

Minutes - ACBL Unit 540 - Five Cities Board Meeting on 11/14/19

1. Meeting called to order on Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 11:00 AM. Everyone was in attendance and a quorum was declared.
2. Minutes from 10/24/19 were revised and approved.
3. Treasurer's Report
 - ! Jim has \$3,750 in uncashed checks [down from \$6,152 last month]. The oldest uncashed check was issued on 12/28/18.
 - ! The club's balance is \$16,373 (up from \$14,368 last month). Difference is related to rent and facilities supervision labor timing.
 - ! Discussion regarding D&O insurance ensued during treasurer's report (possible subject for future agenda).
 - ! Treasure's report was approved.
4. Club Manager's Report
 - ! Jim S requested the city (AG) to hire him at a nominal rate (\$1/yr for instance) to qualify for key access. City said no.
 - ! Jim B organized awards ceremony for Wednesday rankings achievements. He provided printed certificates to 25 recipients, along with a cake to celebrate. Jim S requested that Jim B be reimbursed.
 - ! Gail Lapin suggested to Jim S that the Thursday game do something to recognize rank advancements.
 - ! On October 24th the board requested Jim S to provide the board with a copy of the A.G. Community Center contract (not received yet).
 - ! We discussed changing our club's home to Arroyo Grande to save money. Art reported that the sectional contract did not qualify for the \$75 discount because the home of our club is Five-Cities. The board discussed changing our mailing address to save on weekly rent. Jim S was asked to find out how much per week the club would save and what would have to change (name? Mailing address?).
 - ! Art suggested negotiating weekly labor charges. He convinced AG to cut labor charges in half for the sectional. Art also suggested getting periodic (monthly or quarterly) updates of the accrued labor (billed at end of year). We will review this when we see the contract.
5. Director's Report - None

6. Old Business

- ! Election of officers - The board voted to reinstate the same officers as last term: Eli-President, Mike-VP, Donna-Treasurer, Art-Secretary.
- ! Incorporation of new director - John J Fields and Jim Solomon have decided to incorporate plans for Fields directing once per month starting January. Tentative first day is January 9th (Solomon might attend Monterey ACBL event that day). John J will periodically assist Jim in directing prior to January to become familiar with our process.
- ! Thursday before the sectional - Swiss Pairs with David White
 - # It was pointed out that there is a possible conflict with serving pizza on 3/26/20, since the sectional committee may be serving pizza for Saturday. Art will discuss with committee.
 - # Jan Zinner is concerned that \$6.00 fee is too low for Thursday. Not resolved.
 - # The club asked Art Herbon to convey to the committee that it would like advertising to include an invitation to Thursday's game. The Five-Cities club also wants to put out advertising for 3/26 (to hype Dave White introducing Swiss Pairs). Not yet resolved.

7. New Business

- ! Board Making - The SLO Club notified Five-Cities that they will no longer prepare boards for our club. They offered to sell one of their dealing machines (the new one) for \$2,400, including eight sets of boards. New machines cost \$6,000 according to SLO Club.
 - # Our club has paid SLO Club's people \$945 YTD for preparing boards.
 - # We discussed who would store the machine and operate it. Deb Cameron offered to temporarily do so.
 - # We discussed using "Common Game" in the future (not resolved).
 - # We discussed paying someone to do the board preparation (not resolved).
 - # We discussed offering SLO Club double (up from \$5 to \$10 per set). Bill Ringbom joined into the discussion and declined the offer, saying the SLO Club was firm regarding their decision and the job was too big for volunteers to prepare boards for multiple clubs.
 - # Deb Cameron offered to do further research before the board makes a final decision. However, she indicated that SLO's offer seemed fair based on her knowledge of operating and purchasing the machines.
 - # [Secretary's note after board meeting - Unit Board has previously paid half of a club's facility and equipment expenses. The Unit Board also paid for

the dealing machine that the Paso Robles club uses. Consider asking the Unit for financial support for getting the equipment from SLO Club.]

- ! Emily Kreins Tribute - The board approved Gina Kirk's suggestion to hold a goodbye on December 19th. The club will reimburse Gina for making the arrangements (cake, refreshments, banner, etc.).
- ! December 5th - Facility is available starting at 2:30. We will hold our game late to avoid having to relocate the game. We discussed starting the game at 3:00 PM (half hour after we are allowed into the facility).

[Secretary's Note after board meeting - The SLO Club President (Jan) suggested using the SLO Senior Center that day, and will investigate whether it is available as an option.]

8. Next 5-Cities Club Board Meeting - December 26th at 11:00 AM.

[Secretary's Note after board meeting - The December 26th meeting was canceled due to lack of attendance. The next meeting was held on January 23rd.]