

# San Luis Obispo Duplicate Bridge Club

Board Minutes for January 9, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Bill Ringbom, President, at 4:00 p.m. Present were Board Members Gene Edgerton, Mary Neal, Bill Ringbom, Dolores Soll, and Jean Wilson, as well as Barbara Weiss, Manager.

Minutes of the December 5, 2008 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Mary reported a total income of \$1,476 for the month of December with expenses totaling \$4,090.14, resulting in a minus net income of \$2,614.14. The table count for the month was only 79 because of holiday closures. The expenses included Christmas party expenditures as well as the usual year-end bonuses for the directors and manager. (A one-session director's fee overpayment was made to the manager and will be adjusted in January.) The bank balance as of December 31 was \$1,975.93. The Board was reminded that we had deliberately not raised fees this year because of the substantial funds on hand at the beginning of the year. Total gross income for the year was approximately \$22,000.

Club Manager's Report: (1) The new calendar system on the website is working well. (2) Each game needs to average six tables for the club to come out evenly on expenses - except that a newcomer game can start with 2 ½ tables to encourage new members. Kandi wants to run a beginner game with the open game on Monday afternoons and keep the Monday evening 199er. Barbara feels there is a problem with substitutes when Kandi is not available. (The problem with obtaining substitutes will be resolved by Kandi taking responsibility for the Monday evening game - getting a substitute, or calling the game off, when she is not available. Barbara will arrange substitutes for Monday afternoons, as in the past.) Our Website lists a 0 - 20 afternoon game as well as the Monday night game. (3) Barbara suggests we pay director fees on the basis of the number of tables in a session. (4) No charity games, which are expensive for the Club, are scheduled for 2009. (5) The Ludwick Center will be open and available for a game on January 19, Martin Luther King's Birthday holiday.

Old Business:

Christmas Party Review: We did not know in advance that the Bingo group had the Ludwick Center until 12:00 and we scheduled lunch for 11:30, making the Bingo group very unhappy with us. We need to start our party later next year. The food was fine except the lasagna was overdone because of the delivery delay of 45+ minutes. We will serve the leftover pasta, which Mary froze, instead of pizza the last Friday of this month.

Game Fees Revisited: It was agreed that a reserve of \$2500 is reasonable for the Club. As we had anticipated last year it will be necessary to raise fees in 2008. We pay \$.74 a table plus \$1.25 a game for regular games, \$4 a table for NAOP games, \$6 a table for STAC games and an additional \$1 a table to the Senior Center for all games. After much discussion it was moved and seconded that regular game fees remain at \$4 and that fees be raised to \$6 for STAC games and \$5 for NAOP or other special games. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Old Business: (1) Bill asked Gene Edgerton to chair the effort to establish newcomer games. Gene will work with Bill, Kandi, and Barbara on this. (2) It appears we will not return to the Senior Center until May.

New Business: (1) We have paid directors additional for a game with more than one section because of Wednesday evening games. However, there are no longer two sections on Wednesday evening. Barbara recommended additional pay for 14 or more tables. Following discussion, a motion was made and seconded to pay directors \$75 for directing a game of 14 or more tables with pay for fewer tables remaining at \$60, without regard to the number of sections in a game. The motion passed unanimously. (2) Bill and Barbara will collaborate on the schedule for the remainder of the year. (3) There have been complaints about players making "unconventional" bids or using "unconventional" systems. We were informed that a director has a right to ban a system and players have a right to appeal the director's decision to the Board. (4) Website changes will be discussed next month.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next meeting will be after the game on Friday, February 6.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Soll, Secretary



# San Luis Obispo Duplicate Bridge Club

Board Minutes for February 6, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Bill Ringbom, President, at 4:00 p.m. Present were Board Members Gene Edgerton, Judy Obermeier, Bill Ringbom, Dolores Soll, Jean Wilson and Bud Zeuschner, as well as Barbara Weiss, Manager.

Minutes of the January 9, 2009, meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: The report was postponed until next month when Mary has returned.

Club Manager's Report: (1) We are allowed 3 club championships. We can do the pro-ams on Saturdays... one will be during Janice Vivrette week and one on a Saturday in April. The Unit will do one Saturday game a month. (2) We are now keeping a few items in the refrigerator with the approval of Rec. and Parks. (3) On Monday there were 5 tables of 199ers so they comprised the C section for the game. Torre is starting a newcomer game and class on Thursdays at 5 Cities and is going to encourage players from her class to participate here so we may get to have a section for them. (4) Barbara has designed a new traveler score sheet which may help to avoid errors. (5) We need to continue to explore ways to increase the size of the Wednesday night game which is currently being subsidized by the club. (6) We have received a gift of two left-handed bidding boxes. Barbara will order four more red bidding boxes and some 1 club replacement cards.

