

AMERICAN CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE
La Jolla Unit #526 Board

Monthly Board Meeting – Apr 11, 2010
Meeting Called to Order 11:30 am

Members Present: Janet Ansfield, Cass Donovan, Bill Grant, Ron Ignelzi, Matthew Kidd, BJ Petersen, Robert Walters

Members Absent: Manoochehr Bahmanian, Randy Fadem, Steve Johnson

The meeting was called to order by the president.

Minutes of March Meeting: Approved as with minor corrections. Bob Walters will send Matthew Kidd the missing financial numbers in those minutes.

Treasurer's Report: We lost a small amount of money in the last two games.

Vanguard Account: Ron Ignelzi reported that the Vanguard account transfer is finally completed. Ron Ignelzi and Bob Walters are now the sole persons with signature authority.

Memorial Day Sectional: Matthew Kidd prepared a full flyer based on Janet Ansfield's text, printed them, and gave them to Janet for distribution. Flyers will be distributed more widely to the Adventures in Bridge, the La Jolla Cove Club, the Redwood Club / San Diego Bridge Academy, the Eastlake Club, the Coronado Shores Club, the Esplanade Club, the Scripps Ranch Club, the Oceanside club, and the Escondido Club. Also, Matthew will take responsibility for ordering a tournament e-mail blast to either all District 22 members, if permitted, or at least the five closest units: La Jolla (526), San Diego (539), Coronado (519), North San Diego (531), and San Diego North County Inland (549).

Continuing last month's discussion, Mike Weber reported that the ACBL considers 15-20 tables / director to be standard; electronic score does not change this figure, though it does reduce the recommended number of caddies. In view of this and Ron Ignelzi's discussions with Betty Bratcher, the board consensus was to drop our initial resistance to DIC Jean Molner's request for two additional directors.

The board agreed to issue free plays for future unit games at the sectional to the top pair across all sections in each strat or the top team in each strat. This works out to 12 free plays per day, i.e. 6 per session times two sessions for pairs or 12 per Swiss teams event. There was also discussion of issuing regular free plays for some unit game winners but no decision was made.

Game Attendance: Ron expressed concerns that attendance was falling. Recent games have had 20 (Feb 28), 17½ (Mar 14), and 15 (Mar 28) tables respectively. At one point we were as high as 31 tables. The solution is not obvious but Bob Walters will visit the Redwood game and someone will visit the Soledad game to remind people about our unit game.

Election Issue: Ron noted that Cass Donovan's term ends this year because she was appointed to fill a vacancy rather than elected. Matthew Kidd will update the website to reflect this.

Hospitality: BJ Petersen agreed to do hospitality on May 23rd.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM. The next meeting of the Unit Board will be Sunday, May 9, 2010 at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew Kidd
Unit 526 Secretary