

**Unit 425 Minutes
December 14, 2004**

Present: Patrick Galvin, della Palmer, Barbara Bowerman, Janice Tingler, Susan Driggers, Walt Pease, Greg Svendsen, Dorothy Case, Marianne Kelly, Jack Ochs, Tom Ottley, Nancy Schafer, Phil Morrow

Others present: Howard Enbysk, Club manager & Ellen Cordes and Doug Scott.

5:40pm the meeting was called to order by Secretary Susan Driggers. The new members of the Board of Directors were greeted and acknowledged. A thank you to della Palmer and Tom Ottley was given for their service on the Board. Their terms have expired.

Howard Enbysk was asked to submit his Club Manager's report:

There was a discussion of the 2006 regional tournament. It is being discussed whether or not to switch the Sectional and the Regional tournaments. Della pointed out that the hotels nearby reduce rates starting September 1st which may be advantageous for out of town players.

As of 1/1/05 there will be a report re number of games played, number of tables, etc. and Howard is working on being able to supply these numbers.

The Sectional tournament will be Feb 2 to 6, 2005.

Howard requested that the Board recommend that Directors be non-playing for all regular games. This allows for drop-in players. The Board agreed that Howard could suggest this to the Directors.

Howard also requested that we add Junior Fund Games once or twice a month. These cost a dollar more, but you are able to give players three times the number of master points.

6:00pm, Walt Pease arrived, and the first order of business was election of officers. Nominations were taken and seconded for President. Walt Pease and Susan Driggers were nominated. Paper ballots were passed out and Doug Scott and Tom Ottley counted the ballots. Walt Pease was re-elected President of the Board.

Nominations for Vice President were taken and seconded for Susan Driggers. Susan was unanimously elected Vice President.

Nominations for Treasurer were taken and seconded for Barbara Bowerman. Barbara was unanimously re-elected Treasurer.

Nominations for Secretary were taken and seconded for Dorothy Case. Dorothy was unanimously elected Secretary.

Susan Driggers discussed other possible duties of Board members which were presented by the speaker Marti Ronemus, National Easy Bridge Program Director last weekend. No action was taken.

Barbara Bowerman presented the financial report and stated that the figures for utilities for our new space are still not available. The financial report was approved and accepted as attached.

Susan Driggers presented the minutes of the last meeting. The minutes were approved and accepted.

Old Business:

Howard Enbysk stated he needs a date for the 2006 Regional tournament. Switching the regional and sectional tournaments was further discussed. Pat Galvin suggested that we get a list of conflicting tournaments from Roger before making any decisions. Next meeting, the board will decide this issue with the information in hand.

Walt Pease stated that he will appoint the Ethics Committee members by next Board meeting.

Discussion was begun regarding moving the Board meetings to a Tuesday or Wednesday evening. It was suggested that having the meeting on Mondays when there is a big game going at 7:00 cuts into time for the meeting. Tuesdays there are no games, so the meeting could proceed without pressure. Wednesday evening was also suggested, although there is also a game Wednesday evening. It was suggested that if the meeting was Wednesday, that might help increase the number of people attending the game that evening. Various people stated the difficulties of attending Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday evening meetings. Walt Pease asked for a vote to change the meeting to Tuesday night. It did not pass. Walt Pease asked for a vote to change the meetings to Wednesday evenings. It did not pass.

Pat Galvin suggested that if the Board feels there is too much business to take care of, another meeting can be scheduled. The Board is not prohibited from having more than one meeting a month. Also, the Executive Board may be able to take care of some issues separately if necessary.

New Business:

Greg Svendsen submitted a letter received by him re the conduct of one of the regular players in the club which was submitted by a Director. Discussion was made re this member having already been given a warning. After much discussion, a motion was made to suspend this person's privileges to play for three months. The motion was

withdrawn. After further discussion and concerns, it was decided that Walt and or someone who this person trusts will talk to this person and tell them the proposed action, thereby giving them one more month of probation. Pat Galvin explained that the Director has full authority to remove anyone from the game for good reason as stated in the Director's manual.

A motion was made and seconded to add \$2,200.00 to the advertising budget to run TV ads for the upcoming Jan 9th beginning of Easy Bridge lessons. It was explained that ACBL will reimburse us \$2,250 of the total of \$5,000. The motion passed.

Ellen Cordes, chairperson of the upcoming February Sectional, requested guidance on fees for 0-5 games during the tournament. The Board authorized her to allow the 0-5 games be free. However, it was explained that if a 0-5 player wished to play in any other event, the fees would apply.

Ellen requested permission to give volunteers who help on the tournament "free play" coupons. The Board granted permission, stating that it should be clear that the "free play" be good for only regular games, not tournament games.

There was discussion about possibly offering car pools or rides for people who are unable to drive to play bridge at night. This was one of the suggestions by Marti Ronemus, Janice Tingler stated that in many cases this is already being done.

Discussion was made regarding the success of the speaker Marti Ronemus last weekend, December 10 to 12. The 299er game was also discussed as something to be continued as it was a success.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Dorothy S. Case