

La Jolla Bridge Unit 526
Board Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2013

Members Present: Janet Ansfield, Joyce Bailey, Randy Fadem, Bill Grant, Marge Hughes, Ron Ignelzi, Matthew Kidd, and Chuck Wilson

Member Absent: Cass Donovan

President Matthew called the meeting to order and distributed the agenda for the day. The minutes of the April meeting were accepted as e-mailed.

Matt gave a few quick updates regarding past matters. He has signed the Soledad lease for \$185 per session, beginning on May 1, 2013. Presently he has the only signed copy of the lease, but he will send Chuck a copy for his records.

There had been a complaint about the coffee at the last session, so Monica Dlugos has purchased three new coffee pots, which will all be available for use as necessary.

Matthew showed the Board the new free-play cards that he made up for the 0-750 group. A card will be good for two months after the date of issue and is non-transferable. Matthew and Chuck will keep these cards.

Bill noted that our Sectional advertisements in the Contract Bridge Forum have been placed poorly, negatively affecting easy visibility. Matthew said that next time he would make the ad a little bigger and put it in only two times, which would incur a small cost increase.

Chuck distributed the summary and register reports for April, noting that the month ended with a loss of \$207.32. However, he had paid for the Sectional publicity in the Forum, amounting to \$225. So ostensibly there would have been a small profit for the month.

Then Chuck distributed the summary report of income and expenses from July 1, 2012, through April 30, 2013, which Ron had requested at the last meeting.

For that period of time, the summary report registered a net loss of \$1,383.96, which emanated from the expenses for the 2012 Holiday Party and the Forum ad charged forward. It was emphasized that more than ever we need to have a successful Memorial Weekend Sectional!

Chuck said his analysis is that we are just about breaking even! In order to reduce expenses, Board members are now paying to play at each session, and we are trying to keep hospitality costs down. It was noted that we need 18 tables of bridge at each session to cover current operating expenses; 20 tables would be enough to return to free play for Board members. Chuck also emphasized that he wants to steer clear of the Federal Government's removing our tax-exempt status.

Chuck announced that he will be leaving on June 5 for his 55th high school reunion, but he plans to have prepared the treasurer's reports for May before he leaves.

Joyce volunteered to be in charge of hospitality for the Unit game on June 9; Matthew volunteered for June 23, and Janet will take care of it on June 30 (her "swan song"!). It was suggested that the Board might consider relinquishing the 5th Sunday game, but for now we'll continue having one.

The Memorial Weekend Sectional was the next topic to be discussed. Matthew said that he had asked Paul Darin to be a tournament assistant; however, Paul is unable to accept that responsibility so Marc Matz will be the tournament assistant on Sunday and Monday. Also, Arlene Harvey will bring in an additional director from Long Beach for Saturday only. Having out-of-town directors rather than local directors will increase our expenses, due to extra per diem, hotel, and transportation costs.

It was noted that Wirt Gilliam is concerned about whether people will know the location and the exact days of the Sectional. Matthew said he had sent an e-blast clearly specifying Saturday, Sunday, and Monday as the exact days of the tournament and emphasizing that Adventures in Bridge is the location.

Marc Matz, the Soledad Monday director, will also make an announcement regarding the Memorial Weekend tournament games.

Janet will make a reminder announcement on Wednesday, May 22, at the La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club bridge game regarding the upcoming weekend tournament, and Matthew will drop off additional flyers at AIB and the Bridge Academy/Redwood bridge clubs.

Matthew will check with Wirt regarding the number of coffee pots available. Probably the only extra space needed will be the small room on the right at AIB, and Matthew will negotiate that situation with Wirt.

Janet will provide morning snacks for all three days (e.g., cookies, pretzels, cheese balls, hard candy), and Matthew will buy fresh doughnuts. Matthew has finalized with Wirt the luncheon plans for Saturday and Monday. Bill will be bringing pizza for lunch on Sunday.

The election of new Board members was discussed in some detail. There will be three vacancies to be filled to bring the Board up to its 10-member complement. Matthew noted that Charlotte Blum is interested in rejoining the Board, and that although Dorinda Lindvall is not interested in being re-elected, she would be willing to help with hospitality a few times per year. Joyce said that Barbara Blake would be interested in becoming a Board member when her mother's situation stabilizes. Matthew indicated that he will check out some other ramifications regarding odd/even term cycles and elected vs. appointed positions.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Marge Hughes, Secretary