

Santa Barbara Bridge Center, Unit 542 - Board Meeting

June 11, 2025

Members Present: Barbara Balents, Dennis Berg, Maria Black, Rich Brown, Randy Franciose, Maureen Grattan, David Liu, Tish Gainey, Stan Schaeffer

Members Absent: Linda Stephens

Start: President Maury Grattan called the meeting to order at 4:28 PM.

Minutes: The minutes from May were approved.

Treasurer's Report (Dennis):

- Zeffy is now set up on the donations page.
- Our finances are still in order. Dennis has moved more of our surplus over to CDs at Schwab.
- Our table counts are about the same as last year although off by about 10-12 per month from last year.

Club Manager's Report (Tish):

- *The Longest Day:* The donations are coming in. The Alzheimer's Association is going to help with decorating on Monday morning. Dennis volunteered to help with clean-up in the afternoon. Tish will meet with Etty about the matching gift.
- There will be some NAP (North American Pairs) games scheduled soon but ACBL has changed the stratification and so Tish needs to check on the rules.
- Tish has scheduled a mentor/mentee game for August.
- Chris will run the social team game tentatively scheduled for Oct 5, with a potluck planned for noon.

Facilities (Randy):

- The HVAC person says that the reason our AC sometimes doesn't work is that people open the windows while the AC is on, so we are going to advise the directors not to open the windows.
- Some of the screens have large holes so Randy will look into getting them fixed. Dennis made a motion to authorize Randy to replace the screens. Maria seconded it, and it passed unanimously.

President's Report (Maureen):

- Maureen would like to do a survey to get feedback from people about the club activities. David said we have used SurveyMonkey in the past. Google has a free survey version and Rich knows how to set it up. If people have suggestions for questions on the survey, send them to Rich and Maury.

Education Update (Rich):

- The committee met on May 12.
- On Sept 6 Pat's new class will start.
- Saturday morning classes will start with small tutorials.
- The mentoring program is restarting. 36 players submitted applications and 31 were matched with mentors. There is a form with guidelines which has been created by Joan to advise mentors on how the mentor/mentee program works.
- Dennis made a motion to include the 299er games as available for non-eligible mentors to play mentee games, subject to ACBL approval. Rich seconded and it passed with 2 against and 7 in favor.

Action Items

- Planning needs to start soon for the Senior Fair in September. The idea for our booth is that we would have 4 people playing bridge and one person handing out flyers and answering questions. Stan volunteered to work with Tish on the plan for hand-outs, a banner, etc.

The next meeting is planned for Wednesday, July 9. The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 pm.

Submitted by:

Barb Balents, Secretary