

## Belton Bridge Center Board Minutes

February 27, 2023

Attending: Norman Duttweiler, President. Susan Elkins, Vice-President. Kathy Clark, Treasurer. Alison Mann, Secretary. Susan Michelson, Parliamentarian.

Guests: Marian Ford, Julie Reiser

Absent: Peter Goodman, Ron Francey (Members at Large)

Time: Norman called the meeting to order at 4:10pm

Moved by Susan Michelson to approve **January 2023 Minutes**. Seconded by Kathy Clark. Passed.

**Treasurer's report:** Kathy reported we have \$19,151.74 in our Money Market, and \$10,734.31 in our checking account. Kathy stated we had received \$433.32 from ACBL based on a percent of the number of members in the club. Kathy suggested that we consider a twice a month unit game to increase revenue for the club. **Action: Kathy will provide a balance sheet and profit and loss statement for the next meeting.**

Moved by Susan M. and seconded by Susan E. to accept the Treasurer's report.

**The Longest Day (Alzheimer's Association Fundraiser):** Norman shared information on this fundraiser which requires the Director's agreement to share their profits with the ACBL's charity. Motion: to support Rob in running this event on June 22. **Action: Norman will pass the information on to Rob Van Ekeren.**

**Spring Tournament:** Norman will chair this event. Kathy and Susan E. will co-chair Hospitality and Susan M. will be responsible for partnerships. The Tournament called, "April in Las Cruces" will take place on Saturday, April 22 and Sunday, April 23, 2023. Decisions about food, point ranges, and whether a Swiss team event will be included will be determined by the Tournament Committee once Norman has spoken to Linda Spengler. **Action: Norman to design the poster and distribute. Norman to talk with Director Linda about Swiss teams, and point stratification.**

**Education Committee:** Julie Reiser, Glenna Low and Marian Ford serve on this committee. Julie, as Chair, announced that the class for new duplicate players will include the use of two books: Bridge for Dummies written by Eddie Cantor, which focuses on play of the hand, and the book by Dixie Binning, Jay Woods and Rex Glimp which focuses on bidding. The information from these books will be presented in segments to the participants. Julie will be the teacher and will use boards prepared by Dixie. The email will be [learnbridgelascruces@gmail.com](mailto:learnbridgelascruces@gmail.com) which will be set up and followed by Julie. Classes will be on Saturdays, from 10-11:30am beginning June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Discussion included:

- Target audience: college students and seniors and working adults
- Publicity: posters at Meerscheidt and Munson Senior Centers, Veterans Hall, an article and an ad in the Bulletin, college campuses, chess clubs.

- Can we tap into a grant at ACBL Education's Committee?

**Action: Norman to design a poster for the class. Alison to prepare an article for distribution to newspapers and explore the possibility of a grant for printing material and teaching accessories.**

**Refreshments at the Club:** Norman reported that only one person expressed concern about the elimination of plastic water bottles. The reverse osmosis water is now functional. The ice machine still requires a part which Dave Gose is waiting for. He will attempt to fix the machine. In the meantime, bags of ice can be stored in the refrigerator freezer until the machine is fixed.

Historically, before Covid, the Club provided supplies of regular and decaf coffee, tea, and lemonade. The Directors provided refreshments on the days that they directed. Julie brought in a box of cookies and Alison will add some peanut butter and crackers in the future. Motion by Susan E. that we return to the pre-Covid pattern for 6 months and evaluate it after that. Seconded by Alison. Motion passed.

**Action: Kathy to make an inventory list of supplies and check when needed. Alison will make the first shopping trip once the list is ready. Norman will talk to the Directors.**

**Dance Group:** Norman spoke to representatives of the square dance group who, during Covid were not paying rent for their twice/month dances at Belton. They did, however, make a \$200. contribution to the club as a gift of gratitude. They are willing to pay \$10./session for use of the building. Moved by Alison to accept \$10./session for the square dancer's use of the club for year 2023. Second by Susan E. Motion passed. **Norman will finalize this agreement with the square dance representative.**

**New Business:**

**Pins:** Two members have asked for pins. **Action: Norman will get the pins.**

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 5pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Mann