

San Luis Obispo Duplicate Bridge Club, Board Minutes for July 4, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Bill Ringbom, President, at 4:00 p.m. Present were Board Members Mary Neal, Judy Obermeier, Kandi Osborne, Bill Ringbom, Dolores Soll and Jean Wilson, and Director Mike Shipsey..

Minutes of the June 6 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Mary reported a balance of \$3,170.51 as this date. Income exceeded expenses this past month by \$36.66. The NAOP games \$196 to our regular fees, totaling \$264 for one month. Six more NAOP games are scheduled for August.

Club Manager's Report: Barbara Weiss submitted her report previously via e-mail indicating that she had arranged with Barbara Hardin to direct Friday games on an interim basis. (Barbara Weiss has just moved and needs some time off. She will however, as reported by Mary, continue as manager during this time.) (Two players objected to the change in directors for Friday and left the game until a change was made. However, the Board decided to go ahead with the director as presently scheduled.)

Old Business:

Move to Ludwick Center: (1) A cabinet and supplies will be moved on Thursday, July 10, by Mary Neal and her husband. If the cabinet we are taking needs additional shelves, Bill will put them in as needed. (Mary and her husband are also moving the Bingo cabinet and supplies.) (2) We will indicate to Parks & Rec. that we will need the Center until 10:15 on Monday and Wednesday evenings. (3) We will not be able to store food overnight at Ludwick so will need to bring in any refreshments at the time of each game. (4) Parks & Rec. will set up the tables for each game, so the question arose whether to continue to pay the \$25 setting-up fee to the director for Wednesday evenings. The consensus was to continue as is for the time being.

Ann Dyer Week trophy: Mary has the Ann Dyer trophy and will have it engraved with Dixie Hsu's name. We need to get a new trophy for the 99er winner, Diane Filipponi. The Unit pays for trophies and the Club pays for engraving. It was decided that Kandi should ask the Unit for plaques (rather than trophies) for Ann Dyer and Janice Vivrette awards. We can also consider getting small "trophies" in the form of utilitarian items, such as key chains for example.

New Business:

Board Member Terms/Nominating Committee: Elections will take place at the annual meeting in September: The terms of Kandi, Dolores, and Sandy are expiring. Terms of Mary, Judy, Bill, and Jean will continue for another year. Dolores and Kandi agree to another two-year term, if re-elected. Bill will check with Sandy to see if she is available for another term. There was a discussion of other members who might be contacted and asked to run, if needed. Bill will serve as Nominating Committee Chairperson and will announce the opportunity to nominate candidates at the August pizza game.

Director Responsibilities: Bill handed out the Director Responsibilities, revised to include the posting of game results in the binders he has set up for each game. Bill and Barbara W. had a discussion on this requirement. Mike Shipsey has prepared instructions for printing the necessary report on the desktop of the computer. There was considerable discussion about, and appreciation expressed for, all the work Mike does for the Club, including sending the monthly report of game scores to ACBL using his own credit card.

Other New Business: Kandi suggested that we consider paying \$150 for someone to take the director's course. Mike suggested that we raise the idea at the Unit meeting. Kandi will send Gary an e-mail suggesting that the Unit sponsor one or more people taking the course. We can offer support.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m. The next meeting will be on Friday, August 2, after the game.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Soll, Secretary

August 1, 2008 Bridge board meeting

The meeting was called to order at 4:10. Present were Bill Ringbom, Judy Obermeier, Mary Neal, Jean Wilson, and Barbara Weiss.

The minutes from July 4th meeting were accepted.

The treasurer's report gave a bank balance of \$\$3,178.18 at the end of July. A loss of \$437 was reported for July. The PO Box renewal was paid.

Manager's Report - Barbara Weiss addressed the declining attendance at the Wednesday night game. Possible solutions were to have someone do the calling for partners, emailing the regular players, and talk to Kandi about teaching her bridge group on Wednesday night instead of Monday - and have the 2 games going at the same time.

New Business - Pro-Am game. Did Kandi check on a location for the game? Perhaps have the game on a Saturday afternoon instead of Wednesday night?

Old Business - One or 2 people are needed for the board. Sandy Hartley will not be returning to the board due to a move to Nipomo. Will the election be on Pizza Day?

4:45 - Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Obermeier

Here are the minutes of the September meeting. I cannot find a Zero Tolerance crd listed in the Barclay catalog.

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Board Minutes for September 9, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Bill Ringbom, President, at 3:55 p.m. Present were Board Members Mary Neal, Kandi Osborne, Bill Ringbom, Dolores Soll, and Jean Wilson.

Minutes of the August 1 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Mary reported a bank balance as of August 30 of \$2,734.67, with a net loss for August of \$19. August expenses were greater than usual because of special games (i.e. STAC & NAOP) and Barbara spent almost \$300 stocking up on refreshments and supplies. There were 128.5 tables in August.

Club Manager's Report: Barbara Weiss has communicated by e-mail

because of her surgery. Old Business:

Annual Elections: Elections scheduled for the general meeting on September 26 need to be announced. Names for the ballot are Gene Edgerton, Dolores Soll, and Bud Zeuschner. Bill will check to be sure Gene is aware that meetings are held the first Friday of each month after the game.

