

**FIVE CITIES DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 16, 2014**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bill Allen, Pete Avotins, Bob Bullock, Lynn Byrd, Doris Dunn, Toni Gold, Lori Hays, Emily Kreins, Dick Rivera

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Treasurer's Report:** Pete presented the attached Financial Report for January, 2014 showing total revenue of \$13,055.33 and expenses of \$12, 599.51 with a net gain of \$455.82. He stated the major expenses were Director's Fees and rent.
- **New Location:** Bob report the club obtained liability insurance from the City of Pismo Beach for \$225 per year for the Veterans Hall. The money is to be paid at the end of the year. Bill Ringbom will post a map to the new location on the web site. There will be a site visit to the new location with John Rogers from the Parks and Recreation Department targeted for Wednesday January 22<sup>nd</sup> at which time the room layout will be reviewed, handicapped parking spaces counted and security for our supplies determined. Dick will obtain a trailer to relocate the club's supplies to the new location on Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>.
- **New Tables:** The club will match an anonymous donation of \$300 for the purchase of new tables. Lori will price the new tables. The committee agreed to purchase the tables after the relocation to the new site.
- **49er's Trophy:** Lynn Byrd will purchase the 49er trophy to be awarded to the novice player who obtained the most Master Points in 2013. Bob reported Lynn's partner, Clint Rylee is the winning recipient.
- **Arroyo Grand Sectional:** The sectional in Arroyo Grande will take place February 21 – 23. Doris will establish a Food Committee with representatives from each club responsible for providing food on a specific day:  
Friday – Arroyo Grande  
Saturday – Morro Bay and Paso Robles  
Sunday – San Luis Obispo  
Each representative will be given a free play for that day.  
There are 32-34 tables in Arroyo Grande and Morro Bay and Paso Robles will contribute 20 tables. Doris reported the tournament committee will be meeting again shortly. They will review the participation numbers from last year's tournament to determine if this number of tables will be sufficient.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Table Set-Up and Take Down:** The board thanked Bob and Marilyn Bullock for their work in setting up and taking down the tables for the past nine years. The

board agreed to ask Jack Phirman and Don Alderman to do so in the future. Toni will speak to each of them prior to the next meeting. Emily recommended that the players at each table at the end of the session should be responsible for removing their trash and folding the tables and stacking the chairs. The board agreed.

- **Nominating Committee:** The slate follows:  
President: Lori Hays  
Vice President: Doris Dunn  
Treasurer: Pete Avotins  
Secretary: Toni Gold/Emily Kreins  
Members at Large: Lynn Byrd and Dick Rivera  
Pete moved and Lynn seconded the motion to accept the slate.  
Lori will find someone to handle the partnership calls.
- **New Bank Signature Card:** Due to the change of officers, a new signature card must be completed at Rabo Bank. Lori, Bob and Pete will make arrangements to do this.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:30PM

**FIVE CITIES DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB  
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February, 6, 2014**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lori Hays, President, Pete Avotins, Bob Bullock, Lynn Byrd, Toni Gold

Lori called the meeting to order at 4:05 P.M.

After Lori read the minutes, Lynn moved they be accepted as read and Pete seconded the motion. All approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Treasurer's Report:** Pete presented the attached Financial Report for February, 2014 (see attached) showing total receipts of \$1282.00 and expenses of \$890.21 with a net gain of \$391.79. He stated the club will be saving approximately \$1200 - \$1300 (\$40 per week for approximately 8 months) as we will not incur a fee for opening and locking up the Woman's Club/Community Center while we are at the new location. He also stated that since the club is a non-profit entity we don't want money to accumulate. Toni stated that additional money is required to provide food at the weekly games as \$10/week is insufficient to cover the costs. Lori moved and Pete seconded a motion to increase the food allowance to \$15/week beginning March 1, 2014. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Storage in New Location:** The printer, bidding boxes, bridge mates, etc require a storage facility in the new location. A lockable wooden box may be available. If not, Lori has a friend who may be willing to sell a metal storage cabinet for \$100. The size will be adequate. The final option is to purchase two (2) Hallowell Kid Lockers from Amazon for a total price, including tax, of \$210.60. Pete moved and Lynn seconded the motion to pursue all options and provide the required funds.
- **Arroyo Grande Sectional:** The club is responsible for providing food on Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. Marilyn will circulate a sign-up sheet. Yolli, Lori and Sharon will assist in kitchen duty and clean-up.
- **Relocation to New Site:** Dick will provide a truck and trailer for the move on Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. Pete and Lynn will assist with loading and unloading. Lori and Marilyn will set up the kitchen. Bob will check with the Parks and Recreation Dept re keys, etc. It was decided that the new tables would not be purchased until the club returned to its current site. In the interim tables requiring repair will be touched up using a magic marker.
- **Partnership Chair:** Lori will talk to Pat Orlando, the current Chair, prior to appointing a new one.

