

## Unit 425 Minutes May 17, 2010 (Revised)

PRESENT: Tom Ottley, Nancy Schafer, Linda Thies, Dennis Smith, Todd Shipley, Lee Garrett, Robert Hill, Gail Buck, and Kathie Hoehne, Club Manager, were present. Doug Scott, Director, was in the room.

NOT PRESENT: Greg Svendsen, Norm Holthouse, Carolyn Sprague

ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM: A quorum (at least 6 directors out of the 11) was established.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Tom Ottley at 5:30pm.

MINUTES: The April 19, 2010, minutes were approved by Nancy and seconded by Tom with one clarification from Linda to say that Janet Rauscher is Treasurer but not "on the Board of Directors."

DISTRICT 19 REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT: Carol Holcombe gave her report from the April meeting that she attended in Spokane. She said that District 19 has assets of \$147,402.49.

Carol reiterated that ACBL members should not let their membership lapse because if re-instated as new members, the Life Master masterpoints' requirement goes from 300 to 500.

Carol stated that she is on the Education Liaison Committee, on the Goodwill Committee, and the Intermediate & Newcomers Committee.

Carol's three-year term expires at the end of December, 2010, and she would like to serve again as the Alaska representative.

CLUB MANAGER'S REPORT: Kathie Hoehne gave her Club Manager's Report. Dorothy Case and John Cacy have agreed to do a free six-week Wednesday afternoon bridge class in September for *Opportunities for Lifelong Education (OLÉ!)*--minimum class size of 12. Dennis so moved; Robert seconded; it passed unanimously.

### **What is OLÉ!?**

Opportunities for Lifelong Education (OLÉ!) is a IRS-recognized 501c3 nonprofit corporation created to give Anchorage adults a place to continue learning together.

OLÉ! is affiliated with the University of Alaska Anchorage. Courses are open to any adult but are specifically designed for people over the age of 50. Members pay \$150

per rolling year, and that allows members to attend as many courses as can be fit into their schedules. Classes are held at several venues around the city, including the Eugene Short Building at UAA, BP Energy Center, the Alaska Heritage Museum, and the UAF Cooperative Extension Service. There are three terms per year, the first in the fall between late September and Thanksgiving, the second in January through early March, and the third in April. Travel to Yukon Island in Kachemak Bay is also offered in the summer. Most courses vary in length from 4 to 8 weeks.

**Opportunities for Lifelong Education**

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We will be charging \$12 per person for the World Wide Bridge Contest on June 4. The ACBL table fee is \$16 per table—or \$4 per person.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Janet Rauscher passed out three reports. She said that February was horrible—a short month and players were away at the nationals. She said we are in good shape now, however, and that she is planning to move \$2,000 from checking to savings at the end of the month. This will bring our savings account balance up to \$6,000. The treasurer's report was approved by Gail and seconded by Nancy; it passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Carolyn Sprague is the chair of the June regional tournament; she was not present. Gail will email the membership asking for donations for the silent auction.

Regarding the coupon book, the idea was abandoned.

There was more discussion on editing our current By-Laws; we are a not-for-profit organization—not a non-profit corporation. Checks only have to be signed by one person. Fairbanks is not part of Unit 425. Gail will type the current By-Laws so as to have an electronic copy and email them with corrections for the Board to approve.

There was discussion on the pros and cons of incorporating. ACBL would like us to incorporate; however, Walt Pease has always been against it. Kathie has filed our not-for-profit tax Form 990; we don't owe any taxes.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Gail will email the membership asking if anyone wants to run for District 19 Representative. Todd will write up the verbiage and give to Gail.

Should the Thursday night game be changed to “non-life masters” or keep as is for “299ers”? Should Saturday afternoon game be changed to “299ers” from the current “199ers”? Robert so moved; Nancy seconded. After some discussion, it was tabled and not voted on.

NEXT MEETING: The next board meeting will be Monday, June 7, 2010—earlier in June to prepare for our June regional tournament.

ADJOURNMENT: Nancy made a motion to adjourn; Linda seconded; the meeting adjourned at 6:48pm.

Respectfully submitted, Gail Buck, Secretary