

Five Cities Duplicate Bridge Club - Board Meeting Minutes – January 25, 2018

I. Meeting called to order at 11:15 AM. Attendance:

Eli Zinner, President – Present	David Crampton, Member - Absent
Mike Carroll, Vice President - Present	Jim Borland, Member - Present
Art Herbon, Secretary – Present	Patricia Kowal, Member - Present
Donna Kimber, Treasurer - Present	

A quorum was declared with 6 out of 7 board members in attendance. Others in attendance were Jim Solomon and Gary Gram. Gina Kirk, immediate past president, was not in attendance.

II. Minutes of 12/28/17 board meeting: Approved after minor corrections to Section VI-B-3 by acclamation (Herbon). Jim Solomon will post approved Minutes on the website, excluding Executive Session Minutes.

III. Treasurer’s Report (Donna Kimber)

- A. 1099 Forms for 2017 have been distributed, and 2017 tax forms will be filed before our next board meeting.
- B. The following individuals have been approved for individually signing checks at Rabobank: Donna Kimber; David Crampton; Mike Carroll; and Eli Zinner. Donna Kimber requested Art Herbon to submit a letter to the bank (801 Price St, Pismo Beach, CA 93449) authorizing the four people to sign up for check signing (the letter is attached to these Minutes).

IV. Club Manager and Director’s Report (Jim Solomon)

- A. ACBL website discussion -
  - 1. Five Cities DBC is the largest club between Santa Barbara and the Bay Area, with an average of 19 tables, and a thriving (13 table) Easy Bridge game.
  - 2. The club immediately posts game results to the Unit 540 website (the only club in unit 540 to do so).
  - 3. Jim suggested that “reservations requested” notes will be added to the website.
  - 4. It was generally suggested that the above information is “good publicity”, and should be added to websites.
- B. Annual club awards will be announced at next Thursday’s club game (2/1/18). Jim Solomon recommends that the club modify the “Jennings Stump” trophy to accommodate more names before it is awarded in 2019 (mount the trophy on a larger base).
- C. Jim Solomon briefly discussed special events.
- D. Jim Solomon notified the board that the SLO club is raising their fees from \$5 to \$6 per person. The Five Cities DBC will continue collecting \$5 per person.

V. Director's Report (nothing to report)

VI. Executive Session Business – None

VII. Old Business

A. The board held a short discussion regarding alternate locations.

B. The unit Sectional will take place 2/23 to 2/25

1. Food signup sheets will be coordinated to recruit volunteers on days they are attending the event.
2. Unit 540 requested a commitment of \$200 to \$250 from the Five Cities DBC. It was approved at an earlier board meeting.
3. Discussion regarding desirability of holding the Sectional at Elks Club: General comments were that it's a poor location. Another location such as the Vets' Hall should be considered in future years. However, the Vets' Hall is not available on the 4<sup>th</sup> weekends so an alternate schedule would need to be considered.
4. Unit 540 has requested that Five Cities DBC provide 30 tables, bidding boxes, clock to the Sectional, and it is being arranged by members.

C. Executive Session – No letter sent yet regarding the previous month's Executive Session.

VIII. New business

A. Refreshments – The effectiveness of the existing refreshment process was discussed. Currently, club members are requested to bring snacks once a month, according to the first letter of their last name. The weekly reminders for who brings snacks is currently contained in the weekly "invitation to play bridge". It was suggested that the current process would be more effective if a separate weekly email, sent exclusively to the people responsible for the week's snacks, be sent as a reminder. For example, those club members with last names starting with A-F would get an email in week one, reminding them to bring a snack.

B. Cold and Flu Season – The board discussed concerns regarding members showing up to play bridge that may currently be contagious with colds or flu. It was suggested that periodic announcements be made at games to remind people to stay home if they might be contagious, out of respect for those members that are highly sensitive to the impact of colds and flu.

