

Unit 425 Minutes

January 28, 2008

PRESENT: Board Members: Norm Holthouse, Dennis Smith, Brenda Glaze, Kathie Hoehne, George Holcombe, Nancy Schafer, Tom Ottley, Carolyn Green, Greg Svendsen, and Gail Buck. Also present were Dorothy Case, Carol Holcombe, and Doug Scott.

NOT PRESENT: Walt Pease

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Norm Holthouse, President. All board members were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the December 2007 meeting were approved by Nancy and seconded by George.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kathy Hoehne, Treasurer, reported that there was low attendance for the January Cabin Fever Sectional Tournament; the club made about \$1,000 less than last year. The club made about the same on this tournament as on the 299ers Tournament.

Two large expenses incurred last fall: the purchase of BridgeMate and the purchase of a new computer. BridgeMate makes the director's job easier because a caddy is not needed.

Norm suggested that we raise table fees; they have been unchanged for three years. Dorothy said she doesn't want to do it yet. Brenda said to leave regular table fees alone but charge members \$11 for the Summer Solstice Tournament and \$12 for non-members. Greg said we should raise regular table fees a little at a time and not have a big jump. George said that we have had some major one-time expenses and that we should look at our treasury report in a few months down the road. The club has two years left on the rental lease.

Greg made a motion and Dennis seconded it to raise table fees from \$7 to \$8 as of March 1, 2008. The motion was amended to raise table fees from \$7 to \$8 as of July 1, 2008. George mentioned that Joyce has a big beginners' class on Tuesday nights, and they are paying \$7 to play. Norm mentioned that we used to have membership fees to belong to the club. Kathie stated that the club gives out too many "free-plays" to people. After the discussion, the motion passed with 6 yeas and 4 nays.

CLUB MANAGER'S REPORT: Dorothy said the December table count was way below last year's; many people went to the Nationals. Dorothy is trying to learn her job as the new Club Manager. She would like a lot of people doing a little bit of work. George does photos. Carol does the kitchen. Della does the books. Phil does

tables and chairs. Barb B. and Dot organized the bid boxes. Kathie is cleaning out the back shelves. George is in charge of the cleaning service. The current cleaning service people will be leaving the state in August, but they have a new crew ready to take over the cleaning on Thursdays and Sundays. George checked other cleaning services and was happy with our current cleaning service price.

Roger is retiring but will still come to direct our tournaments.

Tom asked why we don't have our Cabin Fever tournament during Fur Rondy; it used to be held then. (*Discussion*) Dorothy reported that the October tournament has been officially changed to October 8-12, 2008. Dorothy will check the dates of next year's Fur Rondy and see if we want to have our Cabin Fever Sectional then.

Dorothy is posting all special games in the *Anchorage Daily News* community bulletin board.

OLD BUSINESS: The IRS reporting issue was skipped; it is not due until May 15.

NEW BUSINESS: There was an event disruption during the Sectional tournament. Brenda Glaze got up and left the event, after speaking to Roger. It left Carol Coyle with no partner, so she left. Tom made a motion that the club needs a policy on people walking out; Dennis seconded it. Norm said we need a Conduct and Ethics Committee. The committee members are: Marion Kelly, Tom Ottley, and Greg Svendsen.

Carol Holcombe attended the District 19 Board Meeting in Vancouver, BC. She can award two Good Will Pins a year. A motion was passed (with Nancy Schafer abstaining) to award pins to Walt Pease and Dennis Smith for 2008. Carol's next District 19 Board Meeting will be June 9, 2008, in Penticton, BC.

Brenda asked how much does the club want to earn in the Regionals? She said, "We should pay ourselves first." Brenda made a motion that during the Regionals, the events be named the *Walt and Ruth Pease Sunday Swiss Teams* and the *Ray Williams Memorial Open Pairs*. Tom seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Tom proposed that any player with a 70% game on three tables or more be given a "free-play." Dorothy said that it is already there. Brenda seconded, and motion passed.

ADJOURN: Greg moved to adjourn, and Tom seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Buck, Secretary