

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

October 4, 2023

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

**Members Absent:** Jennifer Royal

**Start:** President Joan Murdoch called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM. The Minutes from the September meeting were approved.

### **President's Report:**

- Joan will contact board members to determine if they will continue to serve on the board in 2024
- The Annual Meeting is December 9. If new board members are needed a nominating committee will be selected to find potential board members.

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

- The Sectional financials are not complete but will be as soon as a Ronnie receives a check from Dave White.
- Table count for September was 246, down slightly from August.
- The payroll will be moved to the "Paychex" payment service at a cost of \$50 per month. There is also an initial cost of \$600.

### **501(c)(3) Discussion:**

- Ronnie checked the IRS website and found a letter of determination from the US government stating that the 501(c)(3) application has been approved. This means that donations to the SBBC are tax deductible for people who itemize their deductions.
- Ronnie, Joan and Tish will meet to discuss details.

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

- The Ventura Regional Tournament will be held from October 23 to 29. Club games will be held as scheduled on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, and the afternoon game on the 24<sup>th</sup>. All other games that week are canceled
- STaC games are scheduled for November 8-13.

**Membership:**

Newcomer Appreciation game: A sign-up sheet has been posted on the refrigerator

New Members – we welcome

- Evelyn Gamble
- Raymond Kwasnick
- Georgia Strickland
- Helen Suger

**Education: Pat**

- There are 20-24 players in Christian's class and about 20 people in Pat's beginner's class.
- The education committee meets next week.

**Hospitality: Linda**

- Linda will check the cost of having a food truck cater lunch on December 9 before the annual meeting and games.
- Snacks will be provided at the November 12 New Member game

**New Business:**

- Ronnie proposed raising the point level of the Tuesday night game to 3500 from 2500. After discussion, it was decided to leave the point limit at 2500.
- A motion was made by Pat and seconded by Ronnie to have a \$5 game fee (cash only) for the Sunday social mentor game. The motion passed unanimously.
- There will be no game fee for the November New Member Appreciation game.
- A motion was made by Carol and seconded by Barb to increase Veronica's pay to \$25 per hour.
- The overhead projector, and cart are no longer needed. Barb offered to put it on Craig's List.
- We have had several donations of bridge books recently. Joan asked for a volunteer to sort through and organize our library of bridge books.

The next meeting is planned for Wednesday, November 1. The meeting was adjourned at 5:26 pm.

Submitted by:

Barb Balents, Secretary