

**San Luis Obispo Duplicate Bridge Club**  
**Board Minutes for January 13, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by Bill Ringbom, President, at 4:05p.m. Board Members Mary Neal, Judy Obermeier, Bill Ringbom, Dolores Soll, and Jean Wilson were present. Bill Donovan, Gene Edgerton, and Barbara Weiss, Manager, were absent.

**Minutes** of the December 2, 2011 meeting were reviewed and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mary Neal reported the December 31 closing balance was \$1,532.18. December expenses exceeded income by \$694.88 due to Christmas party costs and year-end bonuses. The Christmas party total cost was \$502.74 for 70 people. December's table count was 64 ½. Despite the 2011 purchase of the dealing/shuffling machine, the 2011 closing balance was just \$13.71 less than the 2010 closing balance.

**Old Business:** (1) The Christmas party food worked out well. Next year, we should order additional salad and can cut back on the pasta. (2) The computer is working for now so purchase of a replacement is postponed. (3) A number of suggestions for increasing the number of Bridge Club members joining the Senior Center were discussed. The Board decided that our present policy of encouraging membership will be continued. In addition, at Bill Ringbom's suggestion, a motion was made and approved that we hold a charity game for the Senior Center with all proceeds in excess of the game's expenses to be donated to the Center. Bill will ask Barbara Weiss to schedule the charity game. A motion was also made and approved that Board members nominate the Senior Center for a \$1,000 charity donation to be made by the new Fresh and Easy Market. Nominations can be made at [freshandeasy.com/goodneighbor](http://freshandeasy.com/goodneighbor).

**New Business:** Bill reported on the Unit meeting held earlier in the day. Gina Kirk was elected Unit President. The Sectional will be held in Arroyo Grande on February 24, 25, and 26. The San Luis Obispo Club will be responsible for Friday's refreshments. The first game will start at 1:00. We will not be responsible to provide lunch or dinner. The Unit will give us \$50 for refreshments and we will ask for donations from our membership. We will need two people to set up and clean up, afternoon and evening. Gina Kirk will take our SLO bidding boxes to Arroyo Grande. Bill will check with Peter Knee, Sectional Director, regarding use of the shuffling machine.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. The next meeting will be after the game on Friday, February 3, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Soll, Secretary



**San Luis Obispo Duplicate Bridge Club**  
**Board Minutes for 29, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by Bill Ringbom, President, at 4:05p.m. Board Members Bill Donovan, Mary Neal, Judy Obermeier, Bill Ringbom, Dolores Soll, and Jean Wilson were present as well as Barbara Weiss, Manager. Gene Edgerton was absent.

**Minutes** of the January 13, 2012, meeting were reviewed and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** No Treasurer's report was available as the meeting was held before month's end. (The meeting date was changed for the purposes of discussing information noted below under New Business.)

**Old Business:** (1) Barbara will begin asking next Monday for volunteers to provide food for the Sectional Friday games. The request for volunteers will specify categories of refreshments needed. The \$50 from the Unit plus any other donations will be used to purchase additional items. Dolores will shop at Costco. Volunteers will also be requested to set up the food for afternoon and evening games. (2) Barbara reported Marian Middleton wants to do lunch on Friday, February 17. Barbara will purchase ham, escalloped potatoes and salad. (3) We again discussed ways to get our Monday game starting on time. Barbara will ask for help to get table markers, pencils, and bidding boxes on the tables in advance of the meeting so people will know where to sit. (4) Because sporadic computer problems persist, Bill R. will investigate available computer prices before our next meeting. We need a computer with 3 or 4 ports. (3) The dealing/shuffling machine will not be used for the Sectional in A.G.

**New Business:** (1) At the request of the Department of Parks and Recreation, Bill Ringbom met with their representative Casey Fodness. Parks and Rec are apparently concerned that they aren't showing any income for use of the facilities during the time our bridge group meets in the closed Center and they now have a group wanting to rent the facility on Wednesday nights. Bill has tentatively agreed that our group will play in a smaller room on Wednesday evenings with the proviso we have a key to the small room and access to needed materials in the large room. Parks and Rec will probably ask that we, and the unit for Saturday games, pay the \$1.00 table fees directly to Parks and Rec rather than to the Senior Center. It is also possible that we may have to start setting up and taking down our own tables again. The arrangements will be finalized in March. In the meantime we will proceed with the benefit game for the Senior Center, charging \$5 a person and using a membership game to provide additional points. (2) Judy suggested we consider charging \$5 for every game. The consensus was to keep the \$4 fee for now. (3) It was moved, and seconded, that we change our Board meeting dates to the second Friday of each month to avoid most tournament dates. The motion was unanimously approved. (4) Bill Donovan volunteered to attend Senior Center Board meetings as our Club representative.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m. The next meeting will be after the game on the second Friday in March - March 9, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Soll, Secretary



