

**AMERICAN CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE
La Jolla and Beach Unit #526**

Monthly Board Meeting -- August 12, 2007
Meeting called to order: 11:37AM

Members Present: Bill Grant, Dorinda Lindvall, Ron Ignelzi, Ed Layton, Alice Leicht, Steve Johnson, Diana Marquardt

Members Absent: Cass Donovan, David Oakley, Nate McCay

Minutes of July board meeting

The minutes were approved as submitted, including the statement about the next scheduled board meeting

Treasurer's Report

Dorinda indicated that in July 2007 we took in \$962 with expenses of \$1023.43 for a net loss of \$61.43. The itemized treasurer's report is available for review. In this particular month, one unusual expense was a computer cost, and several free plays left over from the holiday party were used.

Discussion ensued as to whether we should have of annual or periodic audit of the book by some outside agency or committee. The general sentiment was in favor of this.

Membership

Alice reported that unit membership was up to 242. Bill received a notice that we are entitled to an upgraded club championship because we have 10 new members over some period of time.

Winter Holiday Party

The potential format of the winter holiday party was discussed extensively. The consensus was that the party should be held at the Soledad Club, and some type of food purchase or catering would be appropriate. It was agreed that it is important to have a nice holiday party and that most unit members expect something for which they do not have to contribute time and energy. Last year the cost was approximately \$4000, and we would prefer to have a budget closer to \$2000 if possible. It was suggested that perhaps we could make the party festive with both good food and other considerations. Diana said she would email board member additional ideas to make the party more fun at minimal costs, and further discussion will take place at the next board meeting.

Winter Sectional

The board discussed whether or not to have the winter sectional. Dorinda suggested that if the Soledad Club would give us a reduction in rent for the weekend, it would be financially viable to hold it again. *It was moved by Dorinda and seconded by Steve that we should have the sectional if we can get an appropriate rent reduction.* Additional discussion included the number of days for the sectional, whether to try to develop and follow a detailed budget, how providing food (?pizza) between sessions might encourage players to stay for both sessions, and how the cost of having 3 tournament directors has made expenses very high. If possible, 2 directors would be

preferable, and limited ACBL costs would make having the sectional feasible. If we choose to have the sectional, we need to get it on the calendar as soon as possible. *The motion was unanimously approved.*

It was noted that Mike cannot direct our unit game on the 2nd Sunday of November, and this date conflicts with the Coronado sectional held at Adventures. It was discussed that our unit game on this date is not particularly well attended and loses money. The sentiment of the board was that holding a competing game not very desirable for a number of reasons. *It was moved by Steve and seconded by Dorinda that we should cancel our unit game on that date. The motion carried 6 ayes (Steve, Dorinda, Diana, Bill, Ron, Alice) to 1 nay (Ed).*

Whether or not to purchase a duplimate machine will be discussed at the next meeting when David Oakley will be back.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:29PM. The next board meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 9, 2007 at 11:30AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Marquardt, Secretary

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