

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

Monthly board meeting - Sunday, September 9, 2007
Meeting called to order 11:32AM

Members Present: David Oakley, Steve Johnson, Diana Marquardt, Nate McCay, Alice Leicht, Dorinda Lindvall, Cass Donovan, Bill Grant, Ron Ignelzi

Members Absent: Ed Layton

Minutes of August Board Meeting

The minutes of the August board meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

Dorinda reported that we were +\$93.57 for the month of August and now have \$6101.18 in the bank account. The extra money paid to run the Swiss STAC game was partially offset by not having to make boards or have hand records. Some concerns were raised regarding continual recent losses and that in the past we had made profits on Sectionals, and that provided our current surplus. In order to balance expenses and income, we would likely need 30 tables at our unit games or to increase card fees to \$8/person.

Membership Report

Alice reported that we have 241 unit members. We have approximately 9 members who have recently achieved new levels of Life Master or higher, and we provide some type of recognition for this. Last year we spent \$570 on these awards. Alice suggested that we could give either plaques or engraved picture frames for a reasonable price. We hope to give out these awards soon and will decide the specifics at the next meeting.

Some discussion ensued regarding ways to attract more players and/or members. A committee was formed to discuss this topic in more detail and will consist of Ron, David, Bill, and Alice.

Winter Sectional

In order to at least break even on a winter sectional, it appears we need to either get a break on the rent, raise the card fees, cut the number of directors to 2, or some combination of these. We must have 2 sectionally rated directors. The available weekend for the sectional is Feb 8th. The board unanimously agreed to have the winter sectional at this time under the leadership of Nate McCay. It is likely we will charge \$10/person per session for this event.

Holiday Party

We will have the holiday party at the Soledad Club. Ed will be in charge of catering and Diana will be in charge of other festivities/entertainment.

Hospitality

Diana will be in charge for September 23 and Nate volunteered for September 30. Ed is in charge of coordinating volunteers for hospitality and David will ask for volunteers from the unit during the game today.

District 22 Bylaws Revision

David discussed the bylaws with John Wright, district president, and emailed copies to all board members. Ed had indicated that he felt we should have had more time to review the bylaws before a decision was made. *It was moved to approve the District bylaws (Diana), seconded (Steve), and approved unanimously.*

District 22 Elections

Everyone was reminded to send in their email ballots for District 22 representative positions. Alice is running for the board of governors.

Financial Issues

The pros and cons of raising card fees to \$7 were discussed. *It was moved to raise fees to \$7/person per session (Bill), seconded (Steve), and carried 5 - 3.*

Other Announcements

The NAP unit qualifier was rescheduled to October 14 because the original date conflicted with the Coronado sectional, and the unit game on that date was canceled.

Old Business

Discussion of the purchase of the duplimate machine was continued from previous meetings. Last year we spent almost \$1200 for duplicated boards. Steve will chair the committee to make recommendations, and David, Bill, and Alice will serve with him.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:32. The next board meeting will be Sunday, October 14 at 11:30AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Marquardt, secretary