**San Luis Obispo Duplicate Bridge Club**  
**Board Minutes for March 16, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by Bill Ringbom, President, at 4:12 p.m. Board Members Bill Donovan, Gene Edgerton, Mary Neal, Judy Obermeier, Bill Ringbom, Dolores Soll, and Jean Wilson were present as well as Barbara Weiss, Manager.

**Minutes** of the January 27, 2012, meeting were reviewed and approved as corrected.

**Treasurer's Report:** The bank balance was \$1,538.34 as of January 31 and \$1,776.47 as of February 29, 2012. We had 104 ½ tables in January and 97 ½ tables in February. February tables were lower because of the Sectional. Income exceeded expenses by \$192.13 in February. Mary repolied the 1099s for tax purposes have all been completed.

**Club Manager's Report:** (1) There are sometimes problems caused by a director having to play. We need a flash drive so scores can be backed up. It was agreed Barbara will buy a flash drive and give directions to directors for backing up each game. (2) Bridgemate batteries need to be replaced when flashing lights appear. We have batteries on hand. (3) Barbara asked if we should consider a time clock but it was decided to rely on directors to speed up the games.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Bill reported the city is requiring us to have a Certificate of Insurance to cover liability during games which are not considered to be a "senior activity." These are the Wednesday night and Saturday games when the Senior Center is closed. In checking with ACBL, Bill got a quote of \$897 a year for a liability waiver from the Hartford Insurance Co. Following a discussion of various ways to pay insurance costs, it was moved, seconded, and approved that we increase game fees to \$5 per person, to start April 1. Bill will take up cost-sharing with the Unit at the next Unit Board meeting. The change to having our club members set up and take down tables will also begin April 1.

During interactions with city personnel, a number of questions arose relative to the club's history at the Center. Bill will ask Gary Arthur for a short statement of the club's history.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m. The next meeting will be after the game on Friday April 13, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Soll, Secretary



**San Luis Obispo Duplicate Bridge Club  
Board Minutes for April 13, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by Bill Ringbom, President, at 4:04 p.m. Board Members Mary Neal,, Bill Ringbom, Dolores Soll, and Jean Wilson were present as well as Barbara Weiss, Manager. Bill Donovan, Gene Edgerton, and Judy Obermeier were absent.

**Minutes** of the March 16, 2012 meeting were reviewed and approved..

**Treasurer's Report:** The bank balance as of March 31 was \$1,471.56. Expenses exceeded income by \$304.91 due to the \$500 payment for insurance. (Mary found an insurance policy for \$500, almost \$400 cheaper than the Hartford policy quoted by ACBL.) The March table count was up to 122 because of five Friday games.

**Club Manager's Report:** (1) The recently purchased teapot is not satisfactory so Barbara will return it and purchase a coffee maker to use for hot water. (2) It would be beneficial to have a caller to help with partnerships for novice players as some of them seem to be dropping out for lack of partners. Jean will ask them to e-mail her if a partner is needed and Barbara will talk to Leda Fields about the possibility of making calls. Leda is going to continue the Wednesday night lessons in Torre's absence. (3) If members discover an error in scoring after a game, they will need to contact the pal lies involved and obtain an agreement as to the correct score before Barbara can make a change. (4) The setting up and taking down of tables seems to be going okay. (5) George Sheffield is in charge of the paper supplies provided to us by the Unit.

**Old Business:** It was agreed to hold off for the time being on raising game fees to \$5 per person because of Mary's having obtained a less expensive policy. Evidence of insurance has been provided to the city but the policy has not yet arrived. The city has not yet given us the promised contract and permit.

**New Business:** Bill reported on the Unit Board meeting: The Unit has agreed to give us \$100 as its share of insurance costs. The Unit is planning for a pro-am game in September with Leda Fields in charge. The Unit wants Barbara's e-mail list so the secretary can e-mail everyone asking if they want to be on a web-site master list. Morro Bay has decided they cannot afford a dealing machine so the Unit would like to pay us \$500 for Morro Bay to share in the use of our machine. Also, although the Unit had originally said they'd pay for maintenance, the maintenance costs will need to be shared.

