

La Jolla Bridge Unit 526
Board Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2011

Members Present: Janet Ansfield, Cass Donovan, Randy Fadem, Bill Grant, Marge Hughes, Ron Ignelzi, and Matthew Kidd.

Members Absent: Billie Green and Chuck Wilson.

The meeting was called to order by President Randy Fadem.

The minutes of the October 9 meeting were read and two corrections were noted. The sentences regarding game attendance should be deleted completely. The hospitality expenses for September games (not "today's game") amounted to \$127. The revised minutes will be e-mailed to everyone.

In the absence of Chuck, Ron gave the treasurer's report, which showed a net loss of \$406.93. However, \$350 of that amount derives from the fact that Chuck prepaid the Soledad Club rent for November. So, in actuality, the net loss was \$56.93. Ron also reported on the Vanguard investment balance.

Andy Loh was introduced as an Area III candidate for the Board of Directors of District 22. Area III is comprised of 5 units in San Diego County: Coronado 519, La Jolla 526, NSDC Coastal 531, San Diego 539, and SDNC Inland 549. The District Board has 8 members who meet 4 times a year. The term of office is 3 years, 2012 to 2014. Bill Grant, presently a representative for District 22, said the Board members receive lodging and free game plays, but no salary.

Andy said he has served on the San Diego 539 Board for a little over a year. If elected to the District Board, three objectives important to

him are: 1) to provide refreshments; 2) to enhance and implement a zero-tolerance policy; and 3) to improve directors' performance at regionals.

A brief discussion followed regarding the selection, performance, and compensation of directors.

The District 22 Board of Directors election ballots were distributed for immediate voting. These ballots were collected by Ron to be returned to the District Secretary by November 30, 2011.

At his request, Bill was excused from the balance of the meeting.

The Board next considered the subject of caddy fees, most particularly Doug's underpayment for the last game. Although Doug had informally agreed to a \$10 reduction and had been paid \$40 for the October 23 game, Randy said that action had not been approved by the Board. He directed Cass (acting for Treasurer Chuck) to pay Doug an additional \$10.

Janet made a motion to eliminate the caddy position. It was not seconded, but there followed a lengthy discussion regarding the elimination of that position and the redistribution of the caddy's responsibilities.

It was suggested that Paul, as director, would "set up" the tables prior to the game and pick up the score slips. Paul was invited to join the meeting to discuss this possibility. He was amenable to the change, but suggested that his remuneration be increased by \$10 per game. Additionally, he suggested using Bridgemates; he will research this possibility and will give a report at our next meeting.

As far as cleaning up after the game, it was suggested that the Board members rotate in doing the clean-up. Randy asked that Janet, Cass, and Marge make a list of instructions detailing the clean-up process.

The motion that Janet had made regarding eliminating the caddy position was tabled until the next meeting.

Because of the special calendar in December, Randy will notify Doug that he will not be needed next month.

The subject of meeting attendance was discussed. It was noted that if a person misses 3 meetings in a row, he/she may be subject to dismissal. Several members are actively trying to recruit new members to the Board.

Randy announced that contact has been made with Bishop's School to start a bridge program there; he and Ron will pursue this possibility.

An inquiry was made about getting a link for *Easy Bridge* on our Unit website; Matthew will follow up on this idea.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Marge Hughes, Secretary