

## Unit 425 Annual Meeting Minutes Sunday, October 12, 2008

President Norm Holthouse opened the meeting at 4:17pm stating that ACBL requires an annual meeting. Unit 425 includes several other communities other than Anchorage. Fairbanks is Unit 426, and Southeast is Unit 427.

At last count, Unit 425 had 248 members—down from last year’s count of 255.

The average age of Unit 425 members this year is 66; last year, it was 65. The average age of all ACBL members is 69.

The treasury balance of Unit 425 was \$20,000 a year ago; now it is down to \$10,000. This is partly due to the purchase of the BridgeMates, Duplimates, and new computer.

Game fees have increased from \$7 to \$8, and tournament fees have increased \$1.

Unit 425 makes about \$9,000 per year from its tournaments.

Unit 425 needs an average of 227 tables a month to break even with its expenses.

There are six vacancies, all incumbents, on the board this year—voting will take place during November. Wonnie and Dennis are forming a nominating committee.

The Club Manager, Dorothy Case, receives \$300 a month as compensation. Directors receive \$5 per table for their time.

November 16 will be “Souper Sunday.” Members are asked to bring soup, bread, salad, or dessert. It is a member appreciation day, and the game fee will be only \$5 instead of \$8.

Norm then opened up the meeting for any suggestions. These ideas/questions/comments were presented:

1. The Board should put money aside every month in order to purchase our own home. *(We currently pay \$4,003 a month rent, plus utilities. The rent will increase on November 1, 2008, to \$4,155. Our lease expires next year on October 31, 2009.)*
2. There was a question on where our game fees go, and Norm explained.
3. Terry Sappah is teaching EasyBridge on Tuesday evenings.

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4. We need to appoint a committee to investigate possible alternatives to renewing our current lease which expires next October, 2009. These people expressed an interest on being on this committee:

Carolyn Sprague  
Janet Smith  
Ed Rais  
June Oczkus  
Jim Meinel  
Debra Mason  
Janet Rauscher

5. The Turnagain Arms Building was offered as a possibility for new space. It has lots of parking and bathrooms; the rent would be about the same.

6. Brenda Glaze was thanked for cleaning up the back of the room.

The annual meeting adjourned at 4:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Buck, Secretary