

Five Cities' Duplicate Bridge Club - Board Meeting Minutes - December 28, 2017

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

Art Herbon – Present  
David Crampton - Absent  
Donna Kimber - Absent  
Eli Zinner – Present

Gina Kirk (former president) - Present  
Jim Borland - Present  
Jim Solomon (Club Manager) - Present  
Mike Carroll - Absent  
Pat Kowall - Absent

Quorum Declared

II. Minutes of 11/9/17 board meeting: Approved by acclamation (Herbon abstained)

III. Treasurer's Report

- A. 2017 ending balance is in order ... No deficit
- B. ACBL special games fees increased in 2017. No additional increase is budgeted for 2018
- C. 2018 rental costs (at all facilities used by the club) are expected to be the same as 2017.

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

- A. The Pismo Vets' Hall is not available six times in the first half of 2018
  - 1. The Woman's Club (Arroyo Grande) will be used for the next two weeks.
  - 2. Jim is arranging alternative locations for the other four conflicting dates.
  - 3. Thursday facility usage fees at Pismo are currently \$49, compared with \$99 at Arroyo Grande Woman's Club, and \$150 at the guild Hall in SLO.
  - 4. Arroyo Grande plans to remodel the kitchen and patio the Woman's Club. Remodeling will take place during the first six months of 2018. Jim will be cognizant of the remodeling activity when he schedules at that facility.
- B. Unit 540 (SLO County Unit of ACBL) will possibly make three Unit Games available for our club in 2018. Jim is in discussions with Leda
- C. Jim discussed two STAC games on Saturdays.
- D. The SLO Unit Board will hold its annual membership meeting on Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. Election of Unit Officers takes place at that meeting. Jim Borland (Five Cities' DBC board member) is running for office at the Unit level.

V. Director's Report (combined with Club Manager's Report, Item IV)

VI. Old Business

- A. Alternative plans for when Vets' Hall unavailable (covered earlier by club manager)
- B. EasyBridge! Report for EB1 and EB2. Plans for EZ bridge moving forward.
  - 1. Group-1 started in September, 2016, and Group-2 started in September, 2017.
  - 2. Group-1 is too far advanced in the process to combine teaching of the two groups.
  - 3. Group-2 will be losing six people. They are seeking a private teacher to move in another direction from the EasyBridge process.
  - 4. Eli reported that the Tuesday Novice group is now allowing 0 to 100 point players.
  - 5. Jim Borland reported that he believes the Thursday Novice group would prefer to be called the 149'ers. He suggested that the new name would make others in the "A" group more comfortable to shift to the 149 group when needed to balance the two groups on Thursday.
- C. Five Cities' support for the Unit 540 Sectional on 2/23/18-2/25/18
  - 1. Our club has agreed to help by providing equipment, and transportation of equipment.
  - 2. We previously agreed to provide small financial support (\$100 +/-)
- D. Removal of "Stop Cards" and education of players of current expectations
  - 1. Cards have already been removed from use. Jim Solomon plans to remind players that ACBL requires a 'wait' period (about 10 seconds) to avoid unauthorized information when an opponent makes a 'jump bid'.
- E. Debrief of Holiday Party - as reported by Gina Kirk (see attachment #1)
  - 1. The board should recognize and thank many people that assisted Gina: David Crampton, Emily Kreins, Lou Harsch, Judy Obermeir, Michael Kudrna, Tom Snow, Don Alderman
  - 2. Several people (including Chef Tom) commented that the tri-tip was overcooked.
  - 3. Too much food was prepared (attachment shows what was left over)
  - 4. Serving went quickly and smoothly.
  - 5. Expenses were \$485 (not budgeted).
  - 6. David Crampton is storing supplies for next year.
  - 7. Next year's budget should be \$500 to 600.
  - 8. Gina will provide the club secretary with a revised menu to avoid overages next year.
  - 9. The 2018 party should avoid conflicting with the Palm Springs Regional (many of our 'regulars' missed our party this year because of the Regional).

VII. New business - none

VIII. Other Business (not on agenda)

- A. Gina Kirk will order six more "board member" magnetic badges.
- B. Request for next meeting to discuss the possible need for changing our refreshment practices
- C. Suggestion to consider serving beverages at 'away games' when the Vets' hall is not available (coffee and tea service).
- D. Christmas bonuses – Motion by Jim Borland, seconded by Art Herbon, to give \$250 to Jim Solomon, and \$100 to Tom Snow. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Meeting adjourned for Executive Session for a personal matter.

X. Meeting called to order after Executive Session.

XI. Next meeting is Thursday 1/25/2018 at 11:15 AM (location to be determined)

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Attachment #1 (Holiday Party Report by Gina Kirk)

MEMORANDUM

TO: Five Cities' DBC Board, Jim Solomon, Emily Kreins, Tom Snow  
FROM: Gina Kirk  
DATE: December 27, 2017  
SUBJECT: Report on Holiday Party

The party was held December 14, 2017 during the Palm Springs Regional Tournament. We had 20 tables, down from 24.5 in 2016. Avoid tournament week next year. Jim ran a special game, an upgraded club championship.

We served the same menu as in 2016: barbecued tri-tip roast & salsa, ranch beans, macaroni & cheese, green salad, coleslaw, garlic bread, and pies (pumpkin and apple), coffee and bottled water. Several persons indicated the tri-tip was overcooked. Tom agrees. A lot of food was left over. Helma Smulders took 2 dishes of coleslaw to a homeless shelter; I took 3 pies to the SLO DBC game the next day; and we gave bags of salad greens to various players. Meat, beans, and mac & cheese were just about right. I have modified the quantities to reflect actual consumption for a 20-table game, should this menu be used in the future.

We had two serving lines, whereby diners approached the center of a double-length table where Lou Harsch served the meat. From there, diners served themselves as they moved to the left or right towards the ends of the long table. Identical layouts of food were placed left and right of the center meat station. Slices of pie and cans of whipped cream were on card tables left and right of the main serving table.

We did not have a budget this year, though in 2016 we said we'd stay under \$1,000. This year's expenses came to \$485. This year we purchased several serving utensils. We also have leftover aluminum pans, dinner plates, placemats, and knife, fork and spoon sets tied in red & green ribbons. David Crampton will store these supplies for next year. With this store of supplies and reduced food quantities of several items but probably higher expenses for the tri-tip, a holiday party allotment of \$500-600 would be reasonable. Party captain should obtain the boxed supplies from David and assess inventory/needs in advance of next year's party. I will give revised menu/set-up docs to club secretary.

Many hands make light work. Lou Harsch and Judy Obermeier assisted us. Michael Kudrna assisted Chef Tom Snow. Several players helped David Crampton and Don Alderman in the set-up and cleanup. As is often the case, David was left with too much to do at the end. Success! Emily and I received many, many compliments on the party.