Old Business:

Website: Bill has made the website changes referred to last month.

New Business:

Food for Sectional: The San Luis Obispo Club is responsible for the food at the sectional on Friday, February 20. A few people have already volunteered to donate food; Jean and Dolores will pursue additional donations next week. Bill will take care of ordering submarine sandwiches. Club funds can be used to supplement donations. Jean and Judy will be in charge of set-up of food on Friday afternoon. Bud will take care of the evening and Bud and Kandi will do cleanup. Bill will be backup.

Food at Monday games: It was decided that although we will not serve food on Monday on a regular basis, a time could come when we would want to do something special on a particular Monday. Club members are always free to bring in food but such occasions are not advertised in advance.

Swiss Team game: Judy suggested that we try to set up a Saturday Swiss Team game so members can learn more about Swiss Teams. There were some concerns expressed about the time and work involved and no action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55p.m. The next meeting will be after the game on Friday, March 6.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Soll, Secretary



# San Luis Obispo Duplicate Bridge Club

Board Minutes for March 6, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Bill Ringbom, President, at 3:50 p.m. Present were Board Members, Mary Neal, Judy Obermeier, Bill Ringbom, Dolores Soll, Jean Wilson and Bud Zeuschner, as well as Barbara Weiss, Manager.

Minutes of the February 6, 2009, meeting were reviewed and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Club bank balance as of February 28, 2009, was \$3,649.54. Net income for the month of February was a negative \$34.59, with 94 tables for the month. We lost one Friday's income because of the sectional tournament, which also cost our Club \$79.77 over and above the donations for refreshments.

## **Club Manager's Report:**

1. Barbara will again send the calendar for the rest of the year. The Pro-Am games are scheduled for June 13 (during Ann Dwyer week) and October 31 (during Janice Vivrette week.) The annual meeting will coincide with pizza day in September. The holiday party is not A STAC game; Barbara will ask for a Club Championship.
2. Barbara believes the Unit should in future provide for the sandwiches for Sectional games.
3. Kandi will not be available to teach and direct the Monday evening game for an indefinite period. The participants have asked that the Monday evening games be continued. Some say they can't attend on Wednesday evening. Torre would be willing to teach on Wednesday evenings if the Monday people would switch.
4. Barbara has purchased for club use a book of laws from the point of view of players rather than directors.

## **Old Business:**

Monday Evening game: Bill will meet with the Monday evening group (for table fees) for the time being and will encourage participants to come on Wednesday. There will be no club expenses for Monday evenings.

## **New Business:**

None

The meeting was adjourned at 4:21 p.m. The next meeting will be after the game on Friday,

April 3. Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Soll, Secretary



# San Luis Obispo Duplicate Bridge Club

## Board Minutes for April 3, 2009

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

**Minutes** of the March 6, 2009, meeting were reviewed and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mary reported a bank balance of \$3,502.02. Expenses for the month exceeded income by \$147.32. Income was down (94 tables only) because of cancelled games and expenses were high due to paying Kandi's director fees, which would ordinarily have been paid after April 1, prior to her departure.

**Club Manager's Report:** (1) The Senior Center has been getting calls for bridge lessons. (2) Paso Robles is starting Monday night lessons and a game. (3) Bill will continue with the Monday evening lessons and game for the time being. (4) Torre is willing to teach, not necessarily on Wednesday evenings. She is teaching on Thursday mornings in Arroyo Grande. (5) The Department of Recreation and Parks schedule is out but doesn't include our bridge schedule. Barbara will check on getting us into the guide. (6) The Unit is working through Barbara to set up once-a-month Saturday games in San Luis Obispo.

### **Old Business:**

There was considerable discussion about ways to attract more players, especially to the Wednesday evening games. Bill is working with the Monday evening group, encouraging them to participate in the Wednesday evening game or in a separate game on Monday afternoons. Barbara would like to have a lesson before Monday's game and, if possible, a beginner game concurrent with the open game on Monday afternoons.

