

Five Cities Duplicate Bridge Club - Board Meeting Minutes – February 22, 2018

I. Meeting called to order at 11:15 AM. Attendance:

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| Eli Zinner, President – Present        | David Crampton, Member - Present |
| Mike Carroll, Vice President - Present | Jim Borland, Member - Present    |
| Art Herbon, Secretary – Present        | Patricia Kowal, Member - Present |
| Donna Kimber, Treasurer - Present      |                                  |

A quorum was declared. Jim Solomon was also in attendance.

II. Minutes of 01/25/18 board meeting were approved.

III. Treasurer’s Report (Donna Kimber)

- A. Balance is \$12,798 (high). Donna hasn’t received Jim Solomon’s latest bill.
- B. Unusual income transactions were explained (\$10 and \$20 gifts and food donations).
- C. All Rabobank check signing authorizations are complete. The following have singular signature authority: Donna Kimber; David Crampton; Mike Carroll; and Eli Zinner.

IV. Club Manager and Director’s Report (Jim Solomon)

A. Longest Day June 21st – bridge tournament

- 1. The event is a charity fund raiser for Alzheimer’s Association.
- 2. Last year the event was held at the Unitarian Universal Church.
- 3. Jim proposes holding this year’s event at the Vets’ Hall, sponsored by 5-Cities Bridge Club.
- 4. Vets’ Hall isn’t available evenings (Yoga class).
- 5. A decision to host the event is a very minor additional expense for the club: sponsoring the event instead of our club making a donation.
- 6. There will be no table fees ... donations to Alzheimer’s Association will be suggested instead of table fees.
- 7. Four-month planning horizon may be tight, considering the past practice of collecting donated items for an auction.

B. The city of Pismo Beach is holding a Volunteer Banquet on Thursday, 4/16. We will relocate our game to Arroyo Grande that day.

V. Old Business – None

VI. New Business

A. Member Comments and Complaints

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1. Thursday games are starting too late
  - a) New software for optimizing table seating assignments is still in the debugging phase.
  - b) Late check-ins upset the planning processes. The Board agrees with Solomon that we want to accommodate last-minute (no reservations) arrivals, but also want to discourage the practice (ie., encourage advance reservations).
  - c) The Board agreed to leave this issue on “Old Business”. Art Herbon will collect weekly statistics (start time, and number of unreserved arrivals) for discussion at future Board meetings.
  
2. Condition of tables
  - a) Eli proposes scrapping the 5 to 10 worst tables, and replacing them with enough for our needs.
  - b) Jim suggested we need 25 good tables and 5 tables in “fair condition” as emergency backup.
  - c) Eli suggests that we request Unit 540 to subsidize 50% of the cost of new tables. \$300 maximum.
  - d) Jim Solomon will coordinate an inspection of all tables while they are being returned from the SLO Sectional, and finalize this issue next month after we have more information. Move this issue to Old Business.
  
3. Members report that we need another Storage Cabinet. It was suggested to investigate and move this issue to Old Business in a future meeting.
  
4. Pizza luncheons
  - a) Board members are receiving comments that we typically have left over cheese pizza.
  - b) The perceived quality of pizza served at the SLO club is better than pizza served at the 5-Cities club. However, the same company (Fatty’s) provides pizza to both clubs.
  - c) Patricia Kowal volunteered to coordinate with Diane on what to order, and will talk to the management at Fatty’s to notify them of the deficiencies.

VII. Executive Session (confidential – attached page 3)

VIII. Next meeting is Thursday 3/22/18 at 11:15 AM, (Vets’ Hall). Meeting adjourned at 12:05.