

# San Luis Obispo Duplicate Bridge Club

## Board Minutes for January 15, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Bill Ringbom, President, at 4:15 p.m. Present were Board Members Mary Neal, Judy Obermeier, Bill Ringbom, Dolores Soll, and Jean Wilson, as well as Barbara Weiss, Manager. Absent members: Gene Edgerton and Bud Zeuschner.

**Minutes** of the December 4, 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mary reported the Club's bank balance as of December 31, 2009, to be \$2,637.17. December's expenses exceeded income by \$707.38, primarily because of the Christmas party. Also, due to the closure of the Senior Center for the holiday period, there were only 79.5 tables in December. Our bank balance at the end of 2009 was \$681.24 greater than the 2008 year-end balance. Mary attributes this largely to the success of the beginner games.

**Club Manager's Report:** (1) Barbara passed out the written schedule for game in 2010. (2) The old black tables we have been using when we have a large group are worn out. Barbara recommended we purchase 3 new, smaller size, tables which would also help with the overcrowding we experience when all tables are in use. Dolores agreed to price tables at Bed, Bath and Beyond. (3) Barbara will replace the pencil sharpener which disappeared over the holidays.

**Old Business:** There was a general discussion on club organization and procedures with a view to being sure games start on time and that announcements need not be made during play of the hands. It was suggested that Barbara ask for volunteers from any of the Board members to help distribute materials at the beginning of games to be sure tables are ready and games started in a timely manner. The supply situation was also discussed as some directors have had difficulty finding needed materials. Mary, Judy, and Dolores agreed to meet Barbara at 10:00 on Monday morning, January 18, to re-organize and label our cabinets. The Club cabinets in the kitchen are now identified by red dots on the doors and we have been authorized to have keys. Barbara, Bill, Mike and Fred will be key holders.

**New Business:** (1) Barbara reported a name-calling incident, witnessed by Jean Wilson, which occurred between players just before the game today. Apparently a player made loud, disparaging remarks about another player which were overheard by the husband of the person to whom he referred. The husband took exception to the remarks and some angry words were exchanged. It was agreed that the behavior described is inappropriate. Players who have a complaint should make their views known to Barbara or to Bill Ringbom as president, in a discreet manner. Barbara, or other directors, can assign pairs so that they do not have to play opposite someone they find objectionable. We do have a zero tolerance policy. If Bill is made aware of inappropriate or unethical behaviors, he will speak to those involved and decide what steps to take. (2) It is our Club's turn to provide the Saturday refreshments at the Sectional in Arroyo Grande at the end of February. After much discussion it was agreed that Bill would purchase donuts and other pastries for the morning and that our club members would be asked to provide snacks to be available between games and throughout the day. (3) Judy suggested we look for one or more people who might be interested in directing. It was suggested the Unit might be willing to help with training expenses. Bill will take this up at the Unit meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m. The next meeting will be on Friday, February 5.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Soll, Secretary



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## Board Minutes for February 5, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Bill Ringbom, President, at 4:05 p.m. Present were Board Members Gene Edgerton, Mary Neal, Judy Obermeier, Bill Ringbom, Dolores Soll, and Jean Wilson, as well as Barbara Weiss, Manager. Board Member Bud Zeuschner was absent.

**Minutes** of the January 15, 2010, meeting were reviewed and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mary reported a net income for the month of January of \$11.19 and a bank balance as of January 31 of \$2,648.36. Refreshment and supply expenditures, including purchase of a printer cartridge, were high and the table count was only 89 due to the Center's closure the first week of January.

**Club Manager's Report:** Barbara reported that the only time space is available at the Senior Center for Floyd's proposed workshops is between 11:00 and 12:30 on Mondays and just before the Wednesday games.

**Old Business:** (1) Jean Wilson has the refreshments sign-up for the upcoming tournament in Arroyo Grande. We need to encourage more people to bring snacks. Bill is getting donuts and pastries from Costco. Gene is visiting Costco and will let Bill know what is available. It was agreed to limit our club's expenditures for refreshments to \$150. Jean and Judy will again be in charge of the food at the Saturday games. (2) The city is apparently considering purchasing some additional tables so we will defer any club purchase for the present.

**New Business:** After considerable discussion about the space and time restraints on any plans for bridge workshops, it was moved, seconded, and approved that we propose the 11:00 to 12:15 Monday time slot to Floyd.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m. The next meeting will be on Friday, February 5.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Soll, Secretary

## **San Luis Obispo Duplicate Bridge Club**

### **Minutes**

#### ***Ad hoc* Board Meeting**

**April 9, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by Bill Ringbom, President, at 3:55 p.m. Present were Board Members Mary Neal, Judy Obermeier, Bill Ringbom, Dolores Soll, and Jean Wilson. Board Members Gene Edgerton and Bud Zeuschner were absent.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss concerns about the Club's relationship with the Senior Center and Parks and Recreation personnel, with a view to finding ways to meet the needs of the Center and of the Club and, at the same time, make our interactions more satisfactory.

