

FIVE CITIES DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB
MINUTES
JANUARY 29, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pete Avotins, Toni Gold, Lori Hays, Donna Kimber, Emily Kreins

The meeting was called to order by Lori at 4:15PM.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Minutes:** The minutes were approved as presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Resignation of Board Member:** Lori stated she received a letter from Doris Dunn indicating she was resigning from the Board effective immediately.
- **Novice Group Issues:** Lori recommended the formation of a committee composed of novice players who are satisfied with the current novice game and those that are not. The committee will have the responsibility to identify issues and potential solutions and report back to the Board. The Board will meet with the current Director to discuss the issues and implement solutions. Barbara Hardin will act as liaison between the Board and Director, if required. Donna discussed the issues with Barbara Weiss who recommended that the role of the novice group should be clarified first. Barbara recommended if the group is to be an “incubator” for new players then the maximum points for participation should be lowered from the current 149MPs to plus/minus 49MPs. The Board agreed to discuss this concept in more depth at a future meeting.
- **Assistant Manager Position:** Due to the illness of the current Manager Jim Solomon has agreed to do the month end reports and act as Manager in the interim. Toni recommended that Jim be paid a stipend for assuming these extra duties.
- **Club Supplies Coordinator:** Pete Avotins agreed to assume this responsibility since Doris resigned.
- **Kitchen Coordinator:** Stacey has assumed this role but she lives in the area only six months of every year. The board agreed to recruit another coordinator to assist and fill-in when Stacey is absent.
- **Director Job Description:** Donna agreed to write a job description for the Director position based on the feedback received from Bob Bullock. The duties include but are not limited to: computer updates, ACBL annual sanctions, venue

contract negotiation, provision of game sanction numbers to director and development of an annual calendar.

- **Novice Trophy:** The trophy is awarded to the novice earning the most MPs in the calendar year. In 2014 a novice was defined as having no more than 149MPs. The Board agreed to discuss the limit for 2015 at the next meeting.
- **Calendar Changes:** Lori proposed the following calendar changes for 2015: February 12th game to honor Bob and Marilyn Bullock, March 19th game to honor Pat Orlando and the April 23rd game to honor Miriam Evans. Due to Bob's health the February 12th game will not work. Lori suggested we table this event and hold a charity game in their honor at a later date. The Bullocks had suggested a charity game to support Senior Nutrition or the local chapter of the Cancer Society at French Hospital. Pat Halleck will speak on behalf of Pat Orlando at the March 19th game.
- **Payables:** Pete Avotins presented a list of the Club's recurring payables to be used by the Treasurer.
- **Use of Veterans Hall:** There is a date in March when the club will be unable to use the Veterans Hall and an alternate venue must be found. If the SLO Senior Center is available the maximum number of tables that will fit in the allocated space is approximately twenty three.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00PM.