept the pin proposal, and that those who wished to have a pin sign up for one, and pay after receiving it. Norman will talk to Molly.

Education: Discussion occurred about bridge classes in the future. Because of his health, John would like to be available for one time subject focused seminars rather than taking responsibility to teach on a continuous basis. Several other club members have expressed an interest in presenting a topic on a one time only basis. Cliff said that he would teach the Tuesday beginners class weekly, and would use Dixie's material. Susan Michelson, Julie and Norman will help when asked. Cliff also agreed to be the Educational Coordinator for the club.

Memorial Service for Dixie Binning: It was recommended that a brief memorial service take place at the BBC on May 6, 2018 before a special Potluck Unit game. However, the Unit games in May are currently assigned to the Sundays of Mother's Day and Memorial Day weekend, which Linda Spengler suggested were always changed if the games fell on those weekends. Norman will send an email to Evelyn Colson and Larry Gioannini asking if the unit games will remain on those dates, and if so, Norman will state there will be a third game scheduled on May 6th with the Memorial Service. If Evelyn wishes to use the

first and third Sundays in May (6th and 20th) instead of the holiday Sundays, then there will be two unit games. Linda Spengler agreed to direct the May 6th game.

The Memorial service will be emceed by Norman, with people being asked to make comments about Dixie if they wished. Music will also be included. A pot luck lunch will follow the service. Norman also will ask community members who were familiar with Dixie to attend and participate if they wish. People do not have to stay for the bridge game.

Several people asked that a plaque for Dixie be installed and hung in the area where she taught at the BBC. Dave moved and Alison seconded that a plaque be purchased honoring Dixie's commitment to the BBC and students of bridge. Approved.

Over \$900 was raised in the Memorial Fund in memory of Dixie, and Norman and Dave made an executive decision to purchase a new ice machine for the Club with some of those funds. The decision was made quickly so that the ice machine would be available for this weekend's tournament. The cost was \$291. Norman suggested there be a small plate on its front with a saying about Dixie (like, "Chill out! Dixie")

Next Board Meeting: May 23, 2018 will be the next Board Meeting at 4pm at the BBC. Board meetings are open to membership and an announcement of the date and time will be placed on the website. Tim Long has requested to speak to the Board, and he will be placed on the agenda for the May meeting.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 5:15pm.

Submitted,

Alison Mann, Secretary