

## Board Minutes- ACBL Unit 380

Date: May 23, 2018

Time: 3:48pm

Place: Belton Bridge Center

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

Guest: Tim Long

**Minutes:** Minutes of the April 2018 meeting were approved. They were placed on the bulletin board and will be sent to Bob Kimball for placement on the website, and to Larry Gionnini.

**Treasurer's Report:** Robert sent three documents to Board members via email before the meeting: 1) Profit and Loss Statement, January 2018 through April 2018, 2) Profit and Loss Statement for April 2018, and 3) Balance Sheet as of April 30, 2018. Dave moved to accept all three documents as the Treasurer's Report, Linda seconded. Motion passed. Robert posted these financial statements on the Bulletin Board.

**Suggestions for the Bridge Club:** Norman introduced BBC member Tim Long who had come from thriving Albuquerque bridge clubs. Tim made some suggestions to the Board for changes in some procedures at the BBC.

- Eliminate the reports of results at the end of each hand on the scoring machines. They slow down the game, and when read aloud, they can be heard at other tables where the boards will be played next. Tournaments and many other clubs do not allow this feature on the machines. Board members asked if this was a decision that needed to be made by the Directors?
- Request that unsolicited lessons at the table after hands have been played, be stopped. Slows the game and can be heard by other players.
- Stop sorting cards except for those who need this service.
- Championship games should be announced and published at least a week in advance so that more people would come to play, hoping for increased points. The Randalls will follow-up with Directors about this recommendation.
- Do a Charity game, which is announced beforehand, where players pay an extra \$1.00 which goes to a charity. This could be a championship game with extra points. Linda said that ACBL has two charity games a year for their charities but unsure about local clubs parameters re: charity games. Robert said that we provide money for the local food bank through donations of food and monetary donations.

Norman thanked Tim for addressing the Board with these suggestions. Norman will put together a small survey asking for input from club members about these suggestions.

### Updates:

**Educational section** on WEB has been updated.

**New Game Fee** of \$1.00/game increase was instituted so that games are now \$7.00/person/game.

**Robert Todd workshop.** Flyers have been sent to most NM bridge clubs as well as El Paso and Tucson. Alison to send Bob Kimball the Robert Todd poster for the website.

**Name Pins** will be selected in the coming week. Sixty-three members have signed up for the name pins and have agreed to pay \$3.00 for them. Molly Evetts, Norman and Alison will order them.

**BBC Facebook page** is completed but isn't very popular.

**Plaque for Dixie Binning** has been hung. **The Memorial Service for Dixie Binning** was very well attended and all comments praised its meaningfulness.

**New Business:**

**Exterminator.** Norman put some ant cups in the ladies room. It was recommended that unless we found major insect problems, we hold off on the exterminator.

**Battery Backup for Club PC.** In case of a total power failure and/or surge, the battery backup gives one time to save important information. It can be purchased for \$54.99. Moved by Robert, seconded by Julie that a Battery backup be purchased. The Board approved this expenditure which will be taken from the memorial donations fund.

**Storage Unit in Men's bathroom.** Dave would like to build a unit for storage of equipment separate from household supplies that are currently stored in the main closet. He presented a schema of the proposed cabinet, and Board members recommended it be put on the North wall where the door would not interfere with the cabinet. Dave believes it can be built for \$300. or less. Robert moved and John seconded that the Board approve the expenditure of monies for a storage unit in the Men's bathroom which Dave will build. Monies will be taken from the memorial donations fund. Approved by Board.

**Chairs.** Some of the chairs are looking dilapidated. After discussion, Board agreed to put a hold on purchase or renovation of chairs.

**Tablecloths.** Some of the tablecloths also look worn. Jean Wiborg says she can make some. All were washed before the last tournament. Julie and Alison will report at the next meeting about potential covers and costs.

**Apodaca Development Area.** John spoke of the LC News articles about this development which eventually would include the BBC in its area. After discussion of the issue, the Board agreed to keep an eye on developments as they progressed, but the consensus was that because of the legal issues facing the Apodaca development, and the two major foci (the LC Country Club area and the area east on Madrid near Triviz) the BBC area is not in imminent danger.

**Next Board Meeting:** August 16, 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.

**Adjournment:** Dave moved and Alison seconded to adjourn meeting. Approved. Meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm.

Submitted,

Alison Mann, Secretary