

## **Minutes of the Beverly Hills Bridge Club Board meeting of July 14 2019**

Present: Tim Deegan, Dawn Lee, Deborah Baker, Lee Hausner, Marcia Fisher, Nancy Heck, John Ramos

The meeting was called to order by the president, Tim Deegan. Rick Turner asked permission to speak at this board meeting. Rick expressed his concerns about expansion of the current board, the process of notifying members of a special meeting to make changes to the by law which the current by laws stipulated must be by written letter, annual elections and general adherence to the by laws of the club. Additionally Rick raised the issue of compensation for board members. Tim thanked Rick for his comments and these issues will be taken up by the current board.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved

### **Treasurer Report**

Susan Lava was not present for a treasurer's report. However she has been working on obtaining all the legal documentation that the club needs to verify our status. It appears that it may be necessary to dissolve the current Beverly Hills Bridge Club Association and create a new entity, the Beverly Hills Bridge Center in order to comply with the regulations. A motion was made to support the process of changing from our current association status to a new entity and was passed 5 to 1 with Tim abstaining. Tim felt that this type of vote should wait for a larger number of board members present. Debbie and Susan will oversee the closing of the current organization and the opening of the new one.

By laws can be simplified to two major concepts

1. Do not discrimination
2. Enact a process for accountability of all funds

Any employee who uses their car to perform services (lunch preparation) needs to be covered with his/her own auto insurance.

### **Managers Report**

John Ramos reported on new classes which are being formed for beginners and beginners #2. Even though there has been a slight decrease in table count, the

compensation from the new classes make up the difference in generated revenues.

We need to more actively promote our novice program and set a date for a new Quick and Easy Bridge program.

John asked for direction as to what information should be included in the newsletter.

As players age, issues of cognitive decline have been noticed. At a certain level it is not appropriate for these individuals to play in the regular competitive games. The board needs to develop a policy of how this situation will be handled and identify resources for those individuals who might still want to play bridge but just not at the regular games at the bridge club.

John will be out of town from the 18<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> at the Nationals. However he has arranged coverage for his classes.

#### Education

Nancy wants to begin a new Beginner 1 program and needs volunteers to help with the set up of these classes. A tentative date for a Quick and Easy Bridge presentation is September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Many of the participants in our introductory programs, do not continue. Marcia and Lee will do a follow up with these individuals so that we can continue to involve them in our programs.

#### New Business

Board members are not compensated for the services as board members. However these members may be compensated for any teaching that they do of if they perform tasks ( i.e. managing banking activities) that would require the hiring of non board members to perform the task.

There is a need for a new white board for classes

Om thanked the board for extending his free play status until December 31 2019

We have lost contact with players due to the problem of getting e mails into the correct program. Michelle will be asked to recommend new options for getting

the contacts into a usable format so that we will be able to regularly communicate with all the members active at the club.

The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday July 14, 2019.