

**San Luis Obispo Duplicate Bridge Club
Board Minutes for January 14, 2011**

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

Minutes of the December 3, 2010, meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: We had negative income for both November and December due to year-end bonuses and the cost of the Christmas party. The party cost almost \$600. We had 107 tables in November and 72.5 tables in December. We ended the year with a loss for the year of \$1,091.28, primarily due to purchase of the Bridgemaster for a net cost of \$2,200. Our bank balance as of December 31, 2010, was \$1,545.89.

Club Manager's Report: (1) The problem of playing directors has been solved. (2) We now have a cordless mouse for the computer. (3) There have been complaints from some players about others having private conversations in another language while at the table. (4) We charge the Unit \$15 for supplies for the monthly game, including hot cups which cost 4.5 or 5 cents each. No change is needed at this time.

Old Business: (1) Christmas party recap: Overall, everything went very well. We should have ice for drinks next year. We now have serving utensils purchased by Mary. We need more salad if we order from Mama's Meatball again next year. (2) A thank you was received from Fred Strong for his check. (3) We need to thank Marion Middleton for hosting a lunch for the club. (4) The traveling scores were removed from the Bridgemaster by Barbara Hardin for the Unit Game. After much discussion pro and con, a motion was made and seconded to leave the scores off. The motion passed by a 4 to 2 vote. (5) Only one or two people are showing up for the Wednesday night lessons. Bill will talk with Torre to see if the lessons are worth the time and effort involved.

New Business: Bill will learn next week the details of our club's responsibility for refreshments for the Sectional in February and we can make plans at our next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. The next meeting will be after the game on Friday, February 4.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Soll, Secretary

**San Luis Obispo Duplicate Bridge Club
Board Minutes for February 4, 2011**

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

Minutes of the January 14, 2011, meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Our bank balance as of January 31, 2011 was \$1,601.25. With 105 tables in January, the net income for the month was \$55.36. This compares to 89 tables for January last year.

Club Manager's Report: (1) Barbara now has a working key for the kitchen. (2) The computer seemed to be working well today. Barbara had taken it to be repaired but they could not find a problem with it even though it functioned erratically last week. The printer has not been checked. (3) To deal with the problem of the homeless woman who has been around on Wednesday evenings, sometimes in the kitchen, Barbara is arranging to have the building locked at 6:15. The building, although open to the public during the day, is officially closed to everyone except bridge club members on Wednesday evenings.

Old Business: (1) Bill will be discussing Wednesday evening lessons with Torre. (2) At the Unit meeting, Bill suggested a committee to collect money and to plan and purchase refreshments for the Sectional Tournament. We will continue as in the past this year but have a committee set up for next year. (3) The SLO Club is responsible for morning and afternoon refreshments at the Sectional on Sunday, February 27. The Unit is providing lunch. We need to let Pat Orlando know who will work with the food set-up that day. Sonia Arsene and Jean Wilson volunteered. Today we collected the names of volunteers who will bring refreshments and collected \$93. in donations. Barbara and Sonia will continue to ask for volunteers to provide snacks or donate money next week. The Unit will also give us \$50. Barbara and Sonia will do the necessary shopping.

New Business: There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. The next meeting will be after the game on Friday,
March 4.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Soll, Secretary

**San Luis Obispo Duplicate Bridge Club
Board Minutes for March 4, 2011**

The meeting was called to order by Bill Ringbom, President at 4:30 p.m.. Board Members Sonia Arsene, Mary Neal, Judy Obermeier, Bill Ringham, Gene Edgerton were present, as well as Barbara Weiss, manager, and Mike Shipsey, director. Dolores Soll was absent.

Minutes of the February 4, 2011, meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report: The bank balance as of January 31, 2011, was \$1761.25. The bank balance as of February 28, 2011, was \$2064.75. With 100 tables in February, the net income for the month was \$303.50.

Club Manager's Report: Income and expense for the food we provided at the Sectional was about equal. However, we brought much of the extra food back to our club for our use.

Old Business: Wednesday evening lessons with Torre will continue.

New Business: Zero Tolerance Policy was discussed and the recommendation to enforce it will be as follows: One half board penalty for profanity. One half board penalty for berating anyone at the table. Director must be called to the table at the time of the incident.

