

AMERICAN CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE
La Jolla Unit #526

Monthly Board Meeting - January 27, 2008
Meeting Called to Order 11:32

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

Minutes of December Board Meeting: Approved as submitted

Treasurer's Report: Dorinda reported that we lost \$347.42 net in the month of December 2007. This was partially due to increased fees for the STAC game (approximately \$150 of the loss) and paying a higher salary to the director. Our regular bank balance is \$4727.79 and we have \$23,259 in our Vanguard account. It is anticipated that the conflicting Escondido sectional in January may affect our finances this month as well.

Membership Report: Alice reported that our membership stood at 244 at the end of 2007. More than half of these are non life masters. We need to attract more non life masters to our unit and retain those we have to assure a solid future. The board agreed that it would be appropriate to pass out milestone awards to players as they are attained, rather than wait for an annual meeting.

We have been presented with a new lease from the Soledad Club. It appears it will cost \$175/Sunday not including cleaning, which is required. There is a church meeting before our unit games, so it might be appropriate to share cleaning costs with this group. We discussed the possibility of hiring someone to come early to make coffee and clean after the unit games. Steve will talk to his son as to whether he might be interested in the job. If not, we might get back in touch with Walter McNeil who used to do this for us. The board encouraged David to try to negotiate as long a lease as possible, ideally at least 3 years.

Because we could not finalize the details in time, it appears that another unit has preempted our efforts to have a 299er sectional in March. David brought in some flyers from other events and discussed the numbers of 299ers from different units who attended the Escondido 299er sectional. Most were from the home unit and from the San Diego Unit. Postcards were mailed to invite potential attendees, and the possibility exists that a profit of close to \$1000 is possible.

Steve Johnson agreed to be in charge of the May Sectional. Discussion included trying to limit the cost of directors by having only 2 if that would be feasible. Steve will discuss this

with Jean Molnar, the director in charge. It was suggested that we put ads in the Forum for 2 months prior to the Sectional, and Steve agreed to come up with the material to print before the next deadline. He will also talk to the ACBL to see why our Sectional is not listed on their website under tournaments

Unit hospitality was discussed as a follow-up to several emails suggesting that everyone should share this responsibility, but some did not want to. It appears that if the coffee responsibility is taken care of, the food would not be so arduous. Hopefully this will be addressed as mentioned above, and the board members and/or hospitality chair will only have to purchase and put out food.

There is some growing consensus on the board that we might not want to cancel our unit games when there is a conflicting Sectional. This will likely be decided on a case-by-case basis. David would like for us to print quarterly schedules of upcoming unit games so the unit membership would be better informed. The next Unit game will be the Valentines Potluck.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:32PM. The next board meeting will be held Sunday, February 10, 2008 at 11:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Marquardt
Unit 526 secretary