

Santa Barbara Bridge Center, Unit 542 - Board Meeting

May 1, 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 4:15 PM.

The Minutes from the April meeting were approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report (Ronnie):

- The table count for April was 330.5. The average table count per week for 2024 is 74 tables per week which is up from 63 in 2023.
- The Bridge Center domain name has been paid through to May 19 2029.
- Dennis volunteered to help Ronnie with treasurer duties when Ronnie is out of town later in 2024

Club Manager's Report (Tish):

- The Longest Day games will be held on Monday, June 17. Linda and the hospitality committee will arrange for the cake and other snacks.
- There will be a STaC week held May 6-12
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Education Update (Pat):

- There are four full tables in this session of the beginning class.
- Pat is having the Education committee meet within the next week or so. One topic for discussion is the development of another class, one that bridges the gap between the beginning class and the 2/1 class.
- The new sound-proofing curtain is great!

Membership update

- We have 3 new members this month. We welcome
Hal Baer
Ellen Kenoss
Christy Lewis

Maria will contact the lapsed member listed on May's "In and Out" report

Facilities update

- Peter Gray has offered to donate padded vinyl table covers for the 24 tables
- Randy will contact CAL-Trans and the Fire Department about clearing the dead brush and trees in back of the building.

Hospitality update (Linda):

- Lynda Weinman has created a 'thank you' postcard and it'll be printed soon

New business

- A motion was made by Maria and seconded by Randy to increase the Director's base pay to \$150 with an additional \$10 for each table over 12 and \$5 for a half table. This will be effective May 1.
- A motion was made by Joan and seconded by Ronnie to increase the Master Point limit to 99MP for the Wednesday afternoon limited point game. It passed with one board member voting no. This will be effective on Wednesday May 8, 2024.

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Old business

- Sectional: The Board agreed to hold a Sectional Tournament in 2025. Joan will contact First Presbyterian Church about availability in Sept 2025 and we will re-discuss next month.

The next meeting is planned for Wednesday, June 5. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Submitted by:

Barb Balents, Secretary