

Santa Barbara Bridge Center, Unit 542 - Board Meeting

March 6, 2024

Members Present: Barbara Balents, Dennis Berg, Maria Black, Randy Franciose, Tish Gainey, David Liu, Pat McCready, Ronnie Morris, Joan Murdoch, Linda Stephens

Start: President Joan Murdoch called the meeting to order at 4:25 PM.

The Minutes from the February meeting were approved.

President's Report (Joan):

- On February 8, the Board held an online vote on the proposal to post, on a club bulletin board, a list of players who have donated to the club in 2023 and 2024. The list shall be posted alphabetically with no dollar amount listed. It passed with unanimous consent.

Treasurer's Report (Ronnie):

- The table count was 314 in February which is the second highest count since we re-opened in June 2021.
- An agreement was signed for the renewal of the 5-year use of the website domain name at a cost of \$184.

Club Manager's Report (Tish):

- It was decided not to participate in ACBL's Charity month but rather focus fundraising efforts on the Alzheimer's campaign.
- There is a week of special games in April. April 22-23 and 25-27 is a Split-week of Stardust games in which 25% of points awarded are gold, 75% black. ACBL charges \$2.85 extra per table for these games. The board voted with unanimous consent to participate in these games.
- The Longest Day games will be held on Monday June 20. Etty Yenni has, once again, offered to match all donations.

Education Update (Pat):

The current series of classes end on Saturday March 23. On March 30, April 6, and 13 workshops will be held. The cost is \$5 per workshop. The new series of classes will start on April 20. The cost is \$100 for eight classes. Pat will teach "Beginning Bridge" and Christian will teach the 2/1 Bidding system. Christian will continue to teach on Tuesday mornings, the topic being 'card play'.

Membership update

- We have two new members and one transfer into the Unit. Maria will send a welcome letter to each of them. We have 141 Instagram followers.
- Welcome new and transfer members:
Lynn Doiron
Lynn Ricci
Carolyn Chaney

Facilities update

- Randy is looking into the water leakage at the rear door.
- Randy will call Air Systems Solutions to arrange an HVAC check.
- Joan got quotes for the purchase and installation of sound-proof curtains to be hung between the room sections. The Board voted to proceed with this project.

Old Business

- Players who are ineligible for the 2500 game can attend and play with an eligible player. They must pay for a game ticket and they will not be eligible for points.
- Players who are ineligible for the other limited point games may partner with an eligible player but only when there is a half table and they play as 'the sit out pair'
- Lynda Weinman created several logo designs for the board to look at. These will be used on the website and on cards or notepaper for 'thank you notes' from the board. Linda and Maria will meet to choose which one of the logos to use

New Business:

- Beginning in April the social bridge games will be held twice a month on the second and fourth Sundays. The time will remain the same, 2-4pm at a cost of \$5.

The next meeting is planned for Wednesday, April 3. The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm.

Submitted by:

Barb Balents, Secretary