

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

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

Art Herbon – Present	Gina Kirk (former board member) - Present
David Crampton - Absent	Jim Borland - Present
Donna Kimber - Absent	Jim Solomon (Club Manager) - Present
Eli Zinner – Present	Mike Carroll - Absent
Emily Kreins - Present	Pat Kowall - Absent
Gary Gram - Absent	Tom Snow - 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 Vet's Hall is not available six times in the first half of 2018
  - 1. The Woman's Hall (Arroyo Grange) 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 SLO Hall.
  - 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. The SLO Unit 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 it's annual membership meeting on Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. Election of Unit Officers takes place at that meeting. Jim Borland (Pismo club 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. EB1 (original group) formed in 2016 and EB2 formed in 2017.
  - 2. EB1 is too far advanced in the process to combine teaching of the two groups.
  - 3. EB1 will be losing six people. They are seeking a private teacher to move in another direction from the EB 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. 5 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. Dave 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

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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 Vet’s 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)