Director should announce that after the round is called, players should move to the next table and there will be no more discussion of the played hands.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Obermeier

**San Luis Obispo Duplicate Bridge Club
Board Minutes for May 6, 2011**

The meeting was called to order by Bill Ringbom, President, at 4:25 p.m. Board Members Sonia Arsene, Mary Neal, Bill Ringbom, Dolores Soll, and Jean Wilson were present, as well as Barbara Weiss, Manager. Gene Edgerton and Judy Obermeier were absent.

Minutes of the March 4, 2011, meeting were reviewed and approved. (There was no April Board meeting.)

Treasurer's Report: Bank balances were reported for the end of February (\$2,345.75), the end of March (\$2,874.87) and the end of April (\$2,587.67). The April balance will be verified when the actual bank statement is received. In April income exceeded expenditures by \$337.44. Form 990 for non-profit status was filed by Maiy and accepted by the IRS. Apparently, the IRS will now allow up to \$50,000 income for a non-profit. Maiy also completed the California Statement of Information Filing for the years 2011 and 2012 and paid the required \$20 filing fee.

Club Manager's Report: (1) Barbara reported some Zero Tolerance problems and announced there would be no more free plays for players filling in to make up a full table. (2) Barbara suggested we should possibly ask for a larger share of Unit games based on the SLO Club serving more players by having more regular games.

Old Business: Torre has discontinued giving lessons before the Wednesday game.

New Business: Bill suggested that a shuffling/dealing machine should be our club's next major purchase. The machine he has researched would use regular cards and would provide hand records. The cost would be \$4,400 plus new boards costing approximately \$80. Mary estimated that at present the Club has approximately \$1500 available for this purpose. It was decided to start a fund to give members the opportunity to make donations for the purchase of the machine. Bill will announce the establishment of the fund at the game on Monday and a donations jar will be available at each game. Bill will also make a chart showing progress toward the raising of the requisite amount.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m. The next meeting will be after the game on Friday, June 3.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Soll, Secretary

**San Luis Obispo Duplicate Bridge Club
Board Minutes for June 3, 2011**

The meeting was called to order by Bill Ringbom, President, at 4:02 **p.m.** Board Members Sonia Mary Neal, Bill Ringbom, Dolores Soll, and Jean Wilson were present, as well as Barbara Weiss, Manager. Sonia Arsene, Gene Edgerton, and Judy Obermeier were absent.

Minutes of the May 6, 2011, meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: May income exceeded expenditures by \$174.12. The table count was 112 and 1/2, including STAC games which engendered additional table fee costs. Donations for the shuffling machine totaled \$108.27. The bank balance at the end of May was \$2,870.15 (including the donated funds).

Club Manager's Report: (1) Barbara provided a calendar for June games which includes Ann Dyer Week games and other NAP games. The playing fee for NAP games will be \$5. After discussion it was decided to drop the Ann Dyer Saturday game from the schedule. (2) Because whole pots of decaf coffee are not being consumed, Barbara will make instant decaf available. (3) Barbara expressed a concern about lessons on Mondays in Morro Bay competing with our club's lessons, but it was the consensus that Barbara's well prepared Monday pre-game lessons, which have been very well received, will continue to speak for themselves.

Old Business: (1) Ways to increase donations for the dealing machine were discussed. Bill will make periodic announcements and the chart will be marked to show progress. Bill also reported that Arroyo Grande had expressed some interest in joining in the dealing machine purchase; however, it was decided not to pursue this at the present time. (2) We will not have Pro-Am games this year.

New Business: There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m. The next meeting will be after the game on Friday,
July 1.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Soll, Secretary

**San Luis Obispo Duplicate Bridge Club
Board Minutes for July 8, 2011**

The meeting was called to order by Bill Ringbom, President, at 4:10 p.m. Board Members Sonia Arsene, Mary Neal, Judy Obermeier, Bill Ringbom, Dolores Soll, and Jean Wilson were present, as well as Barbara Weiss, Manager. Gene Edgerton was absent.

Minutes of the June 3, 2011, meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: June income exceeded expenditures by \$164.80. The table count was 112 and ½. including the STAC and NAP games which engendered additional table fee costs. Donations for the shuffling machine were \$105. The bank balance at the end of June was \$3,144.95 (including a total of \$218.27 donated funds).

