

Board Minutes- ACBL Unit 380

Date: January 16, 2019

Time: 3:52pm

Place: Belton Bridge Center

Present: Alison Mann (President), John Randall (Vice President), Peg Kenny (Treasurer), Julie Reiser (Secretary), Linda Randall (at-large member), Molly Evetts (at-large member), and Norman Duttweiler (Parliamentarian)

Minutes: Minutes of the December, 2018 meeting were distributed by email and approved by email vote.

Treasurer's Report: Peg sent the Board members a draft report of the financial statements via email before the meeting and the final reports after the meeting. These included: 1) Balance Sheet as of Dec. 31, 2018, 2) Profit & Loss, December 2018, 3) Profit & Loss January through December, 2018, and 4) Statement of Cash Flows, January through December, 2018. Summary: The increase in the table rent paid by Directors made a big difference in income. For the year 2017 the income received from table rent was \$14,223, and for the year 2018 the income from table rent increased to \$16,497. Other factors having a major impact on increased income included the Robert Todd workshop and an increase in the memorials. The Saturday game table rents were implemented and also had some impact. Expenses remained about the same as past years. Alison put forward a motion to approve the financials, which was seconded by Molly. The motion passed. Peg will post these financial statements on the BBC bulletin board.

Announcements: John announced that we will be starting to place monthly ads in the Las Cruces Bulletin for the purpose of advertising free bridge lessons. He will use an ACBL template, and ACBL will reimburse most of the cost. The ads will cost \$192 per ad, and will be in the Bulletin starting in January for three months, then skip a month, then three more months. John will then submit those costs for reimbursement from ACBL.

New Business:

- a. Procedure for replacing directors: The operations manual (which is on the club website) needs to have a statement as to how game directors should be replaced when a director decides to no longer direct a game. In the past, game directors have found their own replacements. If that is not possible, Alison stated that replacements should be the responsibility of the board of directors, and that a replacement should be found among those persons listed as directors in the operations manual. John emphasized that the games are not for sale.
- b. Psych bidding: Alison summarized a letter received from Merrie Lee Soules regarding Jack Soules being banned from the Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday games for 6 months for excessive psych bidding and for psyching newer players. A discussion ensued regarding ACBL rules regarding psych bids, which are allowed. Alison stated she will compose a letter to Merrie Lee in response. Her response letter will include a statement regarding the board's inability to tell the directors (who are the owners of the games) how to run their games. Also, that Merrie Lee's suggestion about educating the members about psych bids is a good idea and Alison will try to find someone to

- provide that education. In April, Jack will be allowed to come back to those games from which he has been banned.
- c. Announcement board: Dave Gose has offered to build an announcement board for the back of the room. It will have 2-inch slide-in letters and cost about \$125. Linda motioned to spend the money for the announcement board, John seconded and the motion was approved.
 - d. Molly suggested the club purchase a Keurig coffee maker. It was decided that members who want to drink a different kind of coffee could, for now, bring their own, and that this issue would be put on a future survey of club members.
 - e. Larry Giaonnini had sent an email to the board suggesting the purchase of a dishwasher and that we move away from purchasing disposable plastic items. This idea was not well received because of the complication of finding players to be responsible for loading and unloading dishes. However, it was suggested to ask Billie Edington (who purchases the plastic ware) to switch to paper plates and cups, as opposed to Styrofoam.
 - f. Julie placed an advertisement in the upcoming District 17 Scorecard on-line newsletter for the March 16 I/N tournament. It is free to advertise in the Scorecard, but there is a graphics set-up charge of \$25-75. Julie moved that henceforward we always place an ad in the Scorecard for our tournaments. It was decided that we should look for a member capable of setting up the graphics so as to avoid the set-up charge for future tournaments.
 - g. Julie brought up the issue of the on-line directory. Bob Kimball is the (assumed) person responsible for the directory, but he is currently unavailable to answer questions about it. No one remembered the password, and the issue of whether non-members who play at the BBC could have access to it was raised. This issue was rejected for privacy reasons. Further discussion with Bob will take place and will be discussed at the next meeting.
 - h. John wanted to make sure the players know that when they disagree with a Director's ruling, they have the right to appeal. Linda R. suggested that the method of setting up an Appeal Committee should be in the operations manual. The Appeal Committee would be assembled directly after the game to address the disagreement. In ACBL's *Laws of Duplicate Bridge*, this procedure is outlined under Law 93.

Old Business:

- a. STAC games: Linda R. has contacted the Directors to encourage them to take advantage of the four annual STAC (sectional tournaments at the club) week-long games that are available through ACBL. These tournaments can occur at our regularly schedule games and cost one extra dollar. The STAC games provide an opportunity for players to earn silver points. Linda Spengler has indicated via email that she may be willing to schedule STAC tournament days in May, August and December. Dave Allen has also indicated his willingness to provide STAC games.
- b. Square Dance Session rentals: Norman reported that we now have 3 dance groups renting the BBC space for their dance sessions. The new group is a ballroom dancing group, which comes in the afternoon on the first Sunday of the month. The other two groups have been renting BBC space for some time and are square dancers. They come twice a month. Both square dance groups have old leases that need to be updated, with a slight increase in rent. Alison requested that the operations manual be revised in order to explain these rental agreements, and include information regarding contact persons. Norman will follow-up and revise that section of the manual.

- c. The Intermediate/Novice Tournament on March 16: Julie reported that she will soon be contacting area clubs to let them know about our upcoming tournament. Also, she will be mailing out flyers.
- d. Birthdays, final thoughts: Norman reported that we will now be celebrating the monthly birthdays with cake by alternating between the Monday through Friday games. Resolved.
- e. Club Appreciation Day: This special event will be on the 3rd Saturday in May. It will be an all-day event, and it was suggested a lunch will be provided and paid for by the club and that the food will be catered. There will be a short game (about 21 boards) for the morning and afternoon sessions. Linda suggested that a fee of \$6.00 be charged for each session.
- f. April Tournament: Alison requested that Molly contact Rob Van Ekeren, who has been designated the Tournament Chair, to get a status update.
- g. ACBL form regarding new election of officers and other positions: Julie reported that she will respond to an ACBL request to update information regarding new board members and other positions. The only changes to the form, besides the new officers and members of the board, will be for Publicity Chair and Education Liaison which will be taken over by John Randall.
- h. Name tags: Molly reported that some new members have requested a name tag. Molly stated that they should purchase their tags themselves from Las Cruces Trophy, or from some other vendor. Molly had gotten a discount for ordering large numbers, and individual name tags would cost about \$15. Resolved.
- i. Next Board Meeting: March 27, 2019 at 4pm.

Adjournment: Alison moved and Julie seconded to adjourn meeting. Approved. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Submitted,

Julie Reiser, Secretary