IX. Next meeting is Thursday 2/22/18 at 11:15 AM, at the Vets' Hall. Meeting adjourned at 12:05.

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To Whom It May Concern:

On January 25, 2018, the Five Cities Duplicate Bridge Club directed me to authorize check signing privileges at Robo Bank Account #0112646601 to the following four officers of our club:

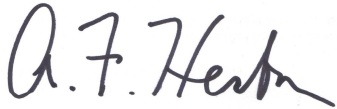
Donna Kimber

David Crampton

Mike Carroll

Eli Zinner

Signed – Club Secretary,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. F. Herbon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Arthur F. Herbon

Dated 2/06/2018

Five Cities Duplicate Bridge Club - Board Meeting Minutes – February 22, 2018

I. Meeting called to order at 11:15 AM. Attendance:

Eli Zinner, President – Present	David Crampton, Member - Present
Mike Carroll, Vice President - Present	Jim Borland, Member - Present
Art Herbon, Secretary – Present	Patricia Kowal, Member - Present
Donna Kimber, Treasurer - Present	

A quorum was declared. Jim Solomon was also in attendance.

II. Minutes of 01/25/18 board meeting were approved.

III. Treasurer’s Report (Donna Kimber)

- A. Balance is \$12,798 (high). Donna hasn’t received Jim Solomon’s latest bill.
- B. Unusual income transactions were explained (\$10 and \$20 gifts and food donations).
- C. All Rabobank check signing authorizations are complete. The following have singular signature authority: Donna Kimber; David Crampton; Mike Carroll; and Eli Zinner.

IV. Club Manager and Director’s Report (Jim Solomon)

A. Longest Day June 21st – bridge tournament

- 1. The event is a charity fund raiser for Alzheimer’s Association.
- 2. Last year the event was held at the Unitarian Universal Church.
- 3. Jim proposes holding this year’s event at the Vets’ Hall, sponsored by 5-Cities Bridge Club.
- 4. Vets’ Hall isn’t available evenings (Yoga class).
- 5. A decision to host the event is a very minor additional expense for the club: sponsoring the event instead of our club making a donation.
- 6. There will be no table fees ... donations to Alzheimer’s Association will be suggested instead of table fees.
- 7. Four-month planning horizon may be tight, considering the past practice of collecting donated items for an auction.

B. The city of Pismo Beach is holding a Volunteer Banquet on Thursday, 4/16. We will relocate our game to Arroyo Grande that day.

V. Old Business – None

VI. New Business

A. Member Comments and Complaints

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1. Thursday games are starting too late
  - a) New software for optimizing table seating assignments is still in the debugging phase.
  - b) Late check-ins upset the planning processes. The Board agrees with Solomon that we want to accommodate last-minute (no reservations) arrivals, but also want to discourage the practice (ie., encourage advance reservations).
  - c) The Board agreed to leave this issue on “Old Business”. Art Herbon will collect weekly statistics (start time, and number of unreserved arrivals) for discussion at future Board meetings.
  
2. Condition of tables
  - a) Eli proposes scrapping the 5 to 10 worst tables, and replacing them with enough for our needs.
  - b) Jim suggested we need 25 good tables and 5 tables in “fair condition” as emergency backup.
  - c) Eli suggests that we request Unit 540 to subsidize 50% of the cost of new tables. \$300 maximum.
  - d) Jim Solomon will coordinate an inspection of all tables while they are being returned from the SLO Sectional, and finalize this issue next month after we have more information. Move this issue to Old Business.
  
3. Members report that we need another Storage Cabinet. It was suggested to investigate and move this issue to Old Business in a future meeting.
  
4. Pizza luncheons
  - a) Board members are receiving comments that we typically have left over cheese pizza.
  - b) The perceived quality of pizza served at the SLO club is better than pizza served at the 5-Cities club. However, the same company (Fatty’s) provides pizza to both clubs.
  - c) Patricia Kowal volunteered to coordinate with Diane on what to order, and will talk to the management at Fatty’s to notify them of the deficiencies.

VII. Executive Session (confidential – attached page 3)

VIII. Next meeting is Thursday 3/22/18 at 11:15 AM, (Vets’ Hall). Meeting adjourned at 12:05.

Five Cities Duplicate Bridge Club - Board Meeting Minutes – March 22, 2018

I. Meeting called to order at 11:15 AM. Attendance:

Eli Zinner, President – Present	David Crampton, Member - Present
Mike Carroll, Vice President - Present	Jim Borland, Member - Present
Art Herbon, Secretary – Present	Patricia Kowal, Member - Present
Donna Kimber, Treasurer - Present	

A quorum was declared. (Jim Solomon joined the group 15 minutes late)

II. Minutes - Approved with the following comments and changes -

- A. Minor spelling corrections were made, and a correction to the date of the Pismo Beach volunteer banquet was made (from 4/21 to 4/16).
- B. Jim Borland volunteered to obtain “webmaster” capability, and to post all prior and future minutes (excluding Executive Meetings) on the web. Art Herbon will provide all of his pdf-format minutes to him.

