

## **BHBC Minutes for Meeting 3-6-16**

Board members present: Mike Abeles, Nancy Heck, Alan Schneider, Karen Schwartz and Richard Stevenson

Others present: Manager Rick Turner, Manager as of 3-22-16 Om Chokriwala, Mike Savage, Alan Chapman, Charles Fonarow, David Segal, Alan Wollman and Delia Juul-Dam

Treasurer's report: Mike Abeles did an excellent and arduous task of compiling statistics, some of which compared last year with this year. The amount of bridge tables in January of 2015 are similar to the number of tables this January. This February had less tables than the previous February possibly due to the local tournament near LAX.

Food: The board voted for a \$1 per hour raise for the food employees effective immediately.

Conduct & Ethics: A complaint was made that Charles Fonarow yelled at Roberta White. It was decided that the manager would handle it.

If a director suspends someone, the manager can overrule. A suspension can be subject to review by the board.

Membership & Education: Nancy Heck is gathering emails of players that would like to be informed of club activities. We discussed having North American Pairs game here June, July, or August or one day in all 3 months. We discussed having a swiss team game here once a month. The manager will work to set up charity games. We plan to compile a list of A and non A players who can be called for stand by. We will look into having seminars called Learn Bridge in a Day [a 5 hour program]. We discussed having a 299ers group on Thursdays.

Hospitality: We would like to encourage the 199 players to play in the main room

Sunshine: Marcia Fisher will acknowledge milestones and illnesses of players. If you know of anyone who deserves recognition, please contact her.

New Business: Alan Chapman complained about a coterie existing in the election. He also pointed out an error in a notice on the website. He felt a board member was elected inappropriately. The by-laws were read to him stating that the board has the power to appoint a board member if there is a vacancy and that a candidate must receive at least 10% of the votes.

Alan Wollman is a teacher at the club and would like Mary Louise Shnier to be banned from the club because he feels she causes disturbances. It will be considered.

David Segal complained that the director wouldn't check or correct a hand that was incorrectly entered into the machine. It was decided that the president would talk to the director.

Delia Juul-Dam suggested we drop the 2 free plays for people who get 70% or over games and instead give free plays to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place players if there are 18 tables. The board voted to continue giving 2 free plays to players reaching 70% or more.

Executive session: The board discussed issues that Charles Fonarow presented. We agreed to pay him for work he did on an action against Lumber Liquidators and Premiere Floors. Some other complaints were addressed during the open meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 5 at 7p.m. We wish you a pleasant bridge month.