Following Bill's report, there was considerable discussion of how to proceed with the shared use of the dealing machine. Some of the issues were the need to develop a maintenance fund (as maintenance is required at the end of three years, may require shipment to England, and is likely to be very expensive), the need to have a person from each club assist with the board preparations on Wednesday evenings, and the need to pay for hand records by any club for which they are provided. We also would need to offer to return funds to our major donor if we accept the \$500 for Morro Bay's participation.

It was agreed that each club should be responsible for a \$50 quarterly donation to a maintenance fund to be maintained by our Treasurer and that each club using hand records should pay for them at the same proportionate rate as the SLO club. Bill will write up a proposal for the Board's approval and send it to the other clubs.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m. The next meeting will be after the game on Friday May 11, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Soll, Secretary



**San Luis Obispo Duplicate Bridge Club**  
**Board Minutes for May 11, 2012**

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

**Minutes** of the April 13, 2012 meeting were reviewed and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** The bank balance as of April 30 was \$1,619.38. Net income for April was \$147.82. The month's table count was 117. Mary reported the insurance policy discussed last month has been received.

**Club Manager's Report:** Barbara asked for clarification on when, or if, tables will be set up by The Department of Parks and Recreation's personnel. Bill D. will ask for clarification of the policy at the next Senior Center Board Meeting.

**Old Business:** (1) Bill R. reported that the Morro Bay club had not yet made a decision about use of the dealing machine but has asked the Unit for a \$400 contribution to the purchase of their own machine. That amount has been pre-approved by the Unit Board. The Morro Bay Board is to vote next week. (2) Maintenance of the dealing machine will be \$300 plus shipping charges, which is less than anticipated. The AG and SLO clubs are each putting \$50 per quarter into the maintenance fund. When the fund reaches \$400, the contributions will be discontinued. (3) The Unit is still working on an up-date of e-mail lists. Any e-mail changes should be sent to Charles Davis. Louise Abbott passed out a member phone number and address list which Mary will copy for those who need it.

**New Business:** (1) Torre Houlgate-West dropped by the meeting to ask that we form a club policy and inform our directors on the procedures for calling an appeals committee when a player wants to appeal from a judgment call of a director. Bill R. is asking Barbara to look into this. (2) Leda Fields wants to organize a pro-am game on the first or third Saturday in August. Barbara Hardin is available to direct. Bill R. will discuss details with Leda. (3) Bill D. will inquire at the Senior Center Board meeting regarding use of an alternate room, such as the conference room, by the Wednesday evening Book Club so that the inner room can be left open to improve air circulation during Wednesday evening games.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m. The next meeting will be after the game on Friday, June 8, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Soll, Secretary



**San Luis Obispo Duplicate Bridge Club  
Board Minutes for July 13, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by Bill Ringbom, President, at 4:02 p.m. Board Members Bill Donovan, Mary Neal, Bill Ringbom, Dolores Soll, and Jean Wilson were present as well as Barbara Weiss, Manager. Gene Edgerton and Judy Obermeier were absent.

**Minutes** of the May 11, 2012 meeting were reviewed and approved. (The Board did not meet in June.)

**Treasurer's Report:** The bank balance as of May 31 was \$1,346.94. Net income for May was a loss of \$322.4 with only 94 tables due to the Sectional. Also, Barbara bought extra supplies. The balance at the end of June was \$1,507.17. The month's table count was 113. Mary also reported that A.G. has now given us \$100 for the shuffling machine. She paid the Post Office rent of \$76 and has filed an income tax return. We are now allowed \$50,000 yearly income as a non-profit tax-free organization.

**Club Manager's Report:** Barbara reports STAC games next week and 3 NAP games in August before the game on Aug 11. There will be All Western STAC games at the end of August. We can have a Swiss Team game in October as well as a Pro-Am which pays a fraction of gold points without cost to us.

**Old Business:** (1) Bill R. reported that the Morro Bay club has now decided to purchase its own machine and the Paso Robles club will participate in our machine. The Unit Board will give us \$500 on Paso Robles' behalf and we will return it to our major donor. Paso will furnish its own boards and a person to assist with the set-up. They will pay \$50 quarterly toward maintenance costs and \$15 a month for hand records. (2) There has been Unit discussion on holding Unit championship games when all the clubs have started using the machines. The Pro-Am game organized by Leda Fields will be on August 18 at 11:30 and will include a potluck lunch. (3) The NAP games in early August will allow our club players to qualify for the NAP Unit game on August 11.

