

SLO Duplicate Bridge Club

Board of Directors

Minutes – August 18th, 2023

Present: Jack Luxton – President; Linda Siefert- Vice President; Don Alderman –Treasurer; Jan Crossley – Secretary; Bill Donovan; Gail Lapins.; Pat Delamontanya; John Fields (Club Manager)

Apologies – Rose Will

Senior Center and Zoom meeting

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action	Person responsible	Date Completed
I. Minutes of last meeting		Approved	JL	
II Treasurers Report	<p>Income 10/1/2022 to 07/31/2023 \$20,101 (By table count) Expenses \$ 21,101 Net Loss - \$ 1,000</p> <p>The Board noted that, from May to July 2023, the Club made a profit of \$1,175 and that by Sept 30th there should be an overall profit for the year. There is no immediate need to review game fees.</p> <p>Total in account - \$2,016.32 checking account - U.S. Bank Live Oak savings - \$5,029.09 Treasury Direct - \$14,654.96 paying 5.25 % interest</p> <p>Total Cash Assets - \$21,700.37</p> <p>Table counts – SLO Bridge – 81 Unit Game – 10</p> <p>Don to email Club members, reminding them to pay for new Punch Cards online or by check</p>	Information		
		Email members	DA	

III. Old Business	<p>The meeting emphasized the importance of making sure that the Board was given the latest timetable, for the next two months, for comment and approval. The approved timetable can then be included in the Unit 540 website. JF to issue the timetable to JC for circulation with Board meeting agendas.</p>	Circulate timetable with Agenda	JF/ JC	
	<p>The last Board meeting, prior to the AGM, will be held on September 15h. At that meeting the Board will assign dates for special games for the following year.</p>	Produce draft 2023/24 Timetable	JF	
B. Weekly newsletter	<p>The SLODBC mailing list now includes 260 members. Weekly emails are being sent to these members. It is important to highlight special games for the following week</p>	Highlight special games	JF	
C. Member Appreciation Day	<p>The meeting discussed holding a Member Appreciation Day on the day of the AGM, October 20th. There was a debate about whether to have a - zero table fee on the day, plus some food which would result in a net cost of around \$380. Other suggestions included having the usual table fee but providing better food. This will be debated further at the next Board meeting.</p>	Keep on Agenda		
IV New Business				
A. Partnership Requests	<p>The Board discussed the merits of requesting a partner, for games, through the Unit web site or through the designated partnership person for the Club. Linda felt that it might be possible to change the Unit web site to enable members to post a message on the Unit web site requesting a partner. This will be investigated. It was agreed that DA will email SLODBC members to remind them that, if they needed a partner, they should contact him. He will then email members with the partnership request.</p>	Email members about the procedure for requesting a partner	DA	
B. Lessons	<p>John suggested, that it might be easier to bring new players into bridge if they started learning, with Easy Bridge. There was then a discussion about where we might find people willing to learn. Recent advertising campaigns had not yielded much success. It was agreed to revisit this, early in 2024. We may ask Cuesta College if we could use their facilities to hold bridge games and advertise this. WD, as President of the Senior Center, has a good</p>	Revisit in early 2024	WD	

<p>C. Board meeting minutes</p> <p>D. Annual General Meeting</p>	<p>working relationship with Parks and Rec. He will investigate asking them to advertise bridge at the Senior Center in their circulation list.</p> <p>It was noted that the approved minutes of SLODBC Board minutes are not being included on the Unit website. Jack to raise this matter at the next Unit meeting</p> <p>It was agreed that the SLODBC AGM would be held October 20th. The nominating committee will consist of the current President, Vice President and Secretary.</p>	<p>Talk to Parks and Rec</p>	<p>JL</p>	
<p>V. Any other business</p>	<p>There was no further business</p>			
<p>Meeting Adjourned @ 11.55 am</p> <p>Next Meeting Feb September 15th 2023</p>				

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