

La Jolla Bridge Unit 526  
Board Meeting Minutes  
June 9, 2013

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

Member Absent: Chuck Wilson

President Matthew called the meeting to order and distributed the agenda for the day. He gave a quick update on the upcoming district-level election. District 22 is divided into 4 areas; between North County and us we have two areas. Bill Grant has been serving on this district board for three years as a voting representative of Unit 526, but his position is now open for re-election. Voting is done primarily electronically.

Matthew announced that he will be absent for the June 23 and June 30 unit games as he is taking a trip to Scotland. He had volunteered to be in charge of hospitality for the June 23 game; Randy now volunteered to take that responsibility, assisted by Cass. As agreed before, Janet will take care of hospitality on June 30.

Matthew will give Randy his key to the Soledad Club before he leaves town. Janet said she would relinquish her key on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Matthew will pursue obtaining a key for Paul Darin, our director.

The minutes of the May meeting were accepted as e-mailed.

Matthew distributed copies of the financial statement he had produced following our Memorial Weekend Sectional Tournament, and he noted that it had been a very successful weekend. With receipts of \$12,100 and expenses of \$9,000, we were all very pleased to note that the tournament realized a profit of \$3,100!! Matthew observed, therefore, that instead of ending the year with a net loss of \$1,400, we would be finishing with a net profit of \$1,700!

Everyone agreed that it had been a good decision to move the Tournament from the Soledad Club to AIB this year. Also, we agreed that the Saturday- Sunday- Monday schedule seemed to work out well. Matthew noted that the San Diego unit is 2.6 times greater than the La Jolla unit; but on a percentage basis the attendance from the La Jolla unit was *better* than from the San Diego unit, which was quite encouraging. Altogether over the weekend, there was a total of 287 tables in play.

It was agreed that hospitality for the weekend went very well, also—there were no complaints about the food! In fact someone said that the La Jolla unit always does a good job! It was noted that Wirt Gilliam was wonderful in giving extra assistance in the kitchen, and Janet will send him a bottle of red wine with a nice note of thanks.

Wirt did make one suggestion for another year, saying that we needed more caddies. Additionally, Bill and Matthew agreed that they would send a note of commendation to ACBL in recognition of Arleen Harvey, our lead tournament director.

All in all, it was agreed that AIB will be the location for our 2014 Memorial Weekend Sectional Tournament. By making this decision today, we can give the Soledad Club sufficient advance warning regarding scheduling.

Since the last Awards Ceremony in October, several more people have advanced in rank. It was voted to allocate up to \$500 to the Awards Chairman to purchase the awards necessary for the next Awards Ceremony, which will be held in either October or November.

Regarding hospitality for July, Matthew volunteered to be in charge for July 14; Cass volunteered for July 28.

The next item of business regarded board- member elections. Janet and Marge will be resigning from their positions; Randy and Ron will stand for re-election. Cass, Joyce, Bill, Matthew, and Chuck are halfway through their two-year board terms. Therefore, there will be three vacancies to be filled to bring the Board up to its ten-member complement.

Several persons were suggested to be nominees for the board-member election next month. Although Charlotte Blum resigned from the Board a few months ago, she is now willing to return. Jill Seagren is also interested in joining the Board----she is a very competent person who helped with the teaching effort at La Jolla High School. Although Jill travels to Costa Rica for four months a year, she would be a big asset for the eight months that she is in town. Also, her husband might be interested in being of assistance. Additionally, it was noted that Mary Lowe has expressed some interest in being a nominee.

Matthew averred that he would be willing to serve as president of the Board for one more year. If Chuck is not interested in the treasurer's position, Joyce would be a back-up for that office.

Janet emphasized that a major reason for the success of our last tournament was due to Matthew's efforts. Matthew added that Bill was co-chair, but noted that Bill has several other high-level commitments, being involved with the District 22 board and as manager of the San Diego Regional.

Matthew stated that it is very important for the chairman of next year's tournament to have an understanding of all the elements and issues of running a Sectional. Based upon his experience, he will make sure to pass on some practical advice to at least one or two

board members, so that our ability to run a Sectional does not depend entirely on him and/or Bill.

Janet gave a brief up-date on catering options for the Christmas Party on December 8. Three caterers--French Gourmet, Girard Gourmet, and Come-On-In---gave her estimates of \$20 per person. They would bring "help" and provide an excellent menu (we would make the coffee). Additionally, Janet said that all three have served groups at the Soledad Club before.

Ron said it was important to thank Janet for all of her work on the Board for the last 15 years----and all concurred!

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marge Hughes, Secretary