**New Business:** (1) Following Barbara's report, the Board decided to have 2 Swiss Team games in October: one Pro-Am on Monday and 1 on Friday. Janice Vivrette week games will be in addition to Swiss Team games (i.e., 3 pair games). (2) Board elections will be held in September. The terms of Gene Edgerton, Bill Donovan, and Dolores Soll are expiring. Bill reported that Gene Edgerton will leave the Board. He has talked with Bob Clark about running for that space. Bill Donovan will run again. Dolores Soll will step down if another member is available. Bill Donovan will ask Leda Fields to run. Bill Ringbom suggested that Board members ask around to see if there are other persons interested in a Board position.

The meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m. The next meeting will follow the game on Friday, August 10, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Soll, Secretary



**San Luis Obispo Duplicate Bridge Club**  
**Board Minutes for August 10, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by Bill Ringbom, President, at 3:57 p.m. Board Members Bill Donovan, Mary Neal, Judy Obermeier, Bill Ringbom, Dolores Soll, and Jean Wilson were present, as well as Barbara Weiss, Manager. Gene Edgerton was absent.

**Minutes** of the July 13, 2012 meeting were reviewed and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** The bank balance as of July 31 was \$2214.42. Net income for July was \$57.25. The month's table count was 111 1/2. Mary also reported that our major donor has given back the \$500. we had returned, with the proviso that the money be used to purchase equipment as the needs arise. Mary has purchased two fans at the donor's request and has put the balance in an account called "equipment purchases."

**Club Manager's Report:** (1) Barbara has removed the Norton Anti-virus from the club's computer because it makes the computer slower and we don't go on line. (2) Directors generally have discretion to organize play but they need to direct the "best" and most fair movement in the case of STAC or NAP games. The best games allow each pair to play all hands and with every opposite pair.

**Old Business:** Leda Fields and Bob Clark have agreed to run for positions on the Board. The election will be held at the General Meeting before the game on Friday, September 21.

**New Business:** (1 ) Morro Bay will get a shuffling/dealing machine next month. The Morro Bay club is raising its fees to \$5.00 per game for all games. (2) Bill reported that Charles Littlejohn has offered the Chumash Casino for a possible Regional Tournament. The offer includes free space and room discounts. This would be available in 2014 but District 22 indicates there is not much chance. The District is allowed four tournaments a year; 3 are held in the Los Angeles area and 1 in Santa Barbara. Bill reports there is some talk of forming a separate District to include the Central Coast, Bakersfield, and Fresno. This would require a good bit of work. (3) Judy reported some players complaining about fans being too strong. We need to try to seat people who have a problem with the fans so that they are not directly under or directly in line with a fan.

The meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m. If a September meeting is necessary it will follow the General Meeting and the game on Friday, September 21. Otherwise, the next Board meeting will be after the game on Friday, October 12.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Soll, Secretary



SLO Duplicate Club Annual Meeting  
September 21, 2012  
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President, Bill Ringbom at 12:30 p.m.

Minutes of the September 30, 2011 Annual Meeting were approved as read.

Mary Neal, Treasurer, reported a bank balance of \$2,436.62. This balance includes two special funds: \$436.44 in a donated equipment fund and \$250 in an account being built up to cover the maintenance which will be needed for our dealing/shuffling machine.

Bill then announced a required election for three Executive Board positions for a term of two years. He indicated that present Board members Gene Edgerton and Dolores Soll are leaving the Board but that Bill Donovan is willing to serve another two years. The committee has also nominated Leda Fields and Bob Clark to fill two additional positions. Further nominations were requested but none were forthcoming and the nominations were closed.

It was moved by Adele Stem, and seconded by Genevieve Konop, that the slate be accepted as presented and the motion carried. Bob Clark, Bill Donovan and Leda Fields will immediately start to serve their two-year terms.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Soll  
Secretary

## **San Luis Obispo Duplicate Bridge Club**

### **Board Minutes for October 12, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by Bill Ringbom, President, at 4:08 P.M. Board members Bill Donovan, Mary Neal, Judy Obermeier, Jean Wilson, Bob Clark, and Leda Fields were present as well as Barbara Weiss, Manager.

