

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 10, 2018

Sherrie Goodman reported on the directors before the meeting was called to order. She discussed holiday gifts for the game directors and for Theresa. She also asked that all suggestions or complaints about directors should not be told to the directors but rather told to her so that she can handle them.

Linda called the meeting order at 3:30. Present were Linda Freese, Carolyn Dubois, Hunter McFadden, Ellen Lappa, Wayne Weisler, Steve Plotkin, Lowen, Mary LeBlanc and Nelson Daigle. Absent were Sharon Henry and Suzanne Cliffe.

The reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

The treasure's report was given by Mary LeBlanc. The report included the total number of dollars spent on the November 1-4, 2018 tournament. The net income was \$1038; however, this does not take into consideration the amount of money lost from regular games that were not held because of the tournament.

The club is spending a lot of money on cards, boards, and board cases. This is an expense that we will have periodically when it is necessary to replace broken cases and worn out boards. Also, on Black Friday, Baron Barclay was having a sale so that many items were bought for the year to take advantage of the discount.

Mary also stated that she put \$15,000 more into the Vanguard fund instead of letting it sit in the checking account.

The board discussed the upcoming election. Ellen will make sure that pictures and a resume are posted so that everyone can see and read about candidates. The candidates should make themselves known to the membership by seeing if the directors can introduce them before the games start. The voting will be held during the week of the upcoming tournament, January 21-27, 2019. (The tournament is January 24-27.) The annual meeting of the members will be held on Sunday, January 27, 2019. At that time, the newly elected board members will be announced.

The problem of voting by members who are not able to be at the Bridge Center during the week of voting was discussed. Ellen and Lowen will work together to come up with a form that people will be able to use if they are sick or out-of-town that week. A board member will be in charge of facilitating these voters. This will be a change to the By-laws and will need to be voted on by the membership at the meeting on January 27 and will not be implemented until the membership has voted.

We would like to increase the number of teams that play in the Swiss Team event on the Sundays of the tournaments. Sherrie is check with the ACBL to see what the ramifications are of having a Sunday 1-session Swiss starting in the afternoon instead of the normal two-session Swiss on Sundays during tournaments. The board thinks that more people will attend a one-session Swiss rather than the all-day Swiss event we presently have.

Parking in the horizontal spaces before the rest of the parking lot is full is a problem. Ellen will put a notice on the website, and there will be something in the kibitzer about this issue. Linda will make a poster with visuals.

Steve said that the club should not proceed to change our legal status to seek a tax deduction for donations made to the bridge club.

Ellen and Wayne moved and seconded to adjourn. (4:30)