

Santa Barbara Bridge Center, Unit 542 - Board Meeting

May 14, 2025

Members Present: Barbara Balents, Dennis Berg, Rich Brown, Randy Franciose, Maureen Grattan, David Liu, Tish Gainey, Linda Stephens

Guest Attendees: Joan Murdoch

Members Absent: Maria Black, Stan Schaeffer

Start: President Maury Grattan called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM.

Minutes: Going forward, the secretary will send the minutes out immediately after the meeting for people to send me their corrections and edits. The March minutes were approved. The April minutes were approved with corrections from David Liu to be made by Barb.

Sectional Update (Joan): Joan has created a binder with all the documentation and information she learned about running a sectional. She has included info from Linda about the amount of food we provided. We made a profit of \$600. The director, Brandon, was excellent and overall the sectional went very well.

We discussed that before Covid, we had two sectionals each year: a 499er sectional at the club with a local director and the Open sectional at the Boys and Girls Club. Next year the burden of holding an Open sectional would be too much but we could consider having a 499er sectional at the club. Dennis made a motion that we follow this model, i.e. have open sectionals only once every 2 years and have 499er sectionals on alternative years. Linda seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report (Dennis):

- As mentioned by Joan, the sectional made \$600 this year which is great since the rental expenses were much higher this year.
- We made \$2200 on the Robert Todd seminar.

- The April financial statement has been posted. Overall we are balancing out from month to month.
- The transition of ticket sales to Zeffy seems to have gone very smoothly. A few people don't have chip cards so we still use Square or cash for them.

Facilities (Randy):

- "Grab bars" have been installed in the bathrooms. The rug has been cleaned.

Club Manager's Report (Tish):

- The Longest Day games will be Monday, June 16. The last few years we've had 2 games in the afternoon - a 299er and an Open. This year we will have a 499er and an Open instead since it will include more people. There will be a drawing for a packet of cards amongst all players who play in both the afternoon and morning sessions. There will also be some door prizes, food (or food money) and decorations provided by the Alzheimer's Association. Rich made a motion to budget \$300 for food. Randy seconded and it passed unanimously.

President's Report (Maureen):

- Maureen looked into CPR training and sent out the cost estimates to the board. It was very expensive so we have decided not to proceed.

Education Update (Rich):

- Pat's current classes are winding down but she'll start up a bidding class in September and a "Play of the Hand" class in November.
- The Saturday workshops will begin with 20-minute lessons before starting to play hands that are intended to reinforce the lessons.
- For the newcomers' game on Wednesday afternoon, Pat is going to be there to coach people.
- The mentoring program is starting again. Joan is organizing it and will be pairing people up based on their convention cards. It will run for 10 weeks this summer.
- More workshops will be planned for next spring.

Hospitality Update (Linda):

- Members were very helpful in bringing food and helping out with the sectional. The caterer was substandard but we are required to use her when we use the church as the venue so we had no choice.

Membership update

- There is one new member.

IT update (David):

- Everything is on track.

Action Items

- Rich will give David Liu the info replacing our old donation portal with Zeffy.
- The Senior Fair is upcoming in September. We discussed this last year and decided we'd like to participate. We could have an agenda item about this in an upcoming meeting.

The next meeting is planned for Wednesday, June 11. The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 pm.

Submitted by:

Barb Balents, Secretary