

Five Cities Duplicate Bridge Club - Board Meeting Minutes – May 31, 2018

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

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

Art Herbon, Secretary – Out of the country on vacation (excused absence)

Also in attendance: Jim Solomon. A quorum was declared.

Jim Borland took minutes in the absence of Art Herbon.

II. April 26th Minutes approved (Carroll/Kimber) with a few minor changes.

III. Treasurer's Report by Donna Kimber – approved (Borland/Crampton).

IV. Club Manager Report (Jim Solomon)

- A. We have one more week to play at the Pismo Vets' Hall on a Thursday and then we will be moving to the Arroyo Grande Women's Club for the rest of our games in June and all of July, the last game at that location being on August 2nd. The City of Pismo Beach has scheduled other activities in the Vets' Hall on Thursdays during those weeks.

A discussion was held regarding transportation and/or storage of our tables and equipment during those weeks. It is unknown at this time whether there is an opportunity to store anything at the Women's Club. In the event that we must transport equipment each week, we will have access to the Pismo Vets' Hall during those times on Thursdays that we would need to retrieve and return our stuff to storage at that location.

- B. Longest Day – after a discussion it was moved (Carroll/Kowal) that we not charge any table fees at our game on Thursday, June 21st, and ask everyone to instead make a donation to the Alzheimer's Association. We will *not* specify a minimum requested amount for the donation. Emails and announcements between now and that date will be made to make everyone aware of the opportunity to make a charitable donation. People will be encouraged to bring their checkbooks to the game on June 21st.

- C. Summer Wednesday games (EasyBridge) – There are two more EasyBridge games on the schedule and then we lose access to the Vets' Hall on Wednesdays due to a city planned Day Camp for children. Jim Solomon will make weekly telephone calls to the City of Pismo Beach to enquire about the viability of the Day Camp. In the event the Day Camp doesn't have enough children sign-up there is a possibility it could be cancelled, making the site once again available to us. If this happens, Jim will contact all the EasyBridge players and try to get enough participation to have a viable game during the summer.

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V. Director's Report (Jim Solomon) – none

VI. Old Business

- A. On time starts – our general observation is that games are now starting on time and this agenda item will no longer be included on the list of Old Business.
- B. Purchase of bridge tables – Jim Solomon is in the process of shopping for the five tables approved for purchase in March.
- C. Thursday pregame lectures – Barbara Weiss is currently doing our pregame lessons and at present has agreed to continue doing so through the end of June. The board agreed that we want to ask her to commit to doing the lessons at least until the end of August and even longer if her situation allows. In the event that Barbara has to miss a particular week's lesson, Jim Solomon agreed that he could step in and be a substitute teacher when needed.
- D. When discussing an item from last month's minutes (EZ Bridge Graduation), Jim Solomon opened up his laptop computer, did a quick statistical analysis of student participation and reported that approximately one hundred different people have participated at some level since the inception of our EasyBridge class. Of those, approximately twenty-five have become somewhat active in the 149er section at our Thursday game.
- E. Future plans for Wednesdays: EasyBridge or something new? This discussion was postponed again until our next meeting.

VII. New Business

- A. A discussion was held regarding the reasons for moving the food table out into the foyer instead of being in its old position in the main hall, next to the stage. Everyone seemed satisfied with the explanation.
- B. Our next meeting will be on June 28th at 11:15 am.

Minutes prepared and submitted by: Jim Borland