Club Manager's Report: Barbara indicated there was nothing new to report, that we are not losing money on sodas, and that she has ten to twelve people for lessons each Monday. Barbara will verify the date of our Christmas party and send the information to the Board. It will probably be December 9.

Old Business: Bill has purchased the software for the shuffling/dealing machine and in practicing with it, has found that it works well. It is possible to program all the deals for the month of games. Bill also reported on the Unit Board meeting held earlier in the day: (1) The Unit Board wants to contribute an amount to be determined to the purchase of the shuffling machine. The Unit has asked if we would prepare boards for other clubs if they bought their own boards. We agreed we would be open to doing so after we had an opportunity to become accustomed to doing our own and could work out a plan for doing boards of other clubs. (2) The Unit will match up to \$400 of capital expense for each club. (3) Gary Yant plans to step down when his term as president ends this year. (4) The Unit Board has approved a director training fund to pay \$400 for anyone who goes to regional training, passes, and gets a certificate.

New Business: The election of Board members is coming up in September. Dolores will check last year's records to verify whose terms elapse. Bill will check members to see who might be interested in serving.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:51 p.m. The next meeting will be after the game on Friday, August 5.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Soll, Secretary

**San Luis Obispo Duplicate Bridge Club
Board Minutes for August 5, 2011**

The meeting was called to order by Bill Ringbom, President, at 4:21 p.m. Board Members Sonia Arsene, Gene Edgerton, Mary Neal, Bill Ringbom, Dolores Soll, and Jean Wilson were present, as well as Barbara Weiss, Manager. Judy Obermeier was absent.

Minutes of the July 8, 2011, meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: July income exceeded expenditures by \$271.07. The table count was 119. The bank balance at the end of July was \$3,559.02 (including a total of \$361.27 in shuffling machine donations.)

Club Manager's Report: Barbara has ordered two sets of red bidding boxes, 2 sets of plastic replacement cards, 80 pass cards and blue table markers from Barclay Bridge Supply.

Old Business: (1) The Board agreed on the second Friday in December (December 9) for the Christmas party. It was agreed that Mary will order the food, including an additional salad, from Mama's Meatballs again this year. Additional party details will be determined at future meetings. (2) Bill doesn't yet have final information on how much the Unit will contribute to the purchase of the shuffling machine. The Unit decision will depend, at least in part, upon how many other clubs decide to participate in its use. He should have more information from the August 12 Unit meeting. (3) Board elections will be held next month. The terms of Jean, Judy, Mary, and Bill are expiring. Jean, Mary, and Bill are willing to serve another term; Dolores will check with Judy to see if she is available to continue as a Board member. Bill Donovan has also indicated a willingness to serve.

New Business: (1) Mike Shipsey dropped by to ask if fourteen-table games should be kept in one big session or divided into two seven-table games, with duplicated boards. It was decided to keep all 14 in one game for the present. (2) Mary raised the question of giving directors a raise. Our present rate of \$60 per game has been in place several years. Arroyo Grande, for example, plays \$70 for the open games, which run 17 to 19 tables, plus \$10 for an added novice game. After discussion, a motion to pay directors \$70 per game without regard to the number of tables failed for lack of a second. A second motion to pay directors \$70 per game for each game of 8 or more tables was seconded and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m. The next meeting will be after the game on Friday, September 2.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Soll, Secretary

SLO Duplicate Club Annual Meeting
September 30, 2011
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President, Bill Ringbom at 12:26 PM

Minutes of the September 24, 2010 Annual Meeting were approved as read.

Mary Neal, Treasurer, reported a bank balance of \$6,122.93 (corrected to \$3,708.33) which includes shuffling machine donations of \$399.27. *Mary* reported that the club's table count for the year was up, due primarily to the increased participation in novice games. A notebook of the Treasurer's records was made available for review by interested members.

Bill announced the resignation of Sonia Arsene from the Board for personal reasons and the appointment of Bill Donovan to fill that position for the next year.

Bill then announced a required election for four Executive Board positions for a term of two years. He indicated that present Board members Mary Neal, Judy Obermeier, Bill Ringbom, and Jean Wilson are all willing to serve another two years. Further nominations were requested but none were forthcoming and the nominations were closed.