The discussion centered on concerns which have been raised about communications between the Club and the Center and about the fees paid by our Club for use of the Senior Center facilities.

It was agreed that the fees our Club pays to the Senior Center are very modest and have not been changed for many years. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to give Bill the authority to negotiate a new fee schedule with the Senior Center. Bill indicated that he had also discussed this decision with a member of the Unit Board.

Bill will meet with Dick Flanders, President of the Senior Center Board, and a Parks and Recreation representative for the purpose of determining fees as well as sharing concerns and ideas to improve the working relationship. Board Members agreed on a policy that future communications with the Senior Center and the Department of Parks and Recreation will go through only one person from our Club and that that person needs to be Bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:17 p.m. The next regular meeting will be on Friday, May 7, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Soll, Secretary



## San Luis Obispo Duplicate Bridge Club

### Board Minutes for May 7, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Bill Ringham, President, at 4:10 p.m. Present were Board Members Mary Neal, Bud Zeuschner, Bill Ringham, and Jean Wilson, as well as Barbara Weiss, Club Manager. Absent members: Gene Edgerton, Dolores Soll and Judy Obermeier.

**Minutes** of the April 2, 2010 meeting were reviewed and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Club's bank balance as of April 30 was \$3,226.91. April's income exceeded expenses by \$20. There were 91 tables in April with the last Friday dark because of the Santa Maria Sectional. Table count was up 3 from last year.

**Club Manager's Report:** Nothing to report

**Old Business:** Bill reported on the meeting held with Dick Flanders (Senior Center) and Sheridan Bohlken (SLO Park & Rec). The Senior Center wants to increase our rent from \$1 per table to \$3 per table. Bill agreed to the new rate. This will be the same rate for all games played at the Senior Center (including the Saturday Unit Game). The discussion ranged on various methods to pay for this increase or to reduce the expenses in other areas. Suggested were to increase table fees, OR (1) eliminating the Wednesday night game (which continues to be a drain on our account), (2) eliminating Free Plays, (3) eliminating Pizza Day, (4) eliminating all refreshments (except coffee & tea) and asking members to bring snacks (5) eliminating club paid Christmas party, (6) other ideas?

**A motion to eliminate Free Plays was made, seconded and unanimously approved.**

Mary made an analysis of the break-even point for the Wednesday night game and determined we needed 6 tables. It was mentioned that Torre's new beginner group on Wednesday could be a possible source of new players to arrive at that 6 table point.

**A motion to leave game schedule and refreshments as it currently is and continue this at our next meeting was made, seconded and unanimously approved.**

Some board members expressed concern with raising the table fees to \$5 for all games, stating the possibility of losing players to Morro Bay if they can play there for \$4. It was mentioned that Morro Bay charged \$6 or \$7 for their STaC game on Tuesday. It was suggested that Morro Bay might be looking to raise their table fess to \$5 also. Bill will speak with George Sheffield and see if that is the case and then we both can increase to \$5.

It was suggested that the Unit Board could meet at the Saturday Unit Game, rather than the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in the conference room which the Seniors have reserved for other uses. Bill will suggest this to Gary Yant.

**New Business:** Nothing to report

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m. The next meeting will be on Friday, June 4th.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Ringbom, President

## San Luis Obispo Duplicate Bridge Club

### Board Minutes for June 4, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Bill Ringbom, President, at 4:05 p.m. Present were Board Members Mary Neal, Judy Obermeier, Bill Ringbom, Dolores Soll, Jean Wilson and Bud Zeuschner, as well as Barbara Weiss, Manager, and Torre Houlgate. Board Member Gene Edgerton was absent.

**Minutes** of the May 7, 2010, meeting were reviewed and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mary reported expenditures in May exceeded income by \$153.20. The bank balance as of May 31 was \$3,073.31. We had a total of 81 and ½ tables for the month. Expenditures included paying Torre \$15 for one lesson. Mary also reported our receiving a letter of appreciation from Pat Kowal for the club's donation to the Central Coast Fund for Children in memory of Len Kowal.

