

# SALEM BRIDGE CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING, June 19, 2018.

**Call to Order, Attendance:** At 10 a.m. on June 19, President Paul Graham called the meeting to order. **Present:** Paul, Dave Astle, Zina Galaka, Susan Palmer, Joan Page, and Anita Walker. **Also present:** Judy Lathrop, Unit 490 Liaison.

**Approval of Minutes.** The minutes of the May 15 regular meeting were approved.

**Financial Report/Table Count.** Anita presented the club's financial reports for April. The club lost \$269.03. Table count for May was 179-1/2 vs. 202-1/2 in 2017. Our bank balance as of 5/20/18 was \$15,189.66, up from \$14,244.18 on 4/22/18.

### **Other Financial Issues:**

**1- Should we raise table fees at our Capital Manor games?** At present, our table fees for games held at Capital Manor (Wednesday and Saturday evenings) are \$4.00 per player vs. \$5.00 at our other games. The difference is based on the fact that we pay no rent to Capital Manor. The table count at our Saturday evening game is down to 2-3 tables per game, which represents a financial loss to the club. In January (1/16/18 minutes), then Club Manager Dick Pitzer proposed we raise table fees at our CapManor games. **MOTION:** AW/SP. **"Raise the table fees at our Capital Manor games to \$5.00 per player, effective July 1."** The motion passed unanimously.

**2- Should we charge non-ACBL members \$1.00 more per game?** Some players at our games do not belong to ACBL. We understand that it costs us about \$1.00 more per game for these players. **MOTION:** DA/ZG. **"Effective July 1, we will initiate an honor system whereby each non-ACBL member will be asked to pay \$1.00 above the regular table fee per game."** A sign will be placed by the sign-up sheets announcing this policy. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Club Manager's Report for June.**

I have learned enough about our computer program to send in the monthly report. Not so lucky with updating the Capital Manor Bridgemes.

We have seven people who have agreed to study to be directors. They have the Director's Handbook and the Laws of Duplicate Bridge to study. Because of conflicting schedules, we will begin meeting on July 11. Jerry Gordon has agreed to help us.

We know of a downloadable program to learn ACBLscore. It costs \$20 and I have told everyone the club will reimburse the cost. I haven't started it yet because I am not able to use it yet and it is only good for 30 days.

I am still working on getting an account with Office Depot that will give us a discount for the club and its members. I have subscribed to Office Depot's ink cartridge delivery program. They will deliver a cartridge every three weeks to KSAWS for \$10 less than we were paying at Staples, \$17+ vs. \$27+.

We have a new director in the area. Bill Georgi has moved back to the area and said he would direct for us. I spoke with him today. He is not familiar with ACBLscore but is willing to shadow Gayle to learn how to set up a game. He will be willing to direct on Saturday nights some.

I'll be back after the 4th.

Jean McKinney, Club Manager

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**Recording Opening Leads/Speeding Up Dealing.** Loren Meyer, SBC dealing manager, will follow up on what software, etc., we would need if we decide we want to record opening leads on each hand. -- The Board will await further word from Jean McKinney's advice regarding making the necessary acquisitions to speed up the dealing process.

**Consumer Satisfaction.** (Susan) There was one suggestion this month. "Combine the Tuesday and Wednesday day games." Discussion: Our Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday day games are our best attended games. Wednesday is our only game with a masterpoint limit (500). (Also see discussion below.) Also, some of our players play in both games. Combining these two games would reduce their opportunities to play bridge. Thus, the Board does not believe these games should be combined.

**Masterpoints Awards: Wednesday Day Game.** This board has made it clear (see April 17 minutes) that in order to be eligible to earn masterpoints for placing in our Wednesday day game, the players involved must have LESS THAN 500 total masterpoints. Some concern was expressed today that players with over 500 MPs are being awarded masterpoints for placing on Wednesday mornings. Jean will discuss this with our Wednesday director, Gayle Goodman-Wilkins. (Secretary's Note: Perhaps the new game director contract--discussed below--can address this issue.)

**Club Discipline** (continued from discussion on 5/15),

**1- Players.** The game director is responsible for on-the-spot discipline. Normally, this would involve requiring a player to leave a game in progress for committing a serious infraction. If the director believes an additional sanction is necessary, he/she should refer the matter to the Unit Disciplinarian.

**2- Game directors.** Paul is preparing an employment contract (*next item*) for board consideration which, if approved, will include specific board policies/procedures we expect our game directors to follow during their supervision of our games.

**Employment Contract for Game Directors.** The Board is considering creating and adopting an employment contract for game directors. Each game director will sign the contract setting forth certain duties and performance expectations of that position. Paul will draw up a proposed contract for board review. . It will assist in evaluating the performance of game directors in the future. In addition, it will help identify and deal with any performance shortcomings. When a final contract form has been approved by the Board, we will propose an appropriate amendment to the club's bylaws.

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**Follow-up on Previous Board Actions.**

1- COMMEMORATING DECEASED MEMBERS. In April, the board passed the following motion: *"To honor our deceased members, we will create and maintain a Memory Book, a web page, and observe a moment of silence at the Unit Christmas Party."* Laurie Gille has volunteered to create a scrapbook to serve as our deceased player memorial.

2- TELEPHONE. Susan will make sure the club's telephone is placed in the playing area before and during games. Gayle thinks we should change providers. We will ask Jean to look into this.

3- COMPUTER CHECK UP. Our computer needs a tune-up. Jean will get this done.

**Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 11 a.m. The next regular Board meeting will be held Tuesday, **August 21** at 10 a.m. (There will be no board meeting in July.)

David Astle, Secretary