

Unit 425 Minutes
February 21, 2005

Present: Board Members: Barbara Bowerman, Dorothy Case, Susan Driggers, Phil Morrow, Pat Galvin, Nancy Schafer, and Janice Tingler.
Others: Howard Enbysk, Doug Scott, Dave Marrone.

The meeting was called to order at 5:40pm by Vice President, Susan Driggers when a quorum was achieved.

The January, 2005 minutes were approved as corrected.

The Treasurer's report was approved as presented. Barbara Bowerman explained that, although the February report was not presented yet, we made approximately \$1,800 on the February tournament. It was noted that the January income for 2005 was almost twice as much as 2004. Howard said that his goal is 200 tables per month, which will sustain the club, and that was achieved in January. Pat Galvin reported that there are now 10 tables total on Sunday who are paying to play from the recently completed Easy Bridge lessons. A discussion ensued regarding reimbursement for Directors for food brought to games. It was generally agreed that this was not to be provided by the Board. Many times people will bring food potluck.

Barbara also noted that the monetary cost for Marty R to come to Anchorage this Fall was about \$1,600.00. Other costs may also be incurred if other donations are not made. The club was not responsible for paying this time, as it came out of the Ruth Pease Fund. However, if the club wished to do this next year, the actual cost should be noted.

Howard Enbysk presented his Manager's report. He gave the dates for the 2006 sectional tournaments. Next year the Cabin Fever sectional will be January 25 to 29 and will not conflict with the Super Bowl. The Fall tournament will be Sept 27 to Oct 1, 2006. Howard requested that we set up a Membership game where we can honor McKinney winners and new life masters and other people who have reached new milestones at bridge. A date was set for March 18th. Howard also enticed us by stating that he is working on having our club become a Three Star club. He wanted us to be in suspense as to what that means.

Old business: The March 16th Chicago game was discussed, specifically the policy of selling tickets and giving a credit to the person selling the ticket. It was stated that the intention was unclear. Pat Galvin moved that the Board acknowledge the coupons being used even though they have not been authorized by the Board, allowing \$3.00 discount for future games only, not \$3.50. This would mean that the club will not be losing any money on the tickets. It was stated that only 100 tickets were printed to be sold. It was also stated that the money collected for the tickets would be handled by the committee, and the treasurer will be responsible for it like any other regular game where the Director submits a report to the treasurer as usual. The Treasurer will not be responsible for handling ticket sales per se. This motion was seconded and passed.

The objectionable conduct of a member which was discussed last month and the month before was brought up again and further incidents were reported, specifically regarding her conduct with regard to newer club members. It was again reiterated that our purpose was to encourage membership increase, and we could not allow any new members to be discouraged to return. Howard Enbysk said he has talked to her and other directors stated that they have talked to her, but not much improvement has been noted.. A consensus was reached that the Vice President, in conjunction with other members of the board and the Ethics committee, would write a carefully worded letter giving this person one last chance which stated that any further infractions of the “Zero Tolerance for Rudeness” rule would be grounds for permanent suspension from the club. It was noted that she has already received a similar letter last year.

The list of things still to be done to finish up fixing our new space was discussed, specifically a storage cabinet to be built in the corner. The suggestion was made that the Christmas tree not be considered in designing a storage unit. Phil is anxious to get started on this project.

Susan Driggers announced that the new directory of members will be out shortly. Some technical difficulties have been encountered.

Howard recommended that we have another Pro-Am tournament. It was decided to hold the tournament on April 24th.

Pat Galvin presented a request from Walt Pease, who was not present, that the club authorize \$3,200 for advertising expenditures for another Easy

Bridge session starting Tuesday evenings, April 12th. Joyce Michaelson will teach the class. No motion was made to approve this expenditure. The discussion was that not enough information was presented to be able to make a decision. The Treasurer has not paid any bills yet for the past advertising and we are not sure whether or not we will really be reimbursed by ACBL as initially stated. It was felt that there should by now be some information about what types of advertising were effective which could then help to reduce the costs. It was discussed that a special meeting could be called if and when more information was provided.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Dorothy S. Case, Secretary