

Belton Bridge Center Board Meeting

Date: 4/17/2023

Attending: Norman Duttweiler, Susan Elkin, Alison Mann, Kathy Clark, Susan Michelson, Peter Goodman, Ron Francey.

Guest: Hector Escarpita

The Meeting was called to Order by Norman at 3:40pm.

Minutes - Susan M. Moved to approve the Minutes of the March meeting. Seconded by Kathy .

Discussion: Clarification that on May 18th, Norman will be on Peter Goodman's radio show to discuss the duplicate bridge lessons starting in June. That date is now May 31st. Motion to approve minutes passed.

Treasurer's Report- Kathy stated that no deposits were made in March. So far in April, \$800. has come in. Given the current number of participants signed up for the Tournament, it is projected that \$3200. will be made, and after expenses, approximately \$2000. will be profit. Norman moved and Peter seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

Tournament- Linda Spengler will be the Tournament Director in Charge. The number of people attending Sat. am is 50 and 56 for Sat. afternoon. Sunday's Swiss teams have an enrollment of 17 teams.

Question: What if a participant isn't a member of ACBL? Will they need to be charged more? Will they be allowed to attend? **Action: Norman will check with ACBL.**

Checks and cash will be accepted for tournament entry fees.

Kathy reported on refreshments. People have signed up to bring breakfast foods for the morning on Sat. and Sunday. Lunch will be sandwiches and salads provided by members on Saturday, with snacks available in the afternoon. On Sunday, there will be pizza, salads and desserts catered by Dion's. The catering will cost \$300.

On Thursday, April 20, at 2pm there will be a work detail for cleaning boxes, checking cards, arranging tables, and setting up eating areas. Kathy will take home tablecloths for cleaning and will return them on Friday. A Tucson company is providing pencils. **Action: Norman to send members an email requesting help for the Thursday work.**

On Sat., Susan, Kathy, and Norman will be at the Belton Bridge Center at 8am.

In October, 2023, we will be having another tournament. El Paso's next tournament is close to Labor Day.

Education Outreach Efforts for June class

Norman showed the Board the posters for older adult and younger adult audiences, announcing the duplicate bridge classes beginning in June. Copies were made at Staples. Posters were distributed to Board members who agreed to distribute them to several locations including: Meerscheidt Center, Munson Center, East Side Center, Henry Benavidez Community Center, Sage Café Senior Center, Frank O'Brien Papen Center, Mountain View Senior Amigos, Regional Aquatic Center, NMSU Golf Course, Good Sam, Sonoma Ranch Golf Course, Red Hawk Gold course, multiple locations at NMSU, Trails West.

Posters will not go up before May 1st. **Action: Norman to send out PDF of Posters to members to pass on. Ron to put announcement on Facebook and Alison to put announcement on Next Door.**

Bob Kimball is now responsible for the BBC website and the poster contents will be on that as well.

After Norman did research regarding the cost of advertising the class in the Bulletin, it was felt the cost was prohibitive. Alison is to write an article about the class, but wants to focus on some personal stories on how people started playing duplicate bridge. **Action: Board members to send Alison personal stories on how they started to play and why.**

New Memorial plaques- **Action: Norman to order.**

Policy Update on Covid: As of May 15,2023, ACBL recommends dropping the requirement that vaccinations are mandatory to attend games. Norman reminded the Board that the final decision about Covid requirements rested with the Directors (owners) of the games, but the Board can make recommendations. After discussion, Susan M. moved and Susan E. seconded that the Board recommend to the Directors that the vaccination requirement be dropped. Motion passed with a majority. There will be a box of masks available at BBC for the tournament and for games.

Next Board meeting will be on May 15th after Monday's game.

Norman moved and Susan E. seconded to adjourn the meeting at 4: 35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Mann, Secretary