### **New Business:**

Our regular May 1 meeting is cancelled because of the Sectional Tournament in Santa Maria. The next scheduled meeting will be Friday, June 5, after the game. An earlier meeting can be called if there is a need.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Soll, Secretary





# **San Luis Obispo Duplicate Bridge Club**

## **Board Minutes for April 10, 2009**

The *ad hoc* meeting was called to order by Bill Ringbom, President, at 12:25 p.m. Present were five of the seven Board Members: Mary Neal, Judy Obermeier, Bill Ringbom, Dolores Soll, and Jean Wilson.

The President explained that the meeting had been called because a member who was authorized to sign Club checks, Kandi Osborne, has left the country and we need to provide our bank with signature authorization for one or more additional members. Mary Neal is presently the only person authorized to sign Club checks.

Mary Neal moved that we amend the Club's signature authorization for our account numbered 0100373695 at the First Bank of San Luis Obispo by removing the name of Kandi Osborne and adding the names of Bill Ringbom and Judy Obermeier. Dolores Soll seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Neal will take our request to First Bank and follow up as necessary to make this change.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Soll, Secretary



# San Luis Obispo Duplicate Bridge Club

Board Minutes for July 3, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Bill Ringbom, President, at 11:45 a.m. Present were Board Members Bill Ringbom, Mary Neal, Bud Zeuschner, Gene Edgerton, and Jean Wilson, as well as Barbara Weiss, Manager.

Minutes were not reviewed nor approved.

Treasurer's Report: Mary reported a current bank balance of \$4017.07. Net income for April was <56.50>, for May <131.67> and for June 703.22 (with ACBL table fees and rent not yet paid). The positive result in June is due primarily to the increased table count (122.5), particularly on the Monday and Wednesday games. The additional game this month (PROAM) also contributed to this increase in table count. With the addition of the 199er section for the Monday & Wednesday games, adding on average 3 tables to each game, it is projected that the run of slightly negative or break-even months have come to an end.

Club Manager's Report: Barbara has asked for help calling beginners for the 199er games on Mondays & Wednesdays. She has email for most of them and it was suggested that she send an email asking them to confirm back to her their intentions. Barbara was also concerned about Director filling in to complete a movement, that it may negatively impact the quality of the game. She personally feels that it should not be done. Bill pointed out, that on Wednesday evenings it was necessary sometimes to avoid a 4 board sit-out in a 3 ½ table game. It was noted that Floyd Redman and Fred Strong did not have a problem with filling in and it was suggested that maybe the game director should be the one to make the decision at game time. Mike Shipsey (our Monday director) will be asked for his feeling on this.

Old Business:

Ann Dyer Week was a success culminating with the PROAM on Saturday with 10 tables. With Gene out-of-town for most of the PROAM preparations, Barbara did an outstanding job in organizing and directing the game. Many, many positive comments, nothing negative reported. Bud volunteered to coordinate the next PROAM scheduled for October 31 (the end of Janice Vivrette week). Genevieve Konop won the Ann Dyer Trophy with 6.33 points for the week. Sonia Arsene lead the 199ers with 3.24 points. It was motioned and unanimously approved to fill the last two available spaces on the trophy with this years winners and then retire it. Future winners of Ann Dyer Week will be rewarded with a personalized coffee mug (recognizing their achievement) and 2 free plays to be used at their discretion. It was also decided to award 2-free plays to this years winners. Barbara said she would produce appropriate "Free Play" certificates.

New Business:

Compensation for lessons (before the game, 1 hour or less) was discussed. Bill (teaching Wednesday group) suggested that \$1 per person was all that could be expected from the students on top of game fees. Compensation (from the club) above this was briefly discussed with Bill stating that the \$1 per student covered expenses and was sufficient.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Ringbom, president

## San Luis Obispo Duplicate Bridge Club

### Board Minutes for August 9, 2009

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

**Minutes** of the July 3, 2009, meeting were reviewed and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mary reported a bank balance of \$3,177.72. Income for the month was up at \$2, 538. The table count was also up at 148 1/2. Income for the first 7 months of the year was \$12,235 so there should be no problem in staying under the \$25,000 level for the year (to maintain non-profit status). Mary suggested we should write checks for directors dated on the last day of each month to aid in better tracking and comparisons of income and expenses. A motion to this effect was approved. Mary also reported that the bank had mistakenly sent debit cards to both Torre and Kandi. Torre's has been returned and the bank is canceling both cards.

**Club Manager's Report:** (1) The Morro Bay Christmas party is Tuesday, December **1** this year. Our party had been scheduled for December 18 (See New Business notes below.) (2) We have been given an extra unit game for the year. Barbara will plan unit games for December 11 and 18.

