

## **Santa Barbara Bridge Center, Unit 542 - Board Meeting**

July 20, 2022

**Members Present:** Barbara Balents, Tish Gainey, Joan Murdoch, Jennifer Royal, Carol Snyder, David Liu, Pat McCready, Linda Stephens, Ronnie Morris (by Zoom), Jack Look

**Start:** President Joan Murdoch called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

The minutes from the May meeting were approved.

### **Treasurer's Report (Ronnie):**

- June table count was 179 tables and there were no online games. The monthly rent increased to \$3700 on June 1 and this contributed to the larger loss seen in June.
- Ronnie reported that the property insurance for the club is about the same as the prior year, but the Workers Compensation insurance increased to \$3000.
- Update on Player Tickets: A decision was made to keep the current type of ticket and ask people not to write their names on them so they can be recycled.

### **Club Manager's Report (Tish):**

- Tish and Jennifer wrote a grant proposal for the Marjorie Michelin workshop. It was submitted to District22 Board which has set up an education grant program.
- Two STaC weeks coming up: one in July and one in August.
- There will be a Ventura Regional in the last week in October (24<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>). Tish proposed that we don't have games at the Center during the week of the Regional and we encourage Santa Barbara players to attend the regional.
- The Longest Day fundraiser raised \$11,250 which was matched by Etty Yenni who contributed \$12,000 for a total contribution from the SB Bridge Center of \$23,250 for Alzheimer's.

## **Facilities:**

- There was some discussion of the responsiveness of the iPad, which is used to process credit card payments. Ronnie is going to look into fixing it next week when he is back and if he can't get it to work then we'll buy a new one.
- The parking lot sign is still missing and no one knows why. Joan tried to check and didn't hear back.
- An HVAC technician from Air Systems Solutions checked out the heating and cooling systems as well as the thermostats. He said everything is in working order and made a recommendation about the settings to use. He also said that the A/C system works best with the windows closed.

## **Education (Jennifer):**

- No update about the Marjorie Michelin "Learn Bridge" workshop as Marjorie has been out of touch. We will proceed with arrangements for September 24<sup>th</sup>. Linda will arrange a lunch for that day.
- Update from Christian: In past classes he has covered bidding, declarer play and defense. The first two sessions were better attended than the third. The class covering defense had 4 attendees. He is willing to do another session in the fall. Jennifer will ask him to start on Sept 13 for 4-6 weeks, on Tuesdays at 10:30am. There will be a \$10 charge per class.
- Update from Nancy Trotter: She'd like to start with her existing class continuing "2/1 Play of the Hand" starting mid-September.
- Peter Gray will teach a series of six classes for beginners, following on from the Michelin workshop. They will be held on three Saturdays in October and three Saturdays in November.
- Update on media purchase, a large screen TV for use in SBBC classes: Barb recommended spending about \$500 for a 65-75" TV and \$100 for an HDMI connector. Motion was made by Pat and seconded by Carol for Barb purchase the recommended equipment.

## **• New Business:**

- Tax status conversion 501(c)7 to 501(c)3:
  - Mission Statement: Tish researched other clubs' mission statements.
  - Very few bridge clubs have a 501(c)3 designation: most are 501(c)7. Among those that are 501(c)3, all but one own the

club's building and have an extremely strong focus on bridge education.

- Joan suggested that before we do anything further, we hold two meetings to involve membership in the discussions about how to move forward. It was agreed that the meetings be held after the games on August 24 and 25.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm.

Submitted by:

Barb Balents, Secretary