III. Treasurer’s Report (Donna Kimber) – approved with the following comments -

- A. Balance is \$13,862 (higher than normal). Jim Solomon has not cashed old checks worth \$3,478, the main cause for the high balance (a Treasurer’s headache!).
- B. Monthly net income was \$2,411, higher than normal, due primarily to timing issues related to EasyBridge expenses.

IV. Club Manager Report (Jim Solomon)

- A. Attendance has been strong at club games.
- B. The old Kodak printer is being put back into service because another color printer and copier is needed.
- C. Jim Solomon reported that we are averaging 12 tables each Wednesday at EasyBridge, a combined number for both the beginning and the advanced sections. The board then had a wide ranging discussion about the EasyBridge program and the various bridge skill levels of the participants. Jim stated that several people have recently dropped out of the class while saying that the lessons did not meet their needs. We acknowledged the difficulty of presenting one lesson to a room full of people with different needs and interests. The board will continue to work with Jim Solomon and Tom Snow to ensure the program is as vibrant as possible. This topic of discussion will be continued at next month's meeting

V. Director’s Report (Jim Solomon) – none

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VI. Old Business

- A. Alternate plans for when Vets Hall unavailable – 4/5 and 4/12 we will be at Woman’s Club.
- B. Special Game Calendar – no comments
- C. Refreshment Policy – Jim will send a separate email each week to the group that is being asked to bring refreshments (setting up three separate Gmail Contact Groups to manage the reminders).
- D. On-Time Starts - The start process continues to improve (except for Swiss day)
  - 2/22 – started 12:42 with two unreserved pairs
  - 3/1 – started 12:34 with one unreserved pair (Naylor)
  - 3/8 – started 12:53 (!) – Swiss
- E. Condition of bridge tables – The board approved the purchase of five new tables.
- F. Longest Day, Thursday 6/21/18 – no discussion.

VII. New Business – none.

Five Cities Duplicate Bridge Club - Board Meeting Minutes – April 26, 2018

I. Meeting called to order at 11:15 AM. Attendance:

Eli Zinner, President – Present	David Crampton, Member - Present
Mike Carroll, Vice President - Present	Jim Borland, Member - Present
Art Herbon, Secretary – Present	Patricia Kowal, Member - Present
Donna Kimber, Treasurer - Present	

A quorum was declared.

Also in attendance: Jim Solomon; Tom Snow

II. March 22<sup>nd</sup> Minutes (Art Herbon) - Approved with no changes.

III. Treasurer's Report (Donna Kimber) – approved with the following comments -

- A. \$14,405 on hand (up from \$13,862). Outstanding checks \$4,410, primarily because Jim Solomon is behind on cashing checks. \$9,995 available.

IV. Club Manager Report (Jim Solomon)

- A. Weekly emails now show schedule one month out, including the announcement of special game days in future weeks.
- B. New refreshment plan is working well: Jim is sending a separate weekly email to groups assigned to bring something. There are four email groups, one used each week.
- C. Summer Thursday games: Jim in process of confirming that Arroyo Women's Club is available due to unavailability of Pismo Veteran's Hall.

V. Director's Report (Jim Solomon) – none

VI. Old Business

- A. Alternate plans for when Vets Hall unavailable – 4/5 and 4/12 we will be at Woman's Club.
- B. Special Game Calendar – no comments
- C. On time starts – general observation is that games are starting within five-minutes of goal.
- D. Condition of bridge tables – Have not yet obtained the five tables approved in March.
- E. Longest Day, Thursday 6/21/18
  - 1. Board decided (motion by Carroll, second by Kowal) to call the 6/21 regular game a Longest Day charity. Members will be requested to “donate” a minimum of \$5.



