

MONTEREY BRIDGE CLUB
ACBL UNIT 530
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Minutes

DATE: September 12, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: 4:10 p.m.

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM: Susan Mazzei, Trulee Ricketts, Ed Schrenzel, Mary Quenette, Fran Soskins, Amy Pofcher, Susan Mehra

GUESTS: Alan Hedegard, Betty Jackson, Larry Slayton, Ray Boehne

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST REGULAR MEETING AND 2 EXTRA MEETINGS:
Minutes of August 8, August 23 and August 28, 2019: Motion to approve as written:
Fran/Amy M/S/C

BUILDING MANAGEMENT: Susan Mazzei

- Monthly Building Operations report: We received an eviction notice on Tuesday afternoon, Sept 11. It was a 30 day notice. The city of Marina Assistant City Manager was contacted and said they were required to send the notice. He verified that, since we have notified the city that we will be occupying the building through October and will be paying rent through mid-November, we will have access to the building during that time.
- The process has begun for clearing out items from our current building that we will not be taking to our new Bridge Center site. In the near future we will be making final decisions about what we need to retain or put in storage. Games will proceed at our current site through October.
- Jackie Zayac, District 21 representative to the ACBL National Board of Directors, thinks local units are no longer encouraged to run bridge centers. The ACBL want club owners to be responsible for establishing their own sites for their games. Our current arrangement wherein the Unit Board of Directors runs the bridge center is not covered under any rules or procedures of the ACBL.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mary Quenette

- Monthly report: An outstanding check for \$6008.20 includes a deposit for the lease on our new building and will be itemized in the monthly report for September. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report: Amy/SMehra M/S/C

BOARD REPORTS

- Goodwill: Pat Heller—no report
- Membership: Ed Schrenzel—ACBL has been notified that one member is deceased.
- Education: Trulee Ricketts—no report
- District 21 report: Richard Papst & Susan Mazzei—Richard attended the current meeting for District 21. Report:
(1) We still need volunteers on Nov. 30 for nationals in San Francisco. Volunteers for the event should contact Donna Jett.

- (2) We can make a nomination for a goodwill award.
- (3) All disciplinary matters will be handled now by the district and not at the unit level.

- Hospitality: Donna Jett (see above)

RECURRING EVENTS:

- Unit Games and Activities:
 - Brad Dow - Feb/Mar (completed for 2019)—no report
 - Election of board members – June (completed for 2019)—no report
 - General Membership Meeting – June: report—no report
 - Swiss Teams (completed for 2019)—no report
 - Pro-Am – Sept. 22, 2019: Lyde is in charge of finding partners for the game and is having some difficulty finding a sufficient number of “pros”
 - Halloween - October (run by the Foundation): Susan and Scott met with the Foundation about making the Halloween game special since it will be our last game in our Marina facility. They have asked each board member to donate a door prize and also help decorate. The unit will pay for sandwiches as dis used last month.
 - NAP (North American Pairs) – Date/Coordinator, Finances—The game will occur Oct. 5 during Alan’s game.
 - Holiday Party – December—Dec. 8. Amy is organizing the event. She recommends that we hold it at the Carmel Women’s Club (\$300). She would like to hire 2 people to help out (@ \$20/hr). Plan to cater it as we did last year. Motion to hold the Holiday party at the Carmel Women’s Club: Trulee/Mary M/S/C
 - New Year's Eve - December (run by Lyde)—no report
- Sectional: May 15-17, 2020—This will be first time in 17 years we need to find a separate facility. Question if we should hold it for 2 or 3 days. Tabled decision for further discussion at next board meeting.
- Clambake—no report

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

- Progress report on move to new bridge center location:
 - (1) Plan to start games at our new Del Rey Oaks site on Nov. 1.
 - (2) Need to set up all utilities for new location beginning Oct. 1. Recommendation we look into a new website—one that is packaged for bridge clubs.
 - (3) Fran suggested we make the first week a festive time. She will be in charge of making that happen.
 - (4) On Sunday, Sept. 22, immediately after the Pro/Am game, John Mahoney has offered to do a presentation for all interested unit members about the process we used for finding our new Bridge Center site. There will be a question/answer opportunity after the presentation. Susan hoped board members could be present.
- Ideas for other income streams—no report

NEW BUSINESS:

- Resolution:
 - (1) Jim Lauderdale emailed a letter from an attorney apparently representing him to 30+ members of our unit objecting to the action taken by the board on August

28, 2019 to bar him from Bridge Center sites through Dec. 31, 2019. The letter was unsigned.

(2) Subsequently, the board sought clarification about the issues raised in the letter and council about how to proceed. A meeting was set up with attorney Andrew Swartz. All board member were invited to attend: those able to attend were Susan Mazzei, Trulee, and Susan Mehra.

(3) Upon Andrew Swartz's recommendation, the board has voted to rescind the August 28 motion with the following resolution: The Unit 530 Board of Directors rescinds the previously adopted motion of August 28, 2019 which temporarily barred Jim Lauderdale from entering the Monterey Bridge Center facility at 201 13th Street in Marina, CA and 201B Calle Del Oaks in Del Rey Oaks, CA through December 31, 2019. Motion to accept the resolution: Amy/Mary M/S/C. Board Secretary, Susan Mehra, will mail notification of this action in a letter to Jim Lauderdale.

(4) How to handle payment of Andrew Swartz's fee was discussed. Mary volunteered to pay the attorney fee in full. Her offer was appreciated by the board; however, there was a subsequent motion to have the unit pay the fee: Fran/Amy M/S. Motion carried with Mary and Trulee voting no on the motion.

(5) The attorney also recommended that we revise our by-laws. A committee will be put together to begin this process.

- Appointment of new board member: (Action on this item was taken at the beginning of Board Reports.) Susan said that Pat Heller is interested in the position and is willing to assume the duties that had been assigned to Louise Barnard. Trulee noted that Maja is also interested in the position. Motion to appoint Pat Heller: Mary/Amy M/S. Motion carried with one opposed (Trulee)
- Club owners contract: Susan has been working on a draft proposal. It will distribute to board members for feedback and then the board will meet with Club Owners for their feedback and signing.
- Discussion: Unit 530 Statement of Values and Code of Ethics: Scott—no report

ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING: 6:10 p.m. Next meeting Thursday, Oct. 17,2019