- **Signature Card:** It was agreed that Lori and Pete would go to Rabo Bank to update the card after the relocation to the new site.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 PM

**FIVE CITIES DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB**  
**MINUTES**  
**May 15, 2014**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pete Avotins, Bob Bullock, Doris Dunn, Toni Gold, Lori Hayes, Emily Kreins

The meeting was called to order by Lori Hayes, President at 4:15 P.M.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Use of Veterans Hall:** Lori stated we may not be able to use the Veterans Hall during part of the summer due to the summer camp organized by the Parks and Recreation Department. Lori will call Colleen early in June to determine if there are enough enrollees to have the camp. In addition the hall may not be available for up to one month due to floor refinishing, although it is not known exactly when or if this may be done. Bob stated it is his understanding the Club rented the hall for a specific period of time. Lori will call Colleen and John at Parks and Recreation to determine our options.
- **Novice Game:** There are not a sufficient number of novices to conduct a separate novice game since the Club implemented the 100MP ruling stating no novice player can have more than 100 MPs, even if the pair average is less than 100MPs. Torre suggested this be changed to encourage more novices to play since some expressed unwillingness to participate in the open game. Toni suggested the maximum MPs per person be increased to 149MPs. After discussion, Doris moved and Pete seconded the motion to increase the maximum novice level to 149MPs. Bob will inform ACBL of this decision.
- **Director Issue:** Jim Solomon was invited to participate in a discussion of a situation which arose with a novice at the game held on May 8, 2014. Lori stated the intent of the board is to research and de-escalate all incidents and to implement solutions improving member satisfaction. Jim said that although he attempts to explain the rules some members are not happy. He gave an example of a player who consistently moved the boards early although he was asked not to do so. The incident on May 8<sup>th</sup> involved a heated discussion between Jim and a novice player. Emily stated the Director has the responsibility to exemplify the club's "zero tolerance" policy. She recommended Jim apologize to the novice player. Jim agreed to do so. Lori will follow-up to ensure this is done. Pete stated often the games do not start on time due to players arriving late. An announcement will be made stating players are to arrive no later than 12:20 P.M.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:50P.M.



**FIVE CITIES DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB**  
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**July 3, 2014**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lynn Byrd, Bob Bullock, Doris Dunn, Toni Gold, Lori Hays, Emily Kreins, Bill Ringbom (Guest)

The meeting was called to order by Lori Hays, President at 4:05 P.M.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Use of Veterans Hall:** The Veterans Hall is being remodeled beginning July 28<sup>th</sup>. As a result the Club will negotiate to use the Senior Center in San Luis Obispo on Thursdays starting July 31<sup>st</sup> until the end of September. Bill Ringbom will negotiate with the Center on behalf of the Five Cities Duplicate Bridge Club. The Board authorized a weekly donation of \$50-\$60 per week to the Senior Center for use of the space. The Board agreed to pay the fee up front if so desired by the Center. The Bridge Club will provide its own computer, coffee, computer printer and score pad supplies. Lori Hays volunteered to provide a toner cartridge to the Center as a thank you gift. Bob Bullock and Lori Hays will speak to John Rogers, Parks and Recreation Department, to determine if the Club can receive a credit for the period of time it was unable to use either the Women's Club in Arroyo Grande or the Pismo Beach Veteran's Hall. The Bridge Club expects to be back in the Arroyo Grande site in February, 2015.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Minutes of May 15, 2014:** Emily made a motion to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously. Lori will provide the minutes of May 15<sup>th</sup> to Bill Ringbom so he can post them on the web site. The Board agreed not to post the financials, but to provide a copy when requested.
- **Nominating Committee:** Lori stated the Nominating Committee should convene in August with the slate to be presented at the annual meeting in October. Toni suggested a novice member be included as a potential Board member. The Board agreed.
- **Holiday Party:** Lori mentioned that the date of the holiday party should not conflict with the Monterey Sectional as many Club members attend that event. She suggested the food be similar to last years. Toni and Emily volunteered to serve with Lori on the holiday committee.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:25P.M.

The annual meeting of the Five Cities Bridge Club was held on October 9, 2014. Lori Hays called the meeting to order and read the minutes of last year's annual meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes as read and accepted by the membership.

Pete Avotins presented the treasurer's report. The year to date bank balance is \$6205.43. Receipts are \$10029.00 and the expenses are \$7787.75 for a net gain of \$2241.25. There will be year end expenses for an estimated \$2200 for bonuses, yearly rent and the Christmas party. A motion was made and the report was accepted by the membership.

The nominating committee presented the slate of candidates for the 2015 board. The candidates are: Hold over members Lori Hays, Toni Gold, Doris Dunn, Emily Kreins Pete Avotins and new candidates Donna Kimber and Leslie Parrott. As no other candidates were brought forward from the floor, the membership voted to approve this slate. The board expressed appreciation for past service to Dick Rivera and Lynn Byrd.

Lori Hays provided an update of our situation as regarding a venue for duplicate bridge play. We will return to the Vets Club in Pismo Beach at the end of October and we are continuing to look for other places to play bridge.

There being no other new business, the meeting was adjourned.