

Unit 425 - Annual Meeting - October 3, 2010

In President Tom Ottley's absence, Vice President Norm Holthouse opened the Annual Meeting on Sunday, October 3, 2010, at 4:30pm.

Norm stated that an annual meeting is required by ACBL.

Norm thanked Roger Putnam for directing the Termination Dust Sectional Tournament. Norm recognized current board members of Unit 425 and Janet Rauscher, who is treasurer, and Kathy Hoehne, club manager, and Carol Holcombe, Alaska Rep to District 19. Norm recognized new Life Masters, Bronze Life Masters, Silver Master, and Gold Life Master (2,500 points). Phil Morrow has been nominated as *Goodwill Person of the Year*. Norm thanked Lee Garrett for chairing the tournament. Lee Garrett thanked della Palmer, Food Chair, and Shannon Jones, Elaine Pollock, Don Bladow, and Mark Beaudin for helping.

Norm stated that we currently have 224 members; three years ago, we had 255 members. Norm thanked Greg Svendsen for finding our new facility. We have saved money on gas expense. From January to August 2010, our gas expense was \$920; for the same period last year, our gas expense was \$4,725.

Our current cash balance is \$19,800; it was \$15,900 a year ago. Three years ago, our cash balance was around \$20,000.

Our table count has been decreasing for the past four years. There was a loss of 474 tables from last year to this year.

George Holcombe is teaching EasyBridge classes on Tuesday evenings; 20 people have signed up.

Nancy Schafer is doing the Anchorage Literacy Program *BizBee* spelling bee event on October 22, 2010, a Friday evening, at Dena'ina Center. She has raised \$500 to enter a team; it will be called the Grand Slam Bridge Bee team.

Norm asked for discussion on air conditioning and a building fund. Regarding air conditioning, some ideas were to ask if the owner would split the cost (what would it be?) of installing air, installing ceiling fans, buying portable air conditioners.

There was no discussion on a building fund.

Meeting ended at 4:44pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Buck, Secretary