

FIVE CITIES DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB
MINUTES
May 15, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pete Avotins, Bob Bullock, Doris Dunn, Toni Gold, Lori Hayes, Emily Kreins

The meeting was called to order by Lori Hayes, President at 4:15 P.M.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Use of Veterans Hall:** Lori stated we may not be able to use the Veterans Hall during part of the summer due to the summer camp organized by the Parks and Recreation Department. Lori will call Colleen early in June to determine if there are enough enrollees to have the camp. In addition the hall may not be available for up to one month due to floor refinishing, although it is not known exactly when or if this may be done. Bob stated it is his understanding the Club rented the hall for a specific period of time. Lori will call Colleen and John at Parks and Recreation to determine our options.
- **Novice Game:** There are not a sufficient number of novices to conduct a separate novice game since the Club implemented the 100MP ruling stating no novice player can have more than 100 MPs, even if the pair average is less than 100MPs. Torre suggested this be changed to encourage more novices to play since some expressed unwillingness to participate in the open game. Toni suggested the maximum MPs per person be increased to 149MPs. After discussion, Doris moved and Pete seconded the motion to increase the maximum novice level to 149MPs. Bob will inform ACBL of this decision.
- **Director Issue:** Jim Solomon was invited to participate in a discussion of a situation which arose with a novice at the game held on May 8, 2014. Lori stated the intent of the board is to research and de-escalate all incidents and to implement solutions improving member satisfaction. Jim said that although he attempts to explain the rules some members are not happy. He gave an example of a player who consistently moved the boards early although he was asked not to do so. The incident on May 8th involved a heated discussion between Jim and a novice player. Emily stated the Director has the responsibility to exemplify the club's "zero tolerance" policy. She recommended Jim apologize to the novice player. Jim agreed to do so. Lori will follow-up to ensure this is done. Pete stated often the games do not start on time due to players arriving late. An announcement will be made stating players are to arrive no later than 12:20 P.M.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:50P.M.

