

La Jolla Bridge Unit 526
Board Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2012

Members Present: Janet Ansfield, Joyce Bailey, Charlotte Blum, Cass Donovan,
Randy Fadem, Bill Grant, Marge Hughes, Ron Ignelzi,
Matthew Kidd, and Chuck Wilson

The meeting was called to order by President Matthew Kidd.

The discussion went directly to the Non-Life-Master game which we wanted to arrange yet this year, if at all possible. Matthew was pleased to report that it all came together for November 11, 2012, as Bill was able to get a sanction and Matthew was able to negotiate with Patti Gorman to pay an extra rent fee of \$100. This fee can be paid when Chuck pays the regular November rent.

Marc Matz has agreed to be a Tournament Assistant, which is a type of Director. A Tournament Assistant's fee is less than a Director's fee. Paul will be the Director for the day, and Marc will report to Paul. Marc's fee still needs to be negotiated.

A discussion followed regarding the logistics and hospitality for this occasion. It was decided to have the NLM Knock-Out Session in the morning from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. and hold it upstairs. Coffee with bagels, cookies, and coffeecakes will be offered. Lunch for this group would be set up downstairs, and it will be Costco pizza that Bill will pick up. A single-session Swiss tournament will run in the afternoon for the NLM group. It will be split into tables upstairs and downstairs.

The regular Unit game, starting at 1:00 p.m., will have food set up as usual upstairs. It was noted that probably there would be a need for an extra caddy; this will be decided later, Matthew said. Matthew will design fliers, including a tribute of some kind to veterans, and all Board members will help to distribute them.

The minutes of the August 12 meeting were approved as sent to members by e-mail.

Chuck distributed copies of the August Treasurer's reports, which incorporate changes suggested last month. As decided at the last meeting, Chuck withdrew \$1,000 from the Wells Fargo account and deposited \$500 into each of our two small Vanguard investment accounts.

Matthew stated that our contract with the Soledad Club includes a clause that requires the Unit to purchase insurance. It was noted that probably the last time an insurance premium was paid occurred on June 12, 2011; it was approximately \$388. Ron will give Chuck the

insurance contact information, and Chuck was directed to pay said premium of \$500 or less. The Treasurer's reports were accepted.

Membership Chairwoman Charlotte gave a report on her activities. She sent out 33 letters to potential new members. The letter was an invitation to come to a Unit game for a free play within 2 months of receipt of the letter. Now Charlotte's question to the Board was "Do we want to continue this practice of giving free plays?" After a small discussion, it was moved, seconded, and approved to continue sending out these letters but with an added sentence requiring the person to bring the letter to give to Paul for our follow-up. It was also agreed that Matthew should personally and orally welcome each person on the day he/she played.

As Awards Chairwoman, Charlotte stated that she spoke with Larry Sherman and Alice Leicht and also did some on-line research regarding awards. There followed a discussion regarding an appropriate annual budget for awards to be given to rank advancers. It was agreed that a budget of \$500 would be allocated for Charlotte to use at her discretion. There might be an award of a token gift (e.g., a bookmark or pen) for a minor advancement; but for the designation of "Life Master" and higher, something nicer would be in order. Matthew suggested that our Unit game on October 10 would be a good day to recognize any rank advancers from January, 2012, to date.

Another practice agreed upon is that Charlotte will call the advancers and offer them a certificate for a free play to be used after they attend their first Unit game.

Randy and Matthew volunteered to be in charge of hospitality for the next game on September 23. Charlotte offered to bring something, and Joyce, Cass, and Marge will help set up.

Matthew said he will have a meeting with Paul, and he will send out some information before the next Board meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Hughes