

August 24th U526 Board Meeting Minutes

Presiding: Matthew Kidd, Unit President

In Attendance: Barbara Blake, Ursula Kantor, Cass Donovan, Ron Ignelzi, Bill Grant, Lynne Anderson

Absent: Randy Fadem

Agenda,

1. Review and approve minutes from last meeting

Approved as presented.

2. Financial report (including FY 2013-14 annual reports)

Barbara Blake, Treasurer, presented a very comprehensive report with 3 years of expenditures and revenues in accounting format by month. She presented a separate report of U526 Assets.

3. Trophy engraving options

Bill Grant reported on one of two of the club trophies, the Open Pairs Trophy. The plate of engraved names of annual winners was completely full. He presented options available from firm that sells and engraves trophies. A motion was made and seconded with complete board support to purchase a second equivalent trophy. Bill will attend to purchasing and tending to the club's trophies.

4. Next *Contract Bridge Forum* article

Ron Ignelzi will attend to writing that article in lieu of Bill Grant, the *Forum* article's traditional author's absence. Subsequently, Bill informed the Unit's secretary that he was able to write the article after all. Thank Ron for his willingness to do so.

5. Goodwill Nominations

Matthew discussed the National ACBL elections. He agreed to e-mail the candidate information to board members.

6. Midchart policy for unit games

Matthew presented the issue of Midchart and its possibilities for incorporation in unit games. After a thorough discussion of both sides of the issue, that is, to have a policy to ban or to accept the practice, the board approved a motion to ban the practice by a close vote of 4 ayes to 3 nays.

7. Location of May 2015 Sectional

Possibilities of Soledad and Adventures in Bridge were discussed as potential sites for the May 2015 Sectional. More information was needed for the board to make a decision. Matthew volunteered to research further the availability and costs of Adventures in Bridge. Soledad was ruled out as having insufficient kitchen facilities and additional space in case of heavy player turn-out.

8. NLM Sectional? (January 24-25 and March 21-22 available)

Ron Ignelzi will investigate the possibility of the La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club as a possible site for either set of dates and report back to the board at its September meeting.

9. Holiday party planning

The second Sunday in December is the board's selected holiday party date. Cass Donovan will check with Margie Goldberg who is the liaison with the La Jolla Country Club the site that has been designated and reserved for the event. Cass will report at the Board's next meeting. Matthew will make the flyers similar to the previous year's design and format. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to set the party price at \$25 for members who had played a minimum of 6 times throughout 2014 and \$30 for everyone with less than 6.

10. Hospitality discussion

Board members agreed to have Trish provide through September at \$50/game. Action beyond September will be decided at the September board meeting.

11. Financial investments

Barbara reported at the minimal earnings from the board's financial investments. She made a recommendation for adjusting those investments to increase those earnings. The board voted 5 ayes to 2 nays to support Barbara's recommendations. An additional motion was passed 7 ayes to 1 nay to restrict those adjustments to Stocks & Bonds.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: September 28, 2014