

Belton Bridge Center Board Minutes

Monday, April 1, 2024

Attending: Norman Duttweiler, Susan Elkin, Kathy Clark, Alison Mann, Sue Brown, Marian Ford

Absent: Penny Salome

Norman called the meeting together at 11:15AM.

Minutes: Kathy moved and Marian seconded to approve the February 19, 2024 minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy reviewed the financial report. Moved by Sue B. and seconded by Marian to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

Tournament: On Friday, April 12th, there will be a pre-tournament clean-up from 9am to 12 noon. Club members will be asked to participate in this. New tabs in the bidding boxes will replace current tabs. Cards will be checked for legibility. Tables and garbage cans will be moved.

The Sunday lunch will be catered by Dion's with sandwiches, pizza and salad. Donations to cover the cost of the lunch will be accepted. Kathy and Norman started the donations off generously.

Bob Craig will direct and Linda Spengler will organize the data files. Bob has asked if Rob Van Ekern can help him. In case of problems during the game, ACBL provides an international Director. **Action:** Norman to talk to Rob to see if he has time to help Bob out.

Norman asked that people remind players at every game to sign up for food contributions for breakfast and lunch on Saturday, and breakfast and desserts on Sunday.

Directory: Sue Brown was thanked for completing and distributing the 2024 Directory. Sue said that Ashley, president of the El Paso chapter, asked for a PDF of the directory, and Sue will send that to him. Resolved.

Keys: Norman distributed keys earlier and they work. Resolved.

Charity- ACBL awards \$2000. to one club in each district to be donated to that club's preferred charity. Norman will fill out the application for Casa de Peregrinos, the food bank that the club has supported for many years. Alison stated that the District tries to rotate the award, and we did receive it a few years ago, so we may not get it this year. Moved by Marian, seconded by Susan E. to apply for the charity award on behalf of Casa de Peregrinos. Motion passed.

Security: The VFW building down the street was broken into, with a fake gun being taken. A member expressed concern about the security of Belton. Board members felt that both doors were secure and the window was covered with bars, and the risk to the Belton building did not outweigh the expense of a security system. Resolved.

Rooney luncheon: On Monday, April 8th at 11:15, Noel Rooney's wife Sharon will host a luncheon for all bridge players in memory of Noel. Sharon had said that especially during Noel's last months, the bridge game was the highlight of his week, and so having the luncheon and a brief memorial seemed appropriate.

Statistics: Norman reviewed a statistics report from ACBL about membership. We gained 7 members last year but lost 15. The report is available for anyone to peruse.

Adjournment: Kathy moved and Marian seconded to adjourn. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Mann, Secretary