

American Contract Bridge League

La Jolla and Beach Unit #526

Board Meeting.....October 12, 2006

Present. Alice Leicht, Nate McCay, Bill Grant, David Oakley, Ron Iagnetzi, Ed Layton,
Absent. Janet Ansfield, Cass Donovan, Dorinda Lindvall, Romi Kerfoot

An informal board meeting was held at IHop to discuss the subjects on the agenda at the last meeting that were not covered. I have included Bill's email which pretty well covers one of the important discussions. The subjects may not be in the exact order they were discussed.

1. Discussion and motions regarding our limited master point game.

I wanted to recap our Thursday IHOP discussion about our limited masterpoint game, not only because it's an important issue but also because several of our board members were not able to come to the meeting.

Motion by Ed 2nd David. Eliminate free plays for 299 games. Approved

Motion by Alice 2nd Ron FREE PLAYS: as a promotional device, free plays will be given until the end of the year, but only if the game consists of less than two tables. Approved

FOCUS of game; our limited masterpoint game is open to players of ALL ranks below 300 points. Most of the board members present felt that the higher ranking group, those between 200 and 300 points, should not be given preference for the game since they were the ones most able to fit into our regular open game if needed. Our game in the back room should be a place for new players to be nurtured. Developing a game for players between 0 and 100 points would be a real boon for bridge AND membership in our unit.

Therefore, SLOW PLAY is not an issue for us. Our director, Mike Weber, can make decisions about number of boards played and speed of play. (ACBL points can be given for games with as few as 21 or so boards) The board feels that players who are extremely critical of slow play would probably be better off in the open game. Incidentally, I spoke over the weekend to one of the players most vocal about the speed of play. She told me that she only played in the limited game to build up its numbers, and she really wanted to play in the open game anyhow.

We are lucky to have a director with Mike's flexibility to assist with our beginning and intermediate players. Ron did a great job of building that limited masterpoint game up originally, and Romi has done a great job of creating the educational element. Now it would be nice if with Ron's faithful players and Romi's new players we could build that game up to 5 or 6 tables; at present using the back room for just 3 tables isn't a great use of space.

2. Letter read from Romi requesting to resign. The board agreed this would be terrible loss and hope all efforts will be made to change her mind. Discussion was held about Rons negative emailing. It was felt an apology was in order. Nate stated that this type of email should not be sent, but discussed in person.

3. Ron volunteered to provide a tape recorder for the meetings. We will judge if this helps in keeping accurate minutes.

4. Discussion on the name for our web site. The general opinion was LaJolla Bridge. David will continue preparing the new web site.

5. Further discussion on the zip codes that should be part of the LaJolla Unit. It was agreed that 92122 should be included. Nate and Bill presented a map that appears to be current and reflects the zip codes that should be included. Nat agreed to discuss this further with the San Diego unit President.

Meeting adjourned at 2 pm. Next meeting Nov 12 2006 at 11:30

Respectfully Submitted
Ed Layton Sec'y