

AMERICAN CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE
La Jolla Unit #526

Monthly Board Meeting - December 23, 2007
Meeting Called to Order 11:41

Members Present: Alice Leicht, Dorinda Lindvall, Nate McCay, Diana Marquardt, David Oakley, Ed Layton

Members Absent: Steve Johnson, Bill Grant, Cass Donovan, Ron Ignelzi

Minutes of October Board Meeting: Approved as submitted

Treasurer's Report: Loss on holiday party was \$1167.09 with reservations bringing in \$1413. *Moved to give Gail Dunham free play* for helping so much with set up and clean up - *passed unanimously*. End of year financial report will be provided next month.

Membership Report: No changes to report.

Discussion of 299er sectional. Nate suggested that one day sectional would likely lose money, though Escondido has had a very successful one recently. Nate will talk with Matt Bebeau and Lacy Jennings to see if interest in their 299er groups might be developed. Would likely have to be a Saturday, and availability of Soledad Club would be an issue.

May Sectional Planning: Nate will be out of town, so tournament chair needed for this. Would like to do this with 2 directors if possible, as we will also have caddies. A general guideline is 20 tables/director. Fees suggested to be \$10, though this was not formalized. Some new schedule ideas were discussed including running a 2 session pairs event on Saturday that would require qualifying for the second session. Those who do not qualify would be offered a side game. Positive aspects are the novelty of this approach and its attraction to more serious bridge players. A negative concern is the potential for less attendance for those who can only play one session a day or generally play with different partners. The bracketing of Swiss teams as a way to even up the competition based on masterpoint holdings was discussed in summer board meetings. A knockout format was also discussed.

Hospitality assignments: A discussion of how it would be helpful to involve more unit members in the provision of hospitality ensued. A major inconvenience is having to arrive very early to begin making coffee (usually around 11:30AM, and for one person to do this regularly does not seem fair),

An attendance list was sent to the board as to who goes to unit games regularly. Discussion of

promoting interest in unit games followed. Fliers showing the schedule for the first half of 2008 were passed around. It was suggested that this schedule be posted at the Soledad Club and emailed through the ACBL email service.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:32PM. The next meeting of the board will be Sunday, January 13, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Marquardt, Secretary