

February 12, 2012

Members Present: Janet Ansfield, Cass Donovan, Randy Fadem, Bill Grant, Marge Hughes, Ron Ignelzi, Chuck Wilson

Member Absent: Matthew Kidd

The meeting was called to order by the president, Randy. Ron made a motion, seconded by Chuck, to accept the November and January meeting minutes which had been e-mailed to everyone. The motion carried.

Chuck gave the treasurer's report, noting that the ACBL refund of \$962.95 (rebate for 9 to 10 months) accounts for the majority of the gain for January. He is reasonably happy about the decision to invest with Vanguard as those accounts are up about \$100 for the year.

Hospitality expenses were discussed. Chuck said he thought they were running around \$125 to \$150 per month---\$75 per session. Janet said that food and supplies (coffee, plates, napkins, etc.) all have increased in price. She tries to keep her outlay under \$60 for each session. Ron suggested that we congratulate and thank Janet, hospitality chairwoman, for her long-time efforts of shopping, setting up the food table each game, and being careful to keep within a budget each month.

In giving the membership report, Ron noted that there has been no big change in membership. As far as table count is concerned, there has been a two-to-four- table increase. One reason for the increase is due to out-of-towners attending. Paul does a nice job of welcoming them, and he deserves our thanks.

Janet noted that we have more competition on Sunday due to other club games. Bill brought up several pertinent questions: Are we at the top of attendance? Do we want to explore the possibility of increasing attendance? Why do people come to play? What makes bridge fun?

It was suggested that we are not rewarding people for winning. Perhaps "Overall" winners in Flights A, B, and C could be given free plays. Also the winners' names could be listed in the Forum. Chuck is reluctant to give the free plays at this time; he will analyze results and give a report at the next meeting.

Ron suggested that some people don't want to play with players having 750 masterpoints and above.

With regard to increasing attendance by having board members each bringing a new person, Ron proffered another idea: Don't give a free play until the following time. However, Bill still likes the idea of "instant gratification."

It was agreed (until further analysis) that Matthew will list winners on our home page, including pictures if he has them. Also, an announcement will be made at the next game of the last game's winners.

The question was raised as to why we haven't had an article on our unit's activities in the Forum. Bill will ask Joel and report at our next meeting.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the signing of a janitorial contract. It was eventually decided that Chuck, as treasurer, would sign the new contract specifying a charge of \$60 for cleaning after each game. If there is no game, there would be no cleaning charge. There will be a special rate of \$50 per day for janitor service for the sectional. Chuck and Randy will make copies of the contract. The contract is due to be given to Patti today, and Chuck will deliver it to her.

The topic of having an annual audit was brought up. David Oakley has offered to do the audit at no charge.

Janet has the December 2012 Holiday Party signed contract, and she will turn it in. It is the same as last year, except for the addition of requesting coffee during the bridge session at a nominal charge of \$25 for each gallon of coffee or iced tea.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Marge Hughes, Secretary