

Five Cities Duplicate Bridge Club - Board Meeting Minutes – March 22, 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. (Jim Solomon joined the group 15 minutes late)

II. Minutes - Approved with the following comments and changes -

- A. Minor spelling corrections were made, and a correction to the date of the Pismo Beach volunteer banquet was made (from 4/21 to 4/16).
- B. Jim Borland volunteered to obtain “webmaster” capability, and to post all prior and future minutes (excluding Executive Meetings) on the web. Art Herbon will provide all of his pdf-format minutes to him.

III. Treasurer’s Report (Donna Kimber) – approved with the following comments -

- A. Balance is \$13,862 (higher than normal). Jim Solomon has not cashed old checks worth \$3,478, the main cause for the high balance (a Treasurer’s headache!).
- B. Monthly net income was \$2,411, higher than normal, due primarily to timing issues related to EasyBridge expenses.

IV. Club Manager Report (Jim Solomon)

- A. Attendance has been strong at club games.
- B. The old Kodak printer is being put back into service because another color printer and copier is needed.
- C. Jim Solomon reported that we are averaging 12 tables each Wednesday at EasyBridge, a combined number for both the beginning and the advanced sections. The board then had a wide ranging discussion about the EasyBridge program and the various bridge skill levels of the participants. Jim stated that several people have recently dropped out of the class while saying that the lessons did not meet their needs. We acknowledged the difficulty of presenting one lesson to a room full of people with different needs and interests. The board will continue to work with Jim Solomon and Tom Snow to ensure the program is as vibrant as possible. This topic of discussion will be continued at next month's meeting

V. Director’s Report (Jim Solomon) – none

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VI. Old Business

- A. Alternate plans for when Vets Hall unavailable – 4/5 and 4/12 we will be at Woman’s Club.
- B. Special Game Calendar – no comments
- C. Refreshment Policy – Jim will send a separate email each week to the group that is being asked to bring refreshments (setting up three separate Gmail Contact Groups to manage the reminders).
- D. On-Time Starts - The start process continues to improve (except for Swiss day)
 - 2/22 – started 12:42 with two unreserved pairs
 - 3/1 – started 12:34 with one unreserved pair (Naylor)
 - 3/8 – started 12:53 (!) – Swiss
- E. Condition of bridge tables – The board approved the purchase of five new tables.
- F. Longest Day, Thursday 6/21/18 – no discussion.

VII. New Business – none.