

Santa Barbara Bridge Center, Unit 542
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Jan. 8, 2025

Members Present: **Dennis Berg, Maria Black, Rich Brown, Randy Franciose, Tish Gainey, Maury Grattan, David Liu, Stan Schaefer, Linda Stephens**

Members Absent: **Barb Balents**

The meeting was called to order by the president, Maury Grattan at 4:30 p.m.

The December minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Dennis reviewed the Income and Expense Report for January.

One of the CD's in which the club's reserves is invested is about to become due. Dennis was instructed to meet with his Finance Committee about how best to invest our reserves, bearing in mind the policy set by the board of utilizing a conservative investment approach.

Dennis was asked to approach Ed McLaughlin to be on the Finance Committee to replace Jim Bechtel, who has moved out of the area and our Unit.

Club Manager's Report:

Tish reported she has prepared a grant request to District 22 in the amount of \$510 to help offset the cost of the upcoming Marjorie Michelin Workshop.

A request was granted to move the posting of the board minutes to the website to free up room on the bulletin board for the Zero Tolerance poster and other information.

During February some special games, with extra table fees, will be assigned to our limited point games. These games fundraise for the ACBL Education Foundation.

Tish will schedule a GNT game for February 23 if a director is available.

There was discussion of a mentor game in March instead of the Second Sunday Social Mentor Bridge.

It is now official that Joan Murdoch will be the ACBL Goodwill Player of the Year.

A workshop with Robert Todd is scheduled for April 3.

Committee Reports

Facilities:

Randy replaced the necessary parts of the defibrillator. The Board would like to have a training provided to the directors and players on how to use the defibrillator.

Education:

Rich reported the Saturday classes are quite full. For the Marjorie Michelin Workshop, Rich found a website for non-profits that will take payments and reservations at no charge. There is a possibility that the website might be useful for other functions. The decision was made to try it out for the Michelin Workshop.

Hospitality:

Linda will coordinate the lunch and coffee/snacks for the Michelin Workshop.

Membership:

| Maria reported the Unit has 220 members.

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Website:

The Board asked David to look into the possibility of adding a link on our website for people wanting to find a partner. Examples were provided of what SLO clubs are using on their Bridgewebs website.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:30 p.m.