VII. New Business

A. EZ Bridge Graduation

1. \$100 request approved. Four “Free Play” coupons for Thursday bridge approved (to be raffled off at graduation).
2. Art shared Deb Cameron’s (District 22 board member) observation that a club gave all newcomers three free plays, and then offered to pay first year’s dues and retroactively award points from the three games ... very successful in recruiting new active members.
3. We have more than 75 participants in this year’s program. Jim recommend continuing some form of Wednesday bridge/education this summer, perhaps with a different name than EZ Bridge. The Pismo venue is not available in the summer, so the club would incur facilities rental costs. There was no decision by the board.

B. Future plans for Wednesdays. EZ Bridge vs. something new –

1. Last meeting is mid-June. Last lesson is mid-May.
2. Tom Snow is not available June, July and August (traveling). He can teach Thursdays through May. Donna will ask Barbara Weiss to teach in May/June.
3. EZ Bridge (Snow teaching, Solomon directing) was disappointing this year using a criteria of the number of people that have transitioned to Thursday bridge. Main cause is that people are less serious and seem to prefer home games.
4. What is our mission for education ... More Thursday participation (we’ve gained at least four steady pairs) or general bridge appreciation, even if play is ultimately at casual level?
5. Tom advised against EZ Bridge next season if mission is to promote Thursday participation. He suggests holding EZ bridge (or another bridge class for beginners) on Thursdays, at same time as normal Thursday game. More discussion needed on this subject.
6. No decisions on this. Continue discussion on on Old Business next month.

C. Board members began discussing the need for the unit to actively support members taking a bridge instructors’ class.

D. The club’s cake knife is missing. Dave will purchase another one.

E. Next meeting is May 31<sup>st</sup>. Art is on vacation. Jim Borland will take minutes in May.

Five Cities Duplicate Bridge Club - Board Meeting Minutes – May 31, 2018

I. Meeting called to order at 11:15 AM. Attendance:

Eli Zinner, President – Present	Jim Borland, Member - Present
Mike Carroll, Vice President - Present	Patricia Kowal, Member - Present
Donna Kimber, Treasurer – Present	David Crampton, Member - Present

Art Herbon, Secretary – Out of the country on vacation (excused absence)

Also in attendance: Jim Solomon. A quorum was declared.

Jim Borland took minutes in the absence of Art Herbon.

II. April 26<sup>th</sup> Minutes approved (Carroll/Kimber) with a few minor changes.

III. Treasurer’s Report by Donna Kimber – approved (Borland/Crampton).

IV. Club Manager Report (Jim Solomon)

- A. We have one more week to play at the Pismo Vets’ Hall on a Thursday and then we will be moving to the Arroyo Grande Women’s Club for the rest of our games in June and all of July, the last game at that location being on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. The City of Pismo Beach has scheduled other activities in the Vets’ Hall on Thursdays during those weeks.

A discussion was held regarding transportation and/or storage of our tables and equipment during those weeks. It is unknown at this time whether there is an opportunity to store anything at the Women’s Club. In the event that we must transport equipment each week, we will have access to the Pismo Vets’ Hall during those times on Thursdays that we would need to retrieve and return our stuff to storage at that location.

- B. Longest Day – after a discussion it was moved (Carroll/Kowal) that we not charge any table fees at our game on Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, and ask everyone to instead make a donation to the Alzheimer's Association. We will not specify a minimum requested amount for the donation. Emails and announcements between now and that date will be made to make everyone aware of the opportunity to make a charitable donation. People will be encouraged to bring their checkbooks to the game on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

- C. Summer Wednesday games (EasyBridge) – There are two more EasyBridge games on the schedule and then we lose access to the Vets’ Hall on Wednesdays due to a city planned Day Camp for children. Jim Solomon will make weekly telephone calls to the City of Pismo Beach to enquire about the viability of the Day Camp. In the event the Day Camp doesn’t have enough children sign-up there is a possibility it could be cancelled, making the site once again available to us. If this happens, Jim will contact all the EasyBridge players and try to get enough participation to have a viable game during the summer.

