

Five Cities Duplicate Bridge Club - Board Meeting Minutes – June 28, 2018

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

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. Also in attendance: Jim Solomon

II. May 31, 2018 Minutes (Jim Borland) – Approved.

III. Treasurer’s Report (Donna Kimber) – Approved.

IV. Club Manager Report (Jim Solomon)

A. Vet’s Hall available 7/5, 7/12 and 8/8. We will use the AG Woman’s Club on 7/19, 7/26, 8/1 and 8/15.

B. EZ Bridge Report –

1. Starting using teaching system about two years ago.
2. Lesson, followed by open game on Wednesdays.
3. Recent comments by users: “not getting much out of it”

V. Director’s Report - none

VI. Old business

A. Alternate plans when Vet’s Hall unavailable – no further discussion after the Club Manager report covered this issue.

B. Special Game Calendar – no comments.

C. Purchase of replacement bridge tables – Walmart no longer carries our style of tables. Jim Solomon will look for another source.

D. Longest Day, 6/21/18 – no comments.

E. Future plans for Wednesdays. EZ Bridge versus something new. Options -

1. Continue the same (Jim S. suggests not)
2. Close Wednesdays
3. Change Wednesdays to Beginning Bridge (Audrey Grant)
 - a) Only beginners – 2 hours
 - b) Shorter game to follow.
 - c) No fee required to use Audrey Grant teaching method (but buy books)

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4. Motion (Borland, Herbon 2nd): Send letter to Wednesday group. Change to Audrey Grant in late August. 12:15 lesson. 1:30 game (99 point limit)
 - a) Motion passed unanimously

F. Thursday pregame lectures – Board agreed to continue Barbara Weiss lessons until Tom takes over in the fall.

VII. New Business

A. Next meeting 7/26/18, 11:15AM

B. Late start 6/14/18 – Barbara Harding apologized for signing up and then not showing up (car trouble). Jim Solomon's response to Barbara was terse. Further discussion -

1. Would separate Club Manager role handle this type of issue differently?
2. Why are our Club Manager and Director positions combined?
 - a) Positions were combined when Bob Bullock became ill and Jim was asked to cover for him.
 - b) The board requests that Jim Solomon obtain Club Manager and Director job descriptions from ACBL, and that he evaluate how they compare with his duties, for further discussion at the July meeting.

C. Relocate to AG Woman's Club permanently in the future?

1. Our club left the AG Woman's Club two years ago after rent went up.
2. Many club members prefer the Woman's Club over the Vet's Hall.
3. Closet storage (table and stuff locked up) is no longer available.
 - a) Would closet be available if we offered a separate rental payment.
 - b) Who uses it now?
4. Current facility fee is \$49.50/wk plus staff fee (small)
5. Vet's Hall fee is about \$75/wk.
6. Is AG Woman's Club facility big enough? 20 table max?