**Old Business:** (1) Torre reported that a novice game on Wednesday evenings would be preceded by her lesson. Barbara Hardin or Torre had planned to direct the novice game, but Fred wants to do so, so Barbara and Torre will play. The start has been slow because of late notice but e-mails will be sent to those who might be interested. No point limit has, as yet, been set for the game. (2) Bill reported meeting with the Department of Parks & Recreation representative again but, as of now, there is no signed contract. Apparently other clubs use the city facilities without paying rent so the city is reviewing the situation. For the time being, we will table discussion of raising our fees to \$5.00. (3) Following a discussion on refreshment costs, a motion was made and approved to limit refreshments provided by the club to tea, coffee, and pretzels (after our present supplies run out.)

**Club Manager's Report:** (1) Barbara suggested another way to cut expenses would be to hold District 22 and 23 STAC games in July, rather than Western Conference, so we pay ACBL \$5.00 a table instead of the \$6 required for Western Conference STAC games. There would be no hand records so we would also save the fee paid to directors for setting up hands. A motion was made and approved to follow this suggestion. (2) Ann Dyer week is coming up. We will have North American Pairs qualifying games with ½ red and ½ black points being awarded. The fee will be \$5. We will also have a Swiss Teams game on the final Saturday of June which will be directed by Barbara Hardin.

**New Business:** (1) The terms of Bud Zeuschner, Gene Edgerton, and Dolores Soll will be up in September. The election will take place at our annual meeting. (2) \$50 was authorized for a contribution of refreshments for the event being planned in memory of Georgina Kakuske.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. The next meeting will be on Friday, July

2, 2010.. Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Soll, Secretary



## San Luis Obispo Duplicate Bridge Club

### Board Minutes for July 2, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Bill Ringbom, President, at 4:08 p.m. Board Members Gene Edgerton, Mary Neal, Bill Ringbom, Dolores Soll, and Jean Wilson, were joined later in the meeting by Bud Zeuschner. Barbara Weiss, Manager, also attended. Board Member Judy Obermeier was absent.

**Minutes** of the June 4, 2010 meeting were reviewed and approved as corrected. (The bank balance as of May 31 was corrected to \$3,073.71.)

**Treasurer's Report:** Mary was unable to report for the month of June as she had not yet received a bank statement. (By a subsequent e-mail she reported a June 30, 2010 bank balance of \$3,543.11. Income for the month was \$2,089 with income exceeding expenditures by \$469.40. There were 101 tables during June.)

**Old Business:** (1) Bill reported that we are still paying the Senior Center \$1.00 a table and he has not been contacted by the city or the Center for another meeting. (2) Our annual meeting will be September 24 at 12:15 - pizza day- at which time we will elect new board members. The terms of Gene, Bud, and Dolores are expiring. Gene would be available if necessary but would prefer to leave. Bud is unable to continue due to work obligations. Dolores agreed to stay on if elected. Gina Kirk has indicated a desire to be on the Board and Sonia Arsene has agreed to serve. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor at the annual meeting.

**Club Manager's Report:** (1) We have earned an enhanced game (i.e. more points) that we can use for the annual meeting. (2) We have hot dogs, beans, and buns left from the Swiss Team day game. It was agreed Barbara would e-mail players that they will be served on Monday, July 5. (3) Fred Strong would like to direct on Wednesday nights on a regular basis. Barbara Hardin and Torre Houlgate are available to sub, as needed. As Floyd is presently incapacitated from his injury, Bill will talk with him regarding future plans. (4) Barbara reported that the refreshment system is working out well but that, as we are still paying \$1.00 a table, she will purchase cheese for the crackers we have on hand as well as more hard candy. (5) Regarding the Zero tolerance policy, we need to try to get people to call the Director when there is a problem.

**New Business:** (1) Gary Yant and Dolores Soll were Ann Dyer week winners. The Board decided to give mugs for both Ann Dyer and Janice Vivrette winners. Mary will order them. (2) Some members have expressed concern about games starting late. The Board discussed ways to be sure games start promptly. Recommendations included arranging the tables in the same order each time to avoid confusion and having the boards on tables in advance so people know where to sit after registering.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m. The next meeting will be on Friday, August 6, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Soll, Secretary

## San Luis Obispo Duplicate Bridge Club

### Board Minutes for August 6, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Bill Ringbom, President, at 4:20 p.m. Board Members Gene Edgerton, Judy Obermeier, Bill Ringbom, Dolores Soll, Jean Wilson, and Bud Zeuschner were present, as well as Barbara Weiss, Manager, and Fred Strong, a director. Board Member Mary Neal was absent.

**Minutes** of the July 2, 2010, meeting were reviewed and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bill Ringbom reported on behalf of Mary Neal. With more than 130 tables in July, income exceeded expenses by \$496.51. The bank balance as of July 31 was \$4,039.62.