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V. Director's Report (Jim Solomon) – none

VI. Old Business

- A. On time starts – our general observation is that games are now starting on time and this agenda item will no longer be included on the list of Old Business.
- B. Purchase of bridge tables – Jim Solomon is in the process of shopping for the five tables approved for purchase in March.
- C. Thursday pregame lectures – Barbara Weiss is currently doing our pregame lessons and at present has agreed to continue doing so through the end of June. The board agreed that we want to ask her to commit to doing the lessons at least until the end of August and even longer if her situation allows. In the event that Barbara has to miss a particular week's lesson, Jim Solomon agreed that he could step in and be a substitute teacher when needed.
- D. When discussing an item from last month's minutes (EZ Bridge Graduation), Jim Solomon opened up his laptop computer, did a quick statistical analysis of student participation and reported that approximately one hundred different people have participated at some level since the inception of our EasyBridge class. Of those, approximately twenty-five have become somewhat active in the 149er section at our Thursday game.
- E. Future plans for Wednesdays: EasyBridge or something new? This discussion was postponed again until our next meeting.

VII. New Business

- A. A discussion was held regarding the reasons for moving the food table out into the foyer instead of being in its old position in the main hall, next to the stage. Everyone seemed satisfied with the explanation.
- B. Our next meeting will be on June 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 am.

Minutes prepared and submitted by: Jim Borland

Five Cities Duplicate Bridge Club - Board Meeting Minutes – June 28, 2018

I. Meeting called to order at 11:15 AM. Attendance:

Eli Zinner, President – Present	David Crampton, Member - Present
Mike Carroll, Vice President - Present	Jim Borland, Member - Present
Art Herbon, Secretary – Present	Patricia Kowal, Member - Present
Donna Kimber, Treasurer - Present	

A quorum was declared. Also in attendance: Jim Solomon

II. May 31, 2018 Minutes (Jim Borland) – Approved.

III. Treasurer’s Report (Donna Kimber) – Approved.

IV. Club Manager Report (Jim Solomon)

A. Vet’s Hall available 7/5, 7/12 and 8/8. We will use the AG Woman’s Club on 7/19, 7/26, 8/1 and 8/15.

B. EZ Bridge Report –

1. Starting using teaching system about two years ago.
2. Lesson, followed by open game on Wednesdays.
3. Recent comments by users: “not getting much out of it”

V. Director’s Report - none

VI. Old business

A. Alternate plans when Vet’s Hall unavailable – no further discussion after the Club Manager report covered this issue.

B. Special Game Calendar – no comments.

C. Purchase of replacement bridge tables – Walmart no longer carries our style of tables. Jim Solomon will look for another source.

D. Longest Day, 6/21/18 – no comments.

E. Future plans for Wednesdays. EZ Bridge versus something new. Options -

1. Continue the same (Jim S. suggests not)
2. Close Wednesdays
3. Change Wednesdays to Beginning Bridge (Audrey Grant)
  - a) Only beginners – 2 hours
  - b) Shorter game to follow.
  - c) No fee required to use Audrey Grant teaching method (but buy books)

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4. Motion (Borland, Herbon 2<sup>nd</sup>): Send letter to Wednesday group. Change to Audrey Grant in late August. 12:15 lesson. 1:30 game (99 point limit)
  - a) Motion passed unanimously

F. Thursday pregame lectures – Board agreed to continue Barbara Weiss lessons until Tom takes over in the fall.

VII. New Business

A. Next meeting 7/26/18, 11:15AM

B. Late start 6/14/18 – Barbara Harding apologized for signing up and then not showing up (car trouble). Jim Solomon's response to Barbara was terse. Further discussion -

1. Would separate Club Manager role handle this type of issue differently?
2. Why are our Club Manager and Director positions combined?
  - a) Positions were combined when Bob Bullock became ill and Jim was asked to cover for him.
  - b) The board requests that Jim Solomon obtain Club Manager and Director job descriptions from ACBL, and that he evaluate how they compare with his duties, for further discussion at the July meeting.

C. Relocate to AG Woman's Club permanently in the future?

1. Our club left the AG Woman's Club two years ago after rent went up.
2. Many club members prefer the Woman's Club over the Vet's Hall.
3. Closet storage (table and stuff locked up) is no longer available.
  - a) Would closet be available if we offered a separate rental payment.
  - b) Who uses it now?
4. Current facility fee is \$49.50/wk plus staff fee (small)
5. Vet's Hall fee is about \$75/wk.
6. Is AG Woman's Club facility big enough? 20 table max?

