

MONTEREY BRIDGE CLUB
ACBL UNIT 530
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2017
Minutes of the meeting

CALL TO ORDER: Debbie Davis 4:15 p.m.

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM: Debbie Davis; Jerry Cox, Bill Breen, Scott Hanham, Susan Mazzei, Susan Mehra, James Pond, Mary Quenette; building manager Kurt Schnebele; guest Jim Leuker

PRESENTATION: Debbie introduced Jim Leuker who is running for the ACBL Board of Directors. Jim is from San Francisco. He is currently President of district 21 and has held that post for the past 2 years. He said he want to work to keep our regional tournaments viable even though increasing costs for venues makes that difficult. Jim emphasized that he wants to serve at the National Board level. Wants to be on national board re issues: Issues that are important to him: 1. He thinks the software the ACBL uses is inadequate and wants to introduce a model currently used in Europe: 2. He thinks there are morale problems at national headquarters and that we need to get new staff hired quickly: 3. He said he is “big on bridge education” and that he has developed a new package/game called “Handz” that is a new way to learn bridge. He says it has been very well received by kids and is useful for any beginning bridge players.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Approved as written: M/S/C Bill/James

TREASURER’S REPORT: Bill Breen

Bill reported that the final money for the last sectional has been paid out. We spent \$100 to publicize in the District 21 circular. Payments in support of the mentor program will be made in the education category as we reimburse the Directors when the mentors turn in their red tickets worth \$4 off per game. Treasurer’s Report and Bank Statement for July 2017 accepted/filed. M/S/C Jerry/Susan Mazzei

BUILDING MANAGER’S REPORT: Kurt Schnebele

Kurt submitted the monthly income/expense report . We have purchased “robots” that have been used several times successfully. Roof repairs will not take place immediately—perhaps October or later. Poster for Pro/Am game is up.

RECURRING BUSINESS:

Holiday Party: chair TBD—Debbie has not heard back from Donna Jett re her availability to chair this event. Jerry reported that he got call today from caterer, Caron DeSeguirant?, at Elks Club requesting a deposit for the luncheon meal. Deposit for the facility has already been made, but a separate deposit needs to be

made to the caterer. Jerry said we need decide on a menu in the next two weeks. Last year's menu seemed to be well received. Total expenses for last year were \$3400-- \$345 directors, gifts \$518, room \$250 and food \$2280. Total revenue was \$3790. Clearly, there is a need to establish a chair for the event. Debbie hopes to get status from Donna very soon.

Sectional: Debbie reported that Ewan Eby has agreed to co-chair the sectional. A flyer for the event will be prepared by our next meeting.

Goodwill: James reported that John Chambers passed away and that several other members had a variety of health problems. Debbie asked if anyone knew where our supply of "goodwill pins" was kept. No board member had seen them. We have two people whose names have been put forward as goodwill ambassadors and it would be nice to present them with a pin.

Membership: Susan Mazzei has agreed to take over the Membership position. Current in/out report: 1 new member; 2 reinstated; 1 transfer into unit; 2 transfers out of unit; 1 death. Total members 392. Debbie said we need to update binders for new board members.

Education: No one yet has accepted the position. Lyde was doing this job and several other jobs (tournament coordinator, grand national team and north American pairs coordinator). We need to find replacements for all these positions. Scott said he and Jackie Ortiz will handle reserving a date for our next unit qualifier game. He will check with her to find open dates. We will aim for mid-October. Mentor update: Red cards are being turned in by designated mentors, so that program seems to be working well.

District 21 report: Debbie discussed the upcoming election of a National representative for our unit. Besides Jim Leuker, there are two other candidates. Voting will be via email within the next 4-5 week. Richard Papst has agreed to be our District Representative. Debbie still plans to attend meetings (as President of our board)

OLD BUSINESS:

Unit and NAP games: see below under New Business

NEW BUSINESS

Unit Game Director guidelines: Debbie reported that she had located some information about procedures and responsibilities for unit games. Bill passed out a proposed "Terms of Use" form for use as an agreement between Unit 530 and club owners. Debbie plans to create a contract for club owners to sign for conducting games in our facility. Copies of these documents will be distributed to board members for feedback and further discussion.

Zero tolerance unit policy: Debbie proposes that we print up a card to be kept in bidding boxes that describes our unit zero tolerance policy. She suggested

we adopt a model card from another unit and that we allocate \$100 to have them printed. Several board members requested time to read and make suggestions about the wording on the card. Motion was made to purchase cards (Debbie/James): motion failed.

Chair nominations: Debbie reported she has asked several people, but is not getting any takers to fill open positions.

Unit Pro-Am game: sign-ups are in process

Posting of interview with Lyde: Scott requested that the interview with Lyde that appeared in the last newsletter be hung on the wall next to her picture. Debbie said she would look into suitable ways to do this.

Unit Board member terms: Jerry requested that we add a discussion on next month's agenda regarding the change in the newly amended by-laws re two v/s three year terms for board members.

ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING 6 p.m. Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 4 p.m.