

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

Monthly Board Meeting – Jan 8, 2012
Meeting Called to Order 11:40 am

Members Present: Janet Ansfield, Randy Fadem, Ron Ignelzi, Matthew Kidd, Chuck Wilson

Members Absent: Cass Donovan, Bill Grant, Billie Greene, Marge Hughes

The meeting was called to order by the president.

Minutes of November Meeting: Not approved yet (didn't have a copy available to read for approval). There was no meeting in December.

Treasurer's Report: The holiday party lost ~\$500. This is ~\$1000 smaller loss than last year. For 2011, our money market account gained \$10 and our Vanguard investments gained \$55.

Annual budget planning: Randy reports that hospitality expenses are still missing from the annual budget plan. Janet noted that coffee prices have increased substantially in 2011, now \$14 for a 3 lb can.

Caddie Fee: Chuck Wilson motioned to lower the caddy fee to \$40. Matthew Kidd seconded. Carried 4-1; Randy Fadem against.

Bridgemates: Matthew Kidd gave a short presentation about the feasibility of using Bridgemates instead of employing a caddy. Assuming we would need to purchase a Bridgemate Server and four Bridgemates to complement the 20 Bridgemates Paul Darin can bring each week, it would take about 15 months to recover our investment. Janet expressed concern that some players are uncomfortable about using electronic scoring devices. Paul might want more money for running Bridgemates. Matthew Kidd said he would be looking into costing details raised by the discussion.

Holiday Party recap: We had a full house (25 tables). Players seemed happy despite the fee increase. Board members reported hearing minor concerns about coffee, the lack of pastries versus last year, and glare on the tables.

Increasing attendance: Randy Fadem expressed his opinion that we need a bit of pizzazz to increase attendance. He suggested a "men versus women" event. The board thought it made most sense doing this as Swiss on a fifth Sunday. Ron mentioned offering free plays. Charity games were also discussed since they offer high masterpoints (but the unit games already have a higher rating; can they be combined with a charity rating?)

La Jolla High Teaching: Randy Fadem has not yet approached La Jolla High about continuing the bridge teaching for the fourth year at that school. Randy suggested holding a teaching summit soon for volunteers who had concerns about how the teaching had been done in the past and/or who want to know more about the teaching. Randy also advocated for LJHS internships.

The meeting was adjourned around 12:30 PM. The next meeting of the Unit Board will be Sunday, February 12, 2012 at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew Kidd
Unit 526 Vice-President