**Club Manager's Report:** (1) Barbara reported that players arriving late for games has been a problem, especially this past Monday. She asked that directors not be interrupted as they try to deal with latecomers and getting the game started. (2) We can have a STAC game as well as two NAP games this month if the Board desires. Players earn black and red points for NAP and silver points for STAC. The Great Western STAC costs an additional \$6 a table as well as the cost of setting up boards. (A motion was made and passed to hold a Great Western STAC in August.) (3) The refreshment policy is working out; members are contributing. Barbara is not buying anything in large quantities due to the storage problem. (4) ACBL has added an opportunity in October for team games in which participants can earn up to ¼ of a gold point. Further discussion on this game was tabled until a later meeting. (5) Nothing has been heard from the city about purchase of additional tables. Barbara would like the club to purchase four. No decision was made at this time.

**Old Business:** Bill reminded the Board of the need to consider appropriate penalties for offenses against the Zero Tolerance policy. He stated the Unit was interested in what we might decide for possible use in the Unit.

A few minor changes in the written policy relative to convention cards and the purposes of Zero Tolerance were agreed upon but, after extensive discussion, it was decided the directors should be called together to suggest approaches for dealing with offenders and the possible penalties for offenses. Barbara agreed to arrange a meeting of directors for this purpose.

It was agreed that the suggestions of the directors, and the resulting written Zero Tolerance policy, would be presented to and approved by the Board prior to dissemination.

**New Business:** There was no additional business to consider.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next meeting will be after the game on Friday, September 3, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Soll, Secretary



**San Luis Obispo Duplicate Bridge Club**

**Board Minutes for September 3, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by Bill Ringbom, President, at 4:20 p.m. Board Members Gene Edgerton, Judy Obermeier, Bill Ringbom, and Jean Wilson were present, as well as Barbara Weiss, Manager. Board Members Mary Neal, Dolores Soll and Bud Zeuschner were absent.

Minutes of the August 6, 2010 meeting were reviewed and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** The August report was not available.

**Club Manager's Report:** re: Purchase of 5 more bridge tables. To be discussed later.

Re: 15 second or 10 second pause after a STOP card. Barbara will look into the ruling.

Re; Torre's Mom - Our club will send a donation of \$50 to Hospice

Re: October games. Janice Vivrette week is October 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>. Friday

the 22<sup>nd</sup> will be a team game 12:00 - 4:30. Perhaps we will schedule a 2<sup>nd</sup> team game in October (with gold points?)

**Old Business:** BIDDING BOXES - Each club will order its own electronic bidding boxes. Our club will go with BridgeMate. Each unit cost is \$132. There will be no sharing of systems with other clubs. We will encourage donations from our members to defray the total cost

STaC game on September 26<sup>th</sup>. No hand records.

**New Business:** There was no additional business to consider.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next meeting will be after the game on Friday October 1, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Obermeier



SLO Duplicate Club Annual Meeting  
September 24, 2010 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President, Bill Ringbom at 12:30 PM

There have been two major expenditures for the club this year. Five new card tables were purchased, our club paid for three and the Senior Center paid for two. A Bridgemate Scoring System was purchased for the club and should be operational by next week.

Mary Neal reported that the bank balance is \$2,563.70 after the above purchases. This should allow us to fund a nice Christmas party and remain financially sound through the end of the year.

Bill announced that there are three Board positions available for the coming year and a slate of four candidates.

The candidates are Gene Edgerton, Dolores Soll, Sonia Arsene and Gina **Kirk**. Gina withdrew her name from the slate. There were no nominations from the floor. Floyd Redman moved that the slate be accepted as presented, seconded by Gina Kirk, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 PM.

Respectively submitted, Jean Wilson

## San Luis Obispo Duplicate Bridge Club

### Board Minutes for October 1, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Bill Ringbom, President, at 4:27 p.m. Board Members Sonia Arsene, Gene Edgerton, Mary Neal, Judy Obermeier, Bill Ringbom, and Dolores Soll were present, as well as Barbara Weiss, Manager. Board Member Jean Wilson was absent.

**Minutes** of the September 3, 2010, meeting were reviewed and approved as corrected. (Correction: change "bidding boxes" to "Bridgemate.")

**Treasurer's Report:** Net income for August was \$442.18. The bank balance as of August 31 was \$5,498.02. **In** September we had a net cost of \$2,385.40 for Bridgemate. {The initial Bridgemate cost of \$3,049.40 was offset by donations of \$664.00.} We also paid \$219.57 for three new bridge tables. The table count for September was 103, a slow month due, probably, to Seniors traveling. Our bank balance as of September 30 was \$1,973.85. The loss for September was \$2,507.95.