It was moved by Bill Woodson, and seconded by Leda Fields, that the slate be accepted as presented and the motion carried.

Bill reported that no decision has yet been made by the Unit regarding sharing costs for the shuffling machine. Further information will be available after the Unit Board meeting.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Soll
Secretary

SLO BRIDGE CLUB MINUTES - FRIDAY OCTOBER 14, 2011

The meeting came to order at 4:20 p.m.. Attending members were Mary Neal, Bill Ringbom, Bill Donavan, Judy Obermeier and Barbara Weiss.

There were no minutes from the August meeting to review.

Treasurer's Report -

August net income - \$97.81 147 1/2 tables
September net income - \$165.85 113 tables

RE: Stratifying to be done on the highest player points - not the average of the partners.

Old Business:

1. Bill Ringbom reported that at the unit meeting he learned that the unit will give \$1500 for the shuffling machine. A club "angel" will donate another \$1500 for the machine. Bill will order the machine and boards this month.
2. Directors - The unit has a program which will contribute \$400 for someone taking the director's class.
3. Christmas Party - Friday Dec. 9th will be a StaC game. Food will be from Mama's Meatballs.

New Business: None

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.,m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Obermeier

San Luis Obispo Duplicate Bridge Club
Board Minutes for November 4, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Bill Ringbom, President, at 4:07 p.m. Board Members Gene Edgerton, Mary Neal, Bill Ringbom, Dolores Soll, and Jean Wilson were present, as well as Barbara Weiss, Manager. Bill Donovan and Judy Obermeier were absent.

Minutes of the October 14, 2011 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: The October 31 closing balance of \$5,781.88 includes the amount of \$2,352.27 donated for purchase of the shuffling machine. (This latter figure includes the \$1,500 contribution from the Unit. Our club will contribute \$1,500 and an additional \$1,200 in donations is needed.) Net income in October was \$58.20. There were 104 ½ tables for the month.

Club Manager's Report: (1) Barbara displayed the Janice Vivrette week winner certificate to be bestowed on Dixie Hsu in lieu of a cup (at Dixie's request.) (2) Pat Orlando has offered our club an additional unit game, giving us a total of three. (3) Members who have a game at the Country Club asked to borrow four of the black bidding boxes; the request was approved. (4) Barbara asked about reporting damaged tables to the Rec. Dept.; it was decided we will instead try to repair them ourselves. (Mary Neal and her husband plan to come in on Thursday and repair those which can be repaired.) Barbara will ask the Rec. Dept. to set up 12 tables in a 3 x 4 array for each game (rather than 16) to cut down wear and tear on the tables. If we need additional tables, we will set them up ourselves in future rather than changing our request to the city.

Old Business: (1) The shuffling machine is to be delivered today. Bill has the new boards (4 sets for us and 2 for A.G.). A fifth set would make for increased efficiency in setting up boards in advance of games. Paso has a machine-compatible set they would like to trade for one of our existing sets. It was agreed to exchange the set in the blue suitcase. The additional existing set will be retained for use in bridge lessons. Mike will order a suitcase for the set we get from Paso. (2) We got 36 new packs of cards from Barbara Hardin today. The Unit will provide additional cards. We should be able to start using the shuffling machine by Wednesday evening. George Sheffield will be liaison with the Unit for related matters. For the time being, Bill will make 25 hand records each game and be reimbursed \$2 for costs. (3) Food for the Friday December 9 Christmas party: Mary will order hot food and bread from Mama's Meat Balls; Bill will get salads (5 each of 2 kinds) and desserts from Costco. We will have hot coffee and hot tea with soft drinks for purchase. Barbara will be sure we have serving utensils and paper goods. (4) The fee for the Christmas party game will be \$15 per couple, lunch included. (This will be re-evaluated if we do not get the needed additional \$1,200 donations for the shuffling machine.)

New Business: Dick Weiss dropped by to report a problem with kitchen clean-up following games. Today, as well as at other times, everything was left in a mess and he cleaned up by himself. Various options were discussed; the decision for now is to have directors ask for clean-up volunteers about ¾ of the way through each game and see if this solves the problem.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next meeting will be after the game on Friday, December 2.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Soll, Secretary

