

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

Monthly Board Meeting – June 13, 2010
Meeting Called to Order 11:35 am

Members Present: Janet Ansfield, Cass Donovan, Randy Fadem, Bill Grant, Ron Ignelzi, Steve Johnson, Matthew Kidd, BJ Petersen

Members Absent: Manoochehr Bahmanian, Robert Walters

The meeting was called to order by the president.

Minutes of April Meeting: Approved as submitted.

Memorial Day Sectional: Bill noted we had 13.5 tables / director at the recent sectional. This was two tables less than last year and on the borderline for reducing the number of directors from three to two. Bill had stated in a previous meeting that 20 tables / director was “ideal” for regionals.

Teaching: The board agreed to reimburse Matthew Kidd for the four copies of *How to Play a Bridge Hand* given out as prizes to the winner of each period’s tournament at La Jolla High.

Hospitality: Cass Donovan agreed to look into the purchase of a new coffee maker since the unit coffee maker seems slow.

Elections: The board unanimously approved the slate of Cass Donovan, Bill Grant, Matthew Kidd, Dorinda Lindvall, Gary Mollenkopf. At the game immediately following the meeting, the unit elected all the candidates by voice assent. Manoochehr Bahmanian and Steve Johnson are stepping down. Steve offered to continue writing the Unit News for the *Contract Bridge Forum* and the board unanimously agreed to accept this offer.

Insurance: Ron Ignelzi purchased two insurance policies without first presenting the matters before the board, stating he would cancel them the next day if the board did not approve the purchase. The first policy is a liability policy to cover our unit games (ACBL insurance covers sectionals), which is required by our rental agreement with the Soledad Club. The second policy covered the board of directors. Both policies were around \$600 / year though Ron did not present exact figures.

BJ Peterson motioned that we accept both insurance policies. Steve Johnson amended the motion to limit payment to three months on each policy pending a review of the policy details and cost by the board. The amended motion passed unanimously. Ron Ignelzi will be reimbursed.

Absentee Ballots: Matthew Kidd motioned that proxy votes by board members on board matters be allowed. Note that this is distinct from proxy votes by unit members for the election of board members, which are explicitly disallowed by our bylaws. Steve Johnson

and Janet Ansfield proposed amendments whose cumulative impact is that the absentee ballots will be allowed and may be submitted to any board member in a sealed envelope. This amended motion passed 4-3. Thus the motion passed permits absentee ballots rather than proxy votes as initially motioned.

Janet Ansfield proposed a related motion that notwithstanding the approval of absentee ballots, the board would be free to vote on new business even though absent board members would not be able to vote on such motions. This motion passed 3-2.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew Kidd
Unit 526 Secretary