

Minutes from the Beverly Hills Board meeting Sunday August 11, 2019

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

The board welcomed new member Michele DiLorenzo.

The minutes of the July meeting were approved as was the treasurers report

Susan Lava is exploring what our official status should be and this will be further discussed at the September meeting since Susan was out of town for this meeting

A question has been raised regarding compensation for board members. No board member receives any form of compensation for their role strictly as a board member. If a board member performs a task which would require compensation from an outside source (particularly as it regards to the handling of financial transactions and financial reporting), they receive free play privileges as do volunteers who are not on the board.

If a board member also assumes responsibility for teaching and/or managing the educational programs of the club, they are compensated for their teaching assignments which are totally separate from their responsibilities as a board member.

Managers report:

John reported that although the table count was slightly down for the past month, supervised play has been a significant financial contributor.

A new Learn to Play Bridge in One Day will be held on September 8th.

The Osher Beginner One program will not continue to be held at our bridge club as they will be forming a class at the Gayley center. However Beginners Two will continue at the club.

A new director, Cliff Goodrich will take over the Saturday game. Ida will handle the Sunday and Monday night game.

Card fees will be raised in October to \$13.00 for daytime play, \$12.00 for supervised and \$11.00 for the novice and evening play. The difference in pricing structure is appropriate as there is a limited food offering at the evening games. As the fixed expenses for the club have increased 30%, the board feels that it is financially prudent to raise the card fees so that an appropriate reserve can be maintained.

A new Intermediate Lecture Series is being implemented. It will be held on the first Wednesday of the month before the Wednesday night game. Marcia Fisher has already enlisted experts such as Mitch Dunitz, Jordon Chodorow, Brian Richardson, John Ramos and will be contacting others. When this series was presented in the past it was very well received.

Communication with our players is important yet challenging. Michele will explore how we can create email lists which will enable us to more effectively send information to players at BHBC. Additionally follow up will be conducted with students who have participated in our bridge lessons but have not continued to play at the club to determine how we can maintain their involvement

A board retreat will be held on October 20th from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM. The next board meeting will be held on September 15th.