

Minutes - ACBL Board Unit 380

Date: March 26, 2019

Time: 3:55 pm

Place: Belton Bridge Center

Present: Alison Mann (President), John Randall (Vice President), Peg Kenny (Treasurer), Julie Reiser (Secretary), Linda Randall (at-large member). Not present: Molly Evetts (at-large member) and Norman Duttweiler (Parliamentarian).

Announcements: April Birthdays will be celebrated at the first Thursday game in April. Please alert the Director of the game. It was suggested that the cake be a quarter-sheet due to lower participation in the Thursday game.

Minutes: The minutes of the January, 2019 meeting were distributed by email and approved by email vote.

Treasurer's Report: Peg showed the board a copy of the 2017 annual report issued by the accounting firm Ebbs, Roberts, Head & Daw, Inc. This report provides a review of the Belton Bridge Center financials. Included in this report is a listing of the assets and the depreciation of those assets. Peg distributed a copy of the assets report to the Board. We are waiting for the 2018 report from the CPA firm, which will provide us with the final 2018 depreciation. Next, Peg summarized the financial reports, which had been sent to the board members via email prior to the meeting. The balance in the checking account has increased \$2,642 since last December. Assets increased by \$566, due to the purchase of 12 chairs. Income increased over the prior year due to the table rent increase (\$900), contributions for chairs, and an increased ACBL payment. Other new sources of income include rents received from the USA dance group and one stamp group. Linda put forward a motion to approve the financials, which was seconded by John. The motion passed. Peg will post the financials on the BBC bulletin board.

Peg then discussed a Certificate of Deposit worth \$5,650 held at Citizens Bank. This CD is currently earning only 0.7% interest. We also have about \$11,000 in a money market account earning very little interest. Peg recommended that we close the CD to take advantage higher interest rates at First American Bank. Linda put forward a motion to close the CD currently held at Citizens Bank, and use those funds to open a new CD at First American bank (where we currently have our checking account). Linda further motioned that we transfer some of the funds from the money market account to add to the CD amount in order to bring the total of a new CD at First American Bank to \$7,000. Julie seconded the motion and the motion passed. Alison to talk with Evelyn C. and Barb H., whose names are on the current CD, and request that they close out that CD. Those who have signature authority on accounts at First American (Mann, Kenny, Reiser) will then open a CD there.

New Business:

- a. Unit Games: Alison stated that it is the Board's responsibility to open up the Bridge Center and prepare the coffee and other beverages. The Board member does not have to stay to play in the

game. Larry G. had sent the Board an email suggesting the club pay for snacks for the unit games. This proposal was rejected.

- b. Chairs and table covers: The chairs will be ordered in early April and they may arrive in time for the tournament. Because 50 chairs will be ordered, we do not have to pay shipping costs. This brings the cost of the chairs down to \$28 each. So far, \$3,554 has been collected for chairs, so there will be money left over to cover the cost of new table covers. Jean W. has been in charge of investigating the making of new table covers. With the help of Sharyn S. and Janice F., new table covers will be made at a minimal cost (approximately \$3 each). Also, brushes or rollers can be purchased to keep the covers clean.
- c. Opening Leads for Bridgemes: Larry G. had suggested to the Board via email that we re-visit the issue of entering the opening leads on the Bridgemes. It was decided that we will have a survey sometime after the April tournament.
- d. Charity Grant: District 17 will grant a certain amount of money to a charitable organization. Julie suggested we apply for a grant for the Community of Hope. Board agreed.
- e. April Tournament: Alison stated that we should encourage the 199-ers to play in the tournament. Sharyn S., Barbara H. and Gloria B. will be in charge of hospitality. A list for food contributions will be posted near the back microwave. Flyers have been sent by Alison to area clubs.
- f. Twentieth Anniversary Celebration: The Board had decided during the January meeting that the club would pay for a day-long game with a catered lunch included. At this time, Saturday May 18 is tentatively scheduled. Linda will contact ACBL to find out when we can schedule a club appreciation game so players can earn extra points. Alison suggested we have a program of some kind to tell the story of how this club was formed and the work that went into it.
- g. Hospitality Breaks: Larry G. had contacted the Board via email about the hospitality breaks during play. There was some discussion about this issue and it was decided to keep the hospitality breaks the way they are.
- h. Building rental: A person has contacted Alison regarding renting this space for a single event for a new club. However, it is still uncertain as to when some of the dance groups are using this space. At this time, it is known that the following groups meet at the following times: 1. The Circle 8 dancers meet at the 1st and 3rd Sundays from 5-10 pm, 2. The Crossfire dancers meet on the second and fourth Saturdays from 5-10 pm. The USA ballroom dance club meets on the first Sunday from 12:30-5 pm. We have not increased the rent yet, but will soon. Also, one of the square dance clubs wants to do a fundraiser on April 14 from 7-9 pm, which will not interfere with our unit game. No rent will be charged for this event because of the nature of the fundraiser.
- i. Saturday game: Dave Allen wants to stop running the Saturday game. The Randalls have offered to set up a new club for the Saturday game. Some discussion ensued about who will be directing, and possibly recruiting new directors.

Old Business:

- a. March Tournament: The tournament had 14 tables in the morning and 14 tables in the afternoon, as high a number as has been seen in recent years. A total of \$863 was made. No bill was ever received from the District 17 Scorecard newsletter for advertising the tournament, and it may be that the editor had decided to waive the fee.

- b. Results from the Bulletin Ads: Ads have been placed in the Jan. through March Bulletin issues. Not many responses have come in, but 3-5 new players have started as the result of the ads.
- c. Procedure for replacing directors: The following statement will be placed in the Procedures manual:
 - A Director who retires shall ask another certified Director to replace her/him in that role. No money shall be exchanged. If the retiring Director is unable to make that request, the Board shall do so.
- d. Psyche Bidding: Rajiv gave a presentation Feb. 28 on psyche bidding. Resolved.
- e. Announcement Board: Dave Gose made an announcement board which will be hung on the East wall of the building inside.
- f. ScoreCard artist: Julie stated that one person has been approached about setting up the graphics for advertising our tournaments. She will pursue this further.
- g. Appeal Committee: Alison suggested that the following statement regarding requesting an appeal of a Director's ruling be placed in the Procedures Manual:
 - Should there be a disagreement about a Director's ruling, an Appeals Committee made up of 3 members with equal or greater point status to the appellant would be assembled within 30 minutes after the game to address the disagreement. In ACBL's *Laws of Duplicate Bridge*, this procedure is outlined under Law 93, page 102.
- h. Next Board Meeting: May 7 at 4 pm.

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

Submitted,

Julie Reiser, Secretary