

## Minutes - ACBL Board Unit 380

Date: May 7, 2019

Time: 4:00 pm

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). Guests present only for first item on the agenda: Larry Gioannini and Dave Gose.

**Introduction of Guests:** Dave Gose discussed the need to initiate replacement of the stucco on the rear wall of the bridge center. He further discussed the interior structure of the wall, and some history of previous repairs that had been done. He recommended that once stucco repairs had been completed, the wall be painted with elastomeric paint. There are particular specifications for the application and testing (of the thickness) of elastomeric paint. Alison presented two estimates she had obtained from two vendors for repair of the stucco and painting with elastomeric paint. One more estimate is pending.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes had been sent to the members via email. Linda R. moved to accept the minutes and John seconded. The minutes were approved.

**Announcements:** Norman announced that the cake for May birthdays was provided last Friday. The June birthday cake will be provided on a Saturday.

**Treasurer's report:** Peg had sent the April financial statements to the Board via email. She stated that the cash situation is good right now. The net income from the March Erin Go Bridge I/N tournament was \$829. The net income from the Down Country Sectional was \$3,700. Net income from contributions for chairs and table covers was \$1,321. Rental income from USA Dance was \$498. For the year 2019, available cash has increased \$6,635. Alison asked the board if, given our improved financial condition, we should proceed with the stucco repairs (Engel has provided an estimate of \$5,671). Norman moved that we should proceed with the project with Engel and Molly seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Linda asked about the status of the new higher-interest CD from money currently held in the Money Market account and an old CD. Barb and Evelyn will be signing over the old CD soon. Peg will then set up the new CD.

Molly asked if the club has liability insurance, and Peg said we do. Peg will provide information about that policy at our next meeting.

### **New Business:**

- a. Painting of the inside walls: Stephanie has volunteered to coordinate this project. She would like to do this on the 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup> of this month. Stephanie asked for approval from the board for this project. Areas to be painted are the men's bathroom, the upper portions of the walls, the alcove leading to the small bathroom, the kitchen, and the area around where the director is stationed. Volunteers to help with this project are needed. A light beige paint has been selected. Molly moved that this project be done, and Peg seconded this motion. The motion was approved.

- b. Kitchen organization: Molly stated that Stephanie has offered to organize the kitchen area. There was also some discussion about clearing some of the items in the bookshelves as well. It was decided to first finish the painting project, then to consider this further project at a later date.

**Old Business:**

- a. 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration: The date for this celebration will be Saturday, June 15. John and Linda will be the directors. We have a sanction from ACBL for two unit games, therefore the morning and afternoon sessions will each count as a unit game. The table fee will be \$3 for each session, but there will be no charge for those members who were original founders. There will be no charge for lunch. Julie will take responsibility for planning the catering. This will be a members-only event. There was some discussion about a possible presentation on the history of the bridge center. Alison will send out an email to the club announcing this event at the first of June.
- b. Unit games: Someone from the board must open the building, prepare the beverages, and clean up after the game. We need to encourage attendees to sign up to bring refreshments.
- c. Chairs and table covers: All chairs and table covers have been received. Resolved.
- d. Opening leads for Bridgemates: Linda R. made a form to serve as a ballot to see if members are interested in adding the option to enter the opening leads into Bridgemates. Ballots will be distributed the week of the 20<sup>th</sup>.
- e. Charity grant: Alison reported that we still haven't heard back from ACBL regarding our application for a grant for the Community of Hope.
- f. Goodwill Ambassador: John R. has been nominated for this position. The purpose of this position is to welcome new members.
- g. District 17 membership grant: This grant is intended to build membership in the bridge club. We did not apply for this grant because we need to find someone interested in pursuing a membership-building project, possibly at the university.
- h. April tournament: The tournament was a great success. Resolved.
- i. Rental contracts with Dance Groups: Norman reported that he has broached the subject of updating the leases with the individual coordinating both square dance groups. Both of these groups pay \$50 plus tax per session. Peg reported she gets paid twice a month from each group. Norman is proposing to raise the rent to \$60 per session. The board agreed. Norman further proposed that the new agreement with the dance clubs be for five years. Dance USA has a contract through June 30. They are here once a month. He has proposed maintaining their current rate and preparing a new contract for a term of five years.
- j. Scorecard artist: Norman has agreed to help with the graphics for the advertisements in the Scorecard for our twice/yearly tournaments.
- k. Next Board meeting will be a brief meeting on Tuesday, June 11 to address the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party. The next regular Board meeting will be Wednesday, September 11, at 4 pm.

**Adjournment:** Norman motioned to adjourn; Molly seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Submitted,

Julie Reiser, Secretary