

Santa Barbara Bridge Center, Unit 542 - Board Meeting

January 12 2021

Members Present: Barbara Balents, Tish Gainey, Jack Look, Ronnie Morris, Joan Murdoch, Carol Snyder, Jennifer Royal, Linda Stephens, Pat McCready

Members Absent: Claude Case

Start: President Joan Murdoch called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

Treasurer's Report (Ronnie): Ronnie reported that while we had an overall deficit for last year, it was not as bad as we originally expected. We are currently able to cover all of our monthly expenses with the income generated from online games.

Club Manager's Report (Tish):

Next week is another Silver Linings week.

BBO has started charging sales tax for BB\$. On behalf of our club, Tish has filed a complaint based on the fact that it is not even clear that BB\$ are taxable in the state of CA. This is not controlled by ACBL. It is a BBO decision based on their consultation with a tax attorney.

There is an article in the current *Bridge Bulletin* about the advantages of learning bridge online. We could start to look at some of the existing online classes done by neighbor clubs and recommending local players to classes that are good.

Mentorship Report (Jennifer):

Current status:

Barb has written up a how-to about online mentoring.

Joan and Barb are going to do a practice session with two 99er players (Julie and Lynne Stark) tomorrow, Jan 13.

Next steps:

Assuming the practice session goes well, Jennifer will widen the search for mentors and mentees hoping to get 8 mentors and 8 mentees.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50.

Submitted by:

Barb Balents, Secretary