

AMERICAN CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE  
LaJolla and Beach Unit #526

Monthly Board Meeting.....June 10, 2007  
Meeting called to order 11:30 AM

Present David Oakley, Ed Layton, Alice Leicht, Ron Ignelzi, Cass Donovan,  
Steve Johnson, Diane Marquardt.

Absent: Dorinda Lindvall, Nate McCay, Bill Grant

David presided as President

Diana Marquardt was welcomed as a new appointee to the board.

Minutes approved with correction to spelling. Maritha was spelled incorrectly  
Ignelzi was spelled incorrectly

Treasurer's Report (presented by Ed Layton in Dorinda's absence):

April 2007	Income	\$ 669.00
	Expenses	\$ 533.07
	Net Total	\$ -135.93

Bank Balance -- 6282.15

**Financial report of May 25-27<sup>th</sup> Sectional**

Net receipts 198 tables	\$7355.00
Administrative Expenses	\$3386.77
Advertising	\$ 225.00
Boards	\$265.00
Rental and Hospitality	\$3596.95
Net loss	\$ <b>209.16</b>

Almost half of the expenses were for administration

The hospitality costs were high, close to 50 percent as well. [Rent and hospitality costs are approximately equal]

It was discussed that regionals provide much less hospitality

**Sectional issues**

Attendance was down for various reasons including:

Wirt held some competing games, those who attended might not come here anyway

Some complained about bracketing being difficult and wanting to play more against their peers

There was discussion about holding a bracketed Swiss format in the future that would tend to allow competition among similar masterpoint holders

Mike Weber was asked if this format would provide any particular directing difficulties, and he did not think so

It was discussed that if 8 teams played per bracket, they could play 7 sevens and play everyone

We need to ask for next years sanction soon

**Membership report** (Alice Leicht)

Membership is holding steady at around 232 [235 is correct]

Some discussion of award costs ensued. Higher award levels (above Life Master) have been funded in the range of 30-40 dollars. So far 6 people in our unit have achieved higher new statuses. It was suggested that perhaps we should consider personalized decks of cards with pictures of the award recipients on them and some congratulatory message. The current leaders of the masterpoint races from our unit were listed.

**Future hospitality** responsibilities were assigned:

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in July -- Anne Terry has volunteered

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in July -- Cass and Ron will host

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in August -- Ed Layton

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in August -- David Oakley

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in September -- open

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in September -- Diana Marquardt

It was discussed that hospitality should cost between 70 and 100 dollars.

Coffee making for the percolators is one scoop of coffee to make 20 cups

To fill the big coffee pot, you can pour from the little pot or use the hose and rubber band trick that was described by Ed

We make about 80 cups of regular and 40 cups of decaf

70-80 dollars/week - perhaps even \$100 is about right

It was reiterated that Walter is going to clean up after unit games for \$75 - apparently including dumping trash and cleaning the coffee makers. The caddies take care of where the bidding boxes should be placed. Many days there is a bridge game at the Soledad club the following day.

**Zip code allocation** to the unit was discussed briefly. No formal votes were taken. It was suggested that we could send letters to those in our assigned zip codes to let them know that they would be welcome to join our unit. It was mentioned that perhaps our unit president should tell the San Diego unit president that we plan to do this

The annual meeting will be held today, and Ed Layton as chair of the nominating committee will run the election. Because the treasurer is not present today and the fiscal year has not ended, that report will be made at a future date.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:23 (motion Johnson; second Donovan)

Next meeting 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30

Respectfully submitted

Edward Layton Sec'y with the able assistance of Diane.

Following the Meeting Elections were held and Ron Ignelzi, Cass Donovan, Alice Leicht, Nate McCay and David Oakley were unanimously elected to serve thru 2009