

Five Cities Duplicate Bridge Club - Board Meeting Minutes – 01/23/2020

I. Meeting called to order by Eli Zinner at 11:00 am in the patio at the AG Community Center/Woman's Club.

Attendance:

Eli Zinner, President – Present, Mike Carroll, Vice-President – Present

Art Herbon, Secretary – Absent Donna Kimber, Treasurer – Present

Jim Borland, Member – Present Deb Cameron, Member – Present

David Crampton, Member – Present

A quorum was declared.

Also in attendance after the executive session: Jim Solomon

II. November 2019 meeting minutes were approved by acclamation.

III. Treasurer's Report was approved by acclamation. Our checking account bank balance is: \$21,516.

IV. An executive session of the board was called by Eli Zinner. An announcement of the outcome of that meeting appears below.

V. Director's Report – a discussion ensued regarding the new ACBL feature called ACBL Live. Jim Solomon has been submitting our club's game reports to ACBL Live since it first became available. It was noted that players are not receiving game results by email as promised by ACBL Live. Jim agreed to check with the people in charge to find out what we must do to have our players receive these emails.

VI. Old Business

(A) Incorporation of new director. John J. Fields will be our club director for the first time at today's game. The plan is to have him direct once per month according to a schedule to be worked out between John and Jim Solomon.

(B) Purchase and implementation of a dealing machine. For the time being, Deb Cameron will keep the dealing machine at her house and will duplicate the boards as needed. We paid the SLO Club \$2,300 for the machine and eight sets of boards. Happily, we have been informed that the Unit Board has given us \$1,000 toward the cost of purchasing this machine from the SLO

Club. We are very grateful to the Unit Board for their generous contribution.

(C) Unit 540 Sectional and Five Cities club game the day before. The board is very excited to offer a preview of Swiss Pairs at our Thursday game on 3/26/20, the day before the start of the Sectional. Cost will be the usual \$6 per person. David White, our Sectional Tournament Director, will offer a tutorial of Swiss Pairs that day and will direct that game for us.

VII. New Business

(A) Preparing boards for the Santa Maria Club. Jim Borland moved and Mike Carroll seconded a motion to charge the Santa Maria Club \$15 every time we make a set of boards for them. Motion passed. Since they currently hold two games a week, our fee will be \$30 a week. It was agreed that there would be no charge for the extra set of boards they need for their occasional Saturday Unit Games. Members of the Santa Maria Club are to be responsible for transportation (pick-up and delivery) of the boards to and from Deb Cameron.

A discussion ensued regarding ownership of the boards. Apparently the Santa Maria Club purchased one or two sets of boards several years ago and donated them to the SLO Club to support their board making operation. At this time there is no way to know which of the board sets they purchased, and with wear-and-tear and the passage of time, it was decided to rule that Santa Maria has no claim to any of the board sets. All eight of our board sets are to be considered property of our club.

(B) Next meeting. Our next board meeting will be on Thursday, February 27, at the AG Community Center/Woman's Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am. Minutes submitted by Jim Borland due to the absence of our Secretary.

Announcement: The board has appointed Deb Cameron to be the new Club Manager. The board noted its appreciation of Jim Solomon for carrying that responsibility for the past several years. Jim will continue as the club's primary director for our bridge games. The board approved having Deb continue as a member of the board while acting in the role of Club Manager.

Five Cities Duplicate Bridge Club - Board Meeting Minutes – 02/27/2020

Meeting called to order at 10:45am.

1/23 minutes approved.

Treasurer's report - 16 checks to Jim too old. \$7,806. Some replaced twice.

Replace with one check.

Old business

- New director - John Fields started 1/month Jan, Feb. Pay Jim for Feb Club Manager.
- Request Jim to provide rent documents to Deb. Rent is \$80 to \$150, including supervision (need more information from rent documents).
- Barb's lessons - She has retired per Mike. Tom Snow is replacing her through May.
- Thanks to Bob Wood for helping set up web movement at our games.
- Charge Santa maria \$15 per set of board starting Feb-1.
- Include board-making in the club manger fee.
- Need 9 sets of board for Swiss pairs.
- Sectional - anticipating six more tables (advertising and positive experience last year). Woman's Club layout is pushed to it's capacity.

New Business

- Refreshments - Jan Zinner to take over food. All will be asked to donate \$5 per month to support costs. Pizza day will still take place 1/month. Jan will be allocated \$30 per week as a trial (maybe more later).
- Common Game starting 4/1. Emphasize no cell use. No website use between rounds.
- Visa Card approved for Deb Cameron, Donna Kimber, Dave Crampton, Eli Zinner.
- COVID-19 - Discussion regarding shutdown.
- Website signup discussion - see Unit 534 as an example.
- Jim Borland asked to take director's test. Unit will pay fee. Class not needed.
- 149er trophy - Art will double the size of engraving area (trophy is full).

Minutes submitted by Art Herbon, Secretary

Five Cities Duplicate Bridge Club - Board Meeting Minutes – 04/09/2020

(1) Meeting called to order by Eli at 9:30 AM via Zoom. Eli apologized for making an executive decision to close clubs (prior to stay-at-home orders). Many board members complimented him on his decision, and there were no objections to his action.

(2) Feb. 27th Minutes approved (motion by Borland, 2nd by Crampton)

(3) Treasurer's report

- Balance is \$24,040 (about \$2,000 of uncashed checks bring available cash to \$22K).
- Replaced 16 Solomon checks that expired with one check (\$4,100).
- No significant ongoing expenses for club while it is on COVID-19 closure status.

(4) Club Manager discussion (Cameron)

(5) Old Business

- Signups by website instead of email - Jim Borland gave demo using www.unit540.org. The board likes the idea of using this signup process for when we reopen in person.
- COVID-19 - 35 clubs has launched games on BBO so far (BBO doing it in priority of club size). Unit 540 wants combine clubs into a unit game online. This will get us higher on the BBO priority list. We discussed what we recommend that the Unit charge. Deb commented that \$5 is not objectionable, but if the unit offers many games per week AM and PM daily, for instance, \$5 each may start being a deterrent. There was further discussion, and the board did not elect to advise the Unit on this issue.

(6) Next board meeting will be determined when necessary by Eli, or anyone else needing to conduct club business.

Minutes submitted by Art Herbon, Secretary