Five Cities Duplicate Bridge Club - Board Meeting Minutes – July 26, 2018

I. Meeting called to order at 10: AM at Donna Kimber’s home. Attendance:

Eli Zinner, President – Present	David Crampton, Member - Present
Mike Carroll, Vice President - Absent	Jim Borland, Member - Present
Art Herbon, Secretary – Present	Patricia Kowal, Member - Present
Donna Kimber, Treasurer - Present	

A quorum was declared. Also in attendance: Jim Solomon

II. June 28, 2018 Minutes (Art Herbon) – Approved.

III. Treasurer’s Report (Donna Kimber) – . \$10,324 available. \$1,877 outstanding checks. Jim Solomon cannot find two or more checks and they will be reissued. Approved.

IV. Club Manager Report (Jim Solomon)

- A. No pre-signups experiment – Recent trials look promising, with most recent game starting only 4 minutes late. “Section B” players still need to signup in advance to assure there are at least 3 tables, to avoid last-minute integration of A and B sections. Don Alderman is helping with setup of “B” section (table guides, cards, etc.).
- B. Vets Hall is available all but one week in the next 6 months.
- C. Sending results of games – more quickly when we resume playing at Vets.
- D. Jim Borland now updating Unit 540 web calendar, instead of Bill Ringbom.
- E. Marilyn Bullock does not want a game dedicated to her.
- F. We never honored Barbara Hardin. Jim Solomon meeting this weekend with her.
- G. Doris Dunn complaint – Can’t get web results on her smart phone , but can get the email attachment.

V. Director’s Report

VI. Old business

- A. Alternate plans when Vet’s Hall unavailable – no further discussion after the Club Manager report covered this issue.
- B. Special Game Calendar – no comments.
- C. Purchase of replacement bridge tables – Walmart no longer carries our style of tables. Jim Solomon will look for another source.

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D. Longest Day, 6/21/18 – no comments.

E. Future plans for Wednesdays.

1. Offer classes and game 8/22 to 12/19. 16 meetings (no Thanksgiving) in conjunction with Pismo Recreation (therefore no rent).
2. Pismo Recreation will provide advertising for the 5-Cities area.
3. Classes will be held from 12:30 to 1:30.
4. A sanctioned game will start at 1:30 PM. Those that attend classes can play free in the game, and others can join the game for a normal daily fee.
5. The board discussed funding a short-term ACBL membership for each person signed up for lessons (to get the magazine, get an ACBL number, and get connected with ACBL for renewal). No final decision by the board on this.

F. Thursday pregame lectures – Jim Solomon will ask Tom Snow to take over Thursday pregame lessons as soon as he's available.

VII. New Business

A. Job Descriptions – Club Manager versus Director – Discussion tabled to the August meeting.

B. Board Meeting schedule -

1. 8/23
2. 9/27
3. 10/25
4. November and December meetings not yet determined.

Five Cities Duplicate Bridge Club - Board Meeting Minutes – September 27, 2018

I. Meeting called to order at 10: AM at Donna Kimber's home. Attendance:

Eli Zinner, President – Present	David Crampton, Member - Present
Mike Carroll, Vice President - Absent	Jim Borland, Member - Present
Art Herbon, Secretary – Present	Patricia Kowal, Member - Present
Donna Kimber, Treasurer - Present	

A quorum was declared. Also in attendance: Jim Solomon

II. July Minutes (Art Herbon) – Approved.

III. Treasurer's Report (Donna Kimber) – In good standing

IV. Club Manager Report (Jim Solomon)

- A. No pre-signups experiment – continuing trial
- B. Vets Hall is available all but one week in the next 6 months.
- C. Sending results of games – more quickly when we resume playing at Vets.
- D. EZ Bridge discussion -

V. Old business

- A. Purchase of replacement bridge tables – Walmart no longer carries our style of tables. Jim Solomon looking for another source.
- B. New Business



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I. Meeting called to order at 10: AM at Donna Kimber's home. Attendance:

Eli Zinner, President – Present	David Crampton, Member - Present
Mike Carroll, Vice President - Absent	Jim Borland, Member - Present
Art Herbon, Secretary – Present	Patricia Kowal, Member - Present
Donna Kimber, Treasurer - Present	

A quorum was declared. Also in attendance: Jim Solomon

II. September Minutes (Art Herbon) – Not available. Review next month.

III. Treasurer's Report (Donna Kimber) – Balance is \$13,850. Dealing machine cost impact was noted as unexpected, but OK.