#### **Old Business:**

Bud had volunteered to coordinate the next Pro-Am game but will be out of town. Gene Edgerton volunteered to be the coordinator.

#### **New Business:**

(1) Dixie suggested that Mike Shipsey get free play in view of all he does for the club. All Board Members agreed. (2) Following discussion of compensation for teaching classes, a motion to pay Barbara \$15 plus one free play per Monday class was approved. Bill will continue to teach the Wednesday class. Collecting **\$1** per participant is acceptable to him. (3) The two-year terms of Board Members Mary Neal, Judy Obermeier, Bill Ringham, and Jean Wilson are expiring. All agreed to stand for election to another term. A ballot will include their names and space for listing nominations made at the September general meeting. (4) In view of the new date for Morro Bay's Christmas party, it was agreed by all to change our party to Friday, December **11**. Alternatives to Upper Crust catering were discussed and will be explored. Bud will check prices of some prepared foods at Costco and Smart & Final.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Soll, Secretary



**San Luis Obispo Duplicate Bridge Club  
Minutes of Annual Membership Meeting  
September 25, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by Bill Ringbom, President, at 12:25 p.m., immediately prior to the beginning of the Friday afternoon game.

Bill explained that the annual meeting is required by Club By-Laws and that the main business of this meeting would be an election to fill the positions of members of the Board of Directors whose terms have expired. He named the current Board Members and their positions: Bill Ringbom, President; Judy Obermeier, Vice President; Mary Neal, Treasurer; Dolores Soll, Secretary; Gene Edgerton, Jean Wilson, and Bud Zeuschner.

Mary Neal, Treasurer, reported that the Club is "in the black" at this time with a bank balance of \$3,323. At this time last September, the Club had \$2, 734.

The President announced that the terms of Bill Ringbom, Judy Obermeier, Mary Neal, and Jean Wilson expire this month but that all four are willing to serve another term in the absence of further nominations. He then asked for further nominations for the Board of Director positions.

There being none, a motion was made and seconded to re-elect the four Board members by acclamation. It was so done.

Bill asked for member support for our Wednesday evening games, reporting that there were only 3 ½ tables this week.

The President asked if there were any further business. There being none, a motion to adjourn was made seconded, and approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Soll, Secretary

## Minutes of the San Luis Obispo Duplicate Bridge Club Meeting

Friday, October 9, 2009

- I. Meeting called to order at 4:10 by the President, Bill Ringbom.
- II. Attendance: Bill Ringbom, Jean Wilson, Mary Neal, Barbara Weiss, Gene Edgerton, and Bud Zeuschner. Absent: Dolores Soll and Judy Obermeier
- III. The minutes from the Sept. 25 General Meeting were accepted as presented with thanks to Dolores.
- IV. The Treasurer reported a positive bank balance of \$3, 204.50. We bought a new printer (at great discount) and had to cancel two Wednesday night games, resulting in a negative \$118 for September. We had only 101 tables for the month, as opposed to 145 the month before. MSP to accept the Treasurer's Report with appreciation to Mary.
- V. Manager's Report continued the discussion of trying to increase the number of players for Wednesday night, the best strategy being to contact players personally, especially at the Monday game to encourage their participation. Barbara reported on the importance of guaranteeing a 199 section for the Monday game, and suggested a free play to the winner of that game. Approved. She also reported on the upcoming STAC games December 5-11, except Friday will be a unit game and party luncheon. She presented a small whiteboard for announcements, and indicated we will continue to print reports for the record book. Manager's Report accepted with thanks to Barbara for all her good work
- VI. Old Business

A. Gene Edgerton reported on the Pro-Am Mixer for October 31. Gene will coordinate player sign ups and matches, while Bud will coordinate refreshments. Bill R. volunteered to bring sandwiches. (Note: Bud will be gone from Oct. 13 to Oct. 29).

B. The Holiday Party for Dec. 11 was discussed, with enthusiastic agreement to ask Dixie Hsu to arrange for Chinese food. There needs to be a general reminder that Bingo players are using the room until about 11:45, so parking will also be scarce until after that. The plan is to serve buffet style using the kitchen island at 12, and then play about 12:30. The cost for lunch and game will be \$8, with the club subsidizing the difference.

### I. New Business

a. The entire slate of current officers was re-elected to their current positions, with appreciation to Jean Wilson for taking over registration manager duties, and to Gene Edgerton for chairing the novice/99ers.

II. Meeting adjourned at 4:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bud Zeuschner, Secretary pro tern