New Business:

The Janice Vivrette Week Pro-Am game is set for Saturday, October 11. Even though the Senior Bulletin estimates the Center should be ready by the end of September, we will hold Pro-Am at the Ludwick Center as previously planned. (The Unit has a game scheduled for October 11 also. Pat Orlando will look into this.) We will put out sign-up sheets for the pro- am.

Trophies: It was decided to get small trophies (i.e. coffee mugs)) and put names of winners on them as well as on the large Janice Vivrette trophy. Mary Neal will take care of this.

New beginner classes: Approval was given to Kandi's plan to start Friday am. classes, 10:30-1:30, with ACBL paying 1/2 the cost of advertising and Kandi requesting an advertising contribution from Unit. She will use the Audrey Grant 8-lesson series and charge \$80 per session. She will keep the Monday night lessons/game going and charge the Monday night participants only \$4 per class for Friday lessons.

Other new business: (1) There was some discussion about having Zero Tolerance cards in bidding boxes. Dolores will check the Barclay catalog for such cards. (2) The Lompoc Sectional starts on 9/19 but we will have our own game as usual on that date. (3) We will ask Judy to confirm that the Christmas party on Friday this year is not a problem for catering from Upper Crust.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The next meeting will be on Friday, October 3,
after the game. Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Soll, Secretary

San Luis Obispo Duplicate Bridge Club, Board Minutes for October 3, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Bill Ringbom, President, at 4:02 p.m. Present were Board Members Sandy Hartley (outgoing member), Mary Neal, Judy Obermeier, Bill Ringbom, Dolores Soll, Bud Zeuschner and Barbara Weiss, Manager. Absent were Jean Wilson and Gene Edgerton (new member).

Minutes of the September 9 meeting were reviewed and approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Mary reported a bank balance of \$4,483.67, with a net loss for September of \$284.51. September expenses for refreshments/supplies were again high and the table count was low: 111 tables for the month compared with 128.5 tables in August. We will review our financial situation and player fees after the beginning of the year.

Club Manager's Report: (1) The coffee makers we are using are very slow. Someone needs to arrive early (11:45) before Monday and Friday games to start the coffee. (2) We have 2 Unit games. One was scheduled for August but we had a STAC game instead. One is for the Christmas party. It was decided to have the second unit game on October 31, Pizza day, and at the same time to recognize "unsung hero" members; i.e., those who have performed extra services for the club. Barbara will provide names of those to be recognized. (3) We are still paying the Wednesday night director \$25 more than the other director fees even though there is only one section and the chairs and tables are set up in advance. (4) Barbara's next surgery will be on December 8. (5) Barbara Hardin will deliver needed supplies next week.

Old Business:

Janice Vivrette Week: Janice Vivrette week will start on Wednesday, October 8. The Pro-Am game is on Saturday, October 11. Board members admired the small engraved mugs Mary purchased. The mugs each cost approximately \$25, including engraving costs. It was decided not to have individual winner names engraved.

Other Old Business: (1) Judy will be out of town at party time on Friday, December 12 but will order food from Upper Crust before she leaves. (2) Kandi's lessons for beginners cannot proceed on Friday morning as planned as the Center is not available. Barbara has asked her to consider Monday a.m. Barbara will continue working with Kandi to come up with a workable schedule. (3) Dolores reported she could find no Zero Tolerance cards in the Barclay catalog. It was agreed that it would be a good idea to have them in each bidding box and suggested we could possibly make them.

New Business:

Wednesday Night Director Fees: A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to pay the Wednesday night directors the same fee as is paid to directors for other games; i.e., \$60.

Playing Directors: A number of members approached various board members with a concern that a player was sent home on Friday even though the Director was playing (in a game arranged prior to the time he was asked to direct on Friday in Kandi's stead.) Barbara was not aware that a game had been arranged. It was decided that in future Barbara will ask about any planned game when asking a director to fill in as was the case this week. It is club policy that a director may play when necessary to make up a full table but not to make up a half table.

Player Complaint Relative to a Director's Ruling: A player called Bill with a complaint about a ruling made by the Director last Friday. Bill talked to the Director and to several witnesses, including some Board members, and it was determined that the Director's ruling was appropriately made within the Zero Tolerance rule as the player would not allow other players at the table to express their points of view even though asked several times by the director to do so. After the initial ruling, the Director had to return to the table because the player continued expressing her differences with the other players and the Director and was disturbing players at surrounding tables. It was agreed that the player was not entitled to a review committee because the Director's ruling was based on Zero Tolerance rather than on the "Laws." Bill will talk with the player to explain the position. If she is still not satisfied, she will be advised she may take up the matter with the Unit Ethics Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m. The next meeting will be on Friday, November 7, after the game.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Soll, Secretary

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Board Minutes for November 7, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Bill Ringbom, President, at 3:55 p.m. Present were Board Members Mary Neal, Judy Obermeier, Bill Ringbom, Dolores Soll, and Jean Wilson, as well as Barbara Weiss, Manager. Gene Edgerton and Bud Zeuschner were absent.