IV. Club Manager Report (Jim Solomon)

- A. No pre-signups experiment – continuing trial
- B. AG Women's Hall not available as backup for Vets Hall. San Luis Obispo Guild Hall (Grange) is backup.
- C. Sending results of games – more quickly when we resume playing at Vets.
- D. Jim planning to get four new bridge boards at start of 2019.

V. Old business

- A. Wednesday "EZ Bridge" attendance is 33 people (up). Having scheduling conflicts using Vet's Hall. Hall not available 11/8.
- B. Jim planning to get four new bridge tables at start of year another source.
- C. Jim Solomon will inquire whether Vet's Hall might be available on Sunday's for a future sectional (we previously assumed it was not).

VI. New Business

- A. Christmas Party – Motion approved to allocate \$1,000 for party (instead of December's Pizza day) if someone volunteers to chair the event. Tom Snow offered to do BBQ as in the past.
- B. Annual Meeting
  - 1. Election committee not formed because all three incumbant's have offered to run again (Eli, Mike, Donna).

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2. Mike Carroll will run meeting, starting with treasurer's report, and then opening nominations from the floor for board members (explain that all three incumbants will continue on the board by acclamation if there are not nominations).
  
- C. Pregame lectures – Barbara will continue her lecture series on November 8<sup>th</sup> at the 'Guild'.
  
- D. Sectional on March 22-24, 2019 (previously held in February). Motion approved to support the Sectional with \$200 donation, and will loan equipment (tables and other items). Discussion ensued regarding desire to have less breaks ... faster play.
  
- E. Eating at tables – discussion regarding a few complaints of 'meals' being eaten during play.
  
- F. Service Animals discussion
  
- G. Jim Solomon will continue sending a separate email to those being asked to bring snacks (according to last name).
  
- H. Mike Carrol will schedule next meeting before holiday. Eli not available for most of the next two months.

Five Cities Duplicate Bridge Club - Board Meeting Minutes – Nov 15, 2018

I. Meeting called to order by Mike Carroll at 10: AM at Donna Kimber’s home. Attendance:

Eli Zinner, President – Absent	David Crampton, Member - Present
Mike Carroll, Vice President - Absent	Jim Borland, Member - Present
Art Herbon, Secretary – Present	Patricia Kowal, Member - Present
Donna Kimber, Treasurer - Present	

A quorum was declared. Also in attendance: Jim Solomon

II. October 15 Minutes Approved.

III. Treasurer’s Report (Donna Kimber) – Balance is \$13,850.

IV. Club Manager Report (Jim Solomon)

- A. 25 minutes late starting last week: varouse causes ... one pair went to wrong venue. One pair left after waiting. Confusion regarding NS seating.
- B. The “no advance signups experiment is going well.
- C. Wednesday “EZ Bridge” attendance is 33 people.

V. Old business

- A. Christmas party canceled due to Vet’s Hall being unavailable. Will be rescheduled ... possible New Years celebration on January 10<sup>th</sup>.

VI. New Business

- A. Pregame lectures – Barbara had trouble distributing lecture notes in advance. Donna Kimber proposed that Barbara send them to her and she will get them distributed. Motion passed 5-1.

VII. Next meeting 1/24/19

Five Cities Duplicate Bridge Club Annual Meeting Minutes – Nov 15, 2018

I. Meeting called to order at 12:15 pm by Mike Carroll. Attendance:

Eli Zinner, President – Absent	David Crampton, Member - Present
Mike Carroll, Vice President - Present	Jim Borland, Member - Present
Art Herbon, Secretary – Present	Patricia Kowal, Member - Present
Donna Kimber, Treasurer - Present	

II. Annual Meeting Minutes – 2017 – Report by Art Herbon. Motion to approve passed.

III. Treasurer’s Report (Donna Kimber) – Finances in good order. Balance is at about same level as 2017 annual meeting (\$13,850). Motion to approve passed.

IV. Nomination of board – Three positions open (Carroll, Zinner, Kowal) Incumbents have volunteered to continue their position. Motion to close nominations and accept the three members for a two-year term. Passed.

V. Meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm.