

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING – February 4, 2016

Members present: Glenda Gerraputa, Joan Gasparro, Bob Buchner, Judy Barash, Shelly Salvi, Vicky Cobb, Barbara Warburton, Don Levy, Jane Ann Buchwalter, David Doretsky, Jill Pennington, Ed Rauch

The Minutes of the January meeting were read by Secretary Bob Buchner and were accepted.

Rich Waugh delivered the Manager's report. Rich informed the Board that ACBL charges \$4.00 per table for charity games including Junior Fund games and several others. Accordingly, a Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved that henceforth the Club will charge an additional \$1.00 per person fee for these special games to defray the additional expense. Morning game players may opt out of this and simply play in Club games, should a majority of the players so desire. Rich also reported that our website is up and running and e-mails are now being forwarded to Rich's computer. There were a total of 579 tables in play during the month of January and Bernard Boucher was the Non-Life Master who played in the most games during the month (25 times).

Don Levy delivered the Treasurer's report. Don stated that he has been working to learn our bookkeeping system and will meet with Janis and Rich to assist.

The President's report was made by Glenda Gerraputa. The issue of providing lunches was addressed. After much discussion, a Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved that, effective February 8th, neither lunches nor breakfasts will be provided. Glenda reported that our advertising is going well and that we are receiving calls from interested people. Kudos to Jill Pennington and Gwen Montgomery for their gracious assistance in distributing flyers to libraries, hotels, etc.

The issue of eligibility to play with a mentor in our Tues. and Sat. mentor games was discussed. It was decided that NLM's with less than 750 master points will henceforth be eligible. The Club's telephone message was discussed. Barbara Miller and Bob Buchner have worked on a new message and David Doretsky volunteered to add his input (Bob will send the last written version of the message to David). Bob Buchner reported that the Club has an E&O insurance policy which is now up for renewal. Glenda and Bob will handle this.

The need for the Board to create committees was discussed. Jill Pennington volunteered to head an Ethics Committee, but it was suggested that complaints be preliminarily handled by our Manager and that the Ethics Committee refrain from getting involved unless necessary. Rich Waugh suggested that rules regarding cell phone calls be handled with some flexibility; a warning should be given before any penalties are assessed and emergency calls should be allowed.

It was suggested that “pot-luck” affairs should be scheduled once a month, and this suggestion was approved.

The meeting was thereupon adjourned.