Minutes of the October 3 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Mary reported a bank balance of \$4,476.95, with a net income for the preceding month of \$109.28. The table count for the month was 130, the highest number in many months.

Club Manager's Report: (1) Barbara reported that her surgery has been postponed until December 16 so she will be here for the Christmas party. (2) STAC games are scheduled for December 8-12th. (3) We need to expand the Wednesday evening game because it takes 5-6 tables on a regular basis to break even. Discussion on this point failed to produce any definitive plan. (4) Playing directors are still somewhat of a problem but it doesn't seem we can make a hard and fast rule. (5) There will be a game the day after Thanksgiving if enough players are interested. It will be a pizza day. (6) Marian Middleton usually provides December pizza but the Center will be closed the last Friday of December. Marian would like to have it the first week of January. (7) The Ludwick Center will be closed 12/15 and 12/19 so no games are scheduled those dates. (8) Barbara will not be making coffee for future games as it interferes with setting up for the games she is directing. (Judy will bring in a 12-cup coffee pot which should make the process more convenient.)

Old Business:

Janice Vivrette Week: Mary got another trophy mug and presented it to Pat Hallock.

Christmas Party: Final plans will be made at the December 5 Board meeting. In the meantime, Mary will start accepting money and reservations: \$6. for bridge, with lunch being free; \$12. for lunch for non-playing guests. Judy will be out of town at party time on Friday, December 12 but will order food from Upper Crust before she leaves. We will plan to buy pies at Costco for dessert. We will check with Kandi regarding decorations.

Kandi's Bridge Lessons: Kandi got responses to her ad in the Tribune and is starting her new series of classes tonight, Friday, November 7. The Monday evening game, with a short lesson, will continue.

New Business: A number of members have expressed interest in continuing games at the Ludwick Center rather than returning to the Senior Center. After discussing the pros and cons, it was decided Barbara should contact Sheridan (by e-mail) to check the following: Under what conditions would it be possible for us to remain at Ludwick (i.e., fees, etc.); when is the parking lot at the Senior Center to be available; is plumbing for the coffee service included in the kitchen remodel at the Senior Center; and what dates will the Ludwick Center be closed for the holidays?

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. The next meeting will be on Friday, December 5,
after the game. Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Soll, Secretary

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Board Minutes for December 5, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Bill Ringbom, President, at 4:07 p.m. Present were Board Members Gene Edgerton, Mary Neal, Judy Obermeier, Bill Ringbom, Dolores Soll, Jean Wilson, and Bud Zeuschner, as well as Barbara Weiss, Manager.

Minutes of the November 7 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Mary reported a bank balance of \$4,590.07, with a total income of \$1,635. and a net income of \$113. for the preceding month. The table count for the month was only 96.5 because of holiday closures.

Club Manager's Report: (1) Barbara suggested a membership game early in the year, where only ACBL members can earn points - an effort to boost ACBL membership. (2) She also suggested a member/guest game and, after discussion, agreed to speak with Kandi about inviting volunteers to partner with Kandi's students in a Monday night game. (3) Barbara will pursue the idea of having a novice game on Fridays simultaneously with the open game. She feels she can direct both. (4) Kandi would like to direct on Monday afternoons and Mike is willing to be a substitute. Kandi wants to maintain the Monday evening games. (5) Fred is interested in continuing the Wednesday night game. Barbara will speak with him about playing as the director and storage problems. (6) Barbara suggests we invite Jeanne Mercier and Kaye Knight to the Christmas party. (Mary Neal will call them.) (7) The Senior Center kitchen will still have the plumbed coffee maker when the remodeling is complete. (8) The Board needs to decide how many STAC games will continue to be subsidized. (9) The Ludwick Center will be closed from December 22 through January 4.

Old Business:

Return to Senior Center: It was moved that we return to the Senior Center when it becomes available because we have keys and have priority on the space. Motion passed. Mary Neal indicated her husband would be available, with trailer, to assist in the move. Arrangements will be made for additional help once we have a return date.

Christmas Party: Sixty-four people signed up at this point. Judy will order food for 80: 2 meat lasagna trays, 2 artichoke & chicken trays, and 2 salad trays. Bread is included. Delivery should be set for 11:30. Bud will buy 4 gallons of iced tea at Trader Joe's. Bill will obtain desserts (1 pumpkin pie, 1 apple pie, 1 pecan pie, and 2 cheesecakes) from Costco. Barbara will get plates, cups, and cutlery. Dolores will buy tablecloths, placemats, and candy canes. Bill, Barbara, and Dolores will bring pie servers, serving spoons, and salad servers. Board members should arrive about 11:00 to set up for the party.

Year-end Bonuses for Directors: The Board voted to give \$100 to each regular director; i.e., Barbara, Floyd, Fred, Kandi, and Mike and \$50 to Barbara Hardin.

Other Old Business: Judy reported the e-mailing for partners is working out. Players can send their own e-mail to the list but some are depending upon her to do the e-mailing - which she is willing to do when in town. Subsidizing of STAC games and other playing fees will be considered after the first of the year.

New Business: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m. The next meeting will be after the game on Friday, January 9.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Soll, Secretary