**Club Manager's Report:** (1) Janice Vivrette week will be from October 18 to October 22. The Friday October 22 game will be for Swiss Teams. (2) There will be an NAP game on Saturday, October 23. The Ventura Regional is the last week of October. (3) Help is needed to set up for games and clean up after games and recognition needs to be given to those who do help. Barbara is posting lists of the necessary tasks in appropriate places. (4) Should we have a STAC game in December? (It was unanimously agreed to skip it this time.) (5) Our Bridgemate is programmed to allow players to compare scores from previous play of the hands. There is a question as to whether this makes the games too long. (Frniher discussion on this topic was postponed until next month.)

**Old Business:** Bill reported that two extra Bridgemate units have been received along with a receipt showing a zero balance.

**New Business:** (1) The Board welcomed new member Sonia Arsene and elected Board officers for the new year: Bill Ringbom, President; Judy Obermeier, Vice President; Mary Neal, Treasurer; and Dolores Soll, Secretary. (2) It was brought to the Board's attention that Torre Houlgate has not been receiving pay for her Wednesday night lessons. It was moved and approved that Torre receive pay of \$15 per lesson for both past and future lessons. (3) The Christmas party was tentatively set for Friday December 3 or Friday December 10. A motion was approved to charge members \$7. Barbara is checking food prices with Something Cooking caterers and Mary will check prices at Mama's Meatballs. Further discussion about the party was tabled until next month's meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m. The next meeting will be after the game on Friday,

November 5, 2010. Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Soll, Secretary



**San Luis Obispo Duplicate Bridge Club  
Board Minutes for November 5, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by Bill Ringbom, President, at 4:09 p.m. Board Members Sonia Arsene, Gene Edgerton, Mary Neal, Judy Obermeier, Bill Ringbom, Dolores Soll, and Jean Wilson were present, as well as Barbara Weiss, Manager.

**Minutes** of the October 1, 2010, meeting were reviewed and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Net income for October was \$52.48. The bank balance at the end of October was \$2,026.33, including an additional Bridgmate donation of \$60. (Another \$125 donation was received this week.) The table count for October was 110. We received a thank you letter from Hospice for the donation in memory of Torre's mother.

**Club Manager's Report:** (1) We will use an enhanced club championship for the December 3 party game. (2) Even though we now have Bridgmate it is sometimes hard for the Director to play. The Director should play only when necessary to complete a table and whether or not to fill in is the Director's option. (3) Some members would prefer not to have the "traveling scores" on the Bridgmate because they feel it slows the game. (As Board members were divided on the matter, the discussion was tabled until a future meeting.) (4) The team game during Janice Vivrette week went well but it was recognized that whoever wins the team game will win the "trophy." Barbara suggests that future team games not be part of the Janice Vivrette week. Barbara Hardin was paid for directing plus caddying the team game. She also did the partnering. (5) Marion Middleton will again provide pizza for the last Friday in December.

**Old Business:** The Christmas party will be December 3. It was agreed to charge \$7.00 to play, with lunch included. Barbara reported that Something Cooking caterers could provide a menu to include ham, scalloped potatoes, and bread for \$700. Mary reported that three entries, 2 salads and bread could be provided by Mama's Meatballs for \$615. A motion was approved to order the food from Mama's Meatballs. Bill will get desserts (3 cheesecakes, 1 pumpkin pie and 1 apple pie) from Costco. Mary will donate placemats and Barbara has the plates and napkins. We won't decorate. Jean Wilson will buy drinks and Barbara will bring serving utensils. Lunch will be at 12:00. Mary will order the food and ask for 11:45 delivery.

**New Business:** (1) The Unit is using our Bridgmate for Unit games. It was decided we would discuss battery costs at the time they are needed. (2) After Barbara was excused from the meeting, there was discussion about year-end bonuses. A motion was approved to pay Mike and Barbara \$150 each and Fred \$100.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m. The next meeting will be after the game on Friday, December 3, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Soll, Secretary



## **San Luis Obispo Duplicate Bridge Club**

### **Board Minutes for December 3, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by Bill Ringbom, President, at 4:19 p.m. Board Members Judy Obermeier, Bill Ringbom, Dolores Soll, and Jean Wilson were present.

**Minutes** of the November 5, 2010 meeting were reviewed and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** The report was postponed until the next meeting to include year-end expenditures.

**Old Business:** No pending issues.

**New Business:** None

The meeting was adjourned at 4:24 p.m. The next meeting will be after the game on Friday, January 7, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Soll, Secretary