**Minutes** of the September 21, 2012 annual meeting were reviewed and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** The bank balance as of September 30, 2012 was \$2,400.45. Net income for August was \$185.76. The month's table count was 94. Net income for September was \$115.37. The month's table count was 102. The Equipment Purchase Fund has a balance of \$430. The shuffling Machine Maintenance Fund has a balance of \$250. A discussion was held regarding the necessity to continue collection of fees for the Machine Maintenance Fund. Bill D. made a motion to continue collecting the fees and was seconded by Judy. The motion passed unanimously.

**Club Directors Report:** Barbara submitted her report and a short discussion were held. It was decided that her items could be addressed by a committee yet to be formed.

#### **Old Business:**

Election of officers: Bill Ringbom agreed to continue as President, Bill Donovan agreed to act as Vice-President, Mary Neal will continue as Treasurer, Leda Fields agreed to act as Secretary, Jean Wilson, Bob Clark, Judy Obermeier will be members at large.

Holiday Party: Mary Neal agreed to head the committee for the Holiday Party in December. The date of December 7, 2012 was selected. Mary will contact Moma's Meatball to determine the cost of catering. A decision will be reached at the November meeting.

#### **New Business:**

New committees:



A Directors Committee was formed. It is to be headed by Bill Donovan, with members Judy Obermeier, Bob Clark and Barbara Weiss. Their first meeting will take place before the Oct. 26 game. Items to be discussed will be the use of Bridgemate IDs, playing directors, and game adjustments and other items as need raises .

Judy will continue as partnership chair. Donna Kimber has volunteered to help with partnership for the novice group.

A By-Law Review committee was formed with Bill Ringbom as chair and Bill Donovan.

Other new business:

It was agreed upon to look into acquiring a clock timer similar to those used in tournaments.

A motion was made by Bill Donovan and seconded by Mary Neal to raise the game fees to \$5 for all games including STaC games. It was passed unanimously.

It was decided that a paid caddy separate from the director is needed for Swiss Team games. A motion was made by Bob Clark and seconded by Jean Wilson that \$35 be paid to a caddy for the Oct.26 game and retroactively to Bill Donovan for the Oct. 8 game.

The motion passed with Bill Donovan abstaining from the vote.

The meeting adjourned at 5:08 PM. The next Board meeting will take place Friday, November 9, 2012 after the game.

Respectfully submitted,

Leda Fields, Secretary

**San Luis Obispo Duplicate Bridge Club  
Board Minutes for December 14, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by Bill Ringbom, President, at 4:14 p.m. Board Members, Robert Clark, Mary Neal, Jean Wilson, and Bill Ringbom were present as well as Barbara Weiss, Club Manager. Bill Donovan, Judy Obermeier, and Leda Fields were absent.

**Minutes** of the previous meeting were NOT reviewed.

**Treasurer's Report:** The bank balance as of November 30 was \$2364.54. Net income for November was \$266.73. The month's table count was down to 101, this reflects one Friday closure this past month. Mary also reported our finances are in good shape, better than expected.

**Club Manager's Report:** (1) Barbara reports that cleanup helpers are in short supply. Mary Neal and Jean Wilson were the only two whom cleaned the kitchen after the Christmas party. It was suggested that a cleanup committee be formed in advance of special events in the future as it should not always just fall to the board members. (2) Barbara (or the club manager), in the future, will submit all results to ACBL. Directors will report results to her ASAP after each game. (3) Directors comparing unused boards to the hand records before the game should prevent erroneous prepared boards from being played again. If they do not match, then shuffle and deal. (4) Scoring corrections must be submitted within 24 hours of the game. (5) Stratification of games must allow for 3 C's in one direction, in order to qualify for points. Directors must keep this in mind regardless of movement type. (6) Miriam Middleton wants to host a "back to Bridge" luncheon for one of our games in January. (7) Team games are showing more popularity. A proposal to schedule two open team game events & one Pro/AM type team game in 2013 was approved unanimously.

**Old Business:** (1) Bill R. reported that the city has denied us the permission to mount the play clock on the wall. Bill R. will mount the clock on a bracket that will hang from the television stanchion and plug into the electrical receptacle on the wall. This will have to be put up & taken down after each game and stored in our cabinet. Bill R. suggested that the extra food and kitchen items not be stored in our cabinet in the main room in order to allow storage of game equipment & supplies only. (2) Bob Clark reported that the novice group would like to know why there is no "Pizza" day on Mondays (their game day). After discussion it was decided that on an irregular basis Monday "pizza day" would be scheduled for 2013.

**New Business:** None

The meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m. The next Board meeting will be after the game on January 18, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Ringbom, President

