

SALEM BRIDGE CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING, May 16, 2017

Call to Order, Attendance: President Paul Graham called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. on May 16, 2017. **Present:** Paul, Dave Astle, Zina Galaka, Joan Page, Susan Palmer, and Anita Walker. **Absent:** Jean McKinney. **Also present:** Dick Pitzer, Club Manager; Judy Lathrop, Unit 490 Board Member; Loren Meyer, SBC member and dealing machine coordinator.

Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the April 18 regular meeting and the May 2 special meeting were approved.

Financial Report/Table Count. Anita presented the club's financial report for April 2017. The club gained \$13.77 in April. Our cash balance increased \$9,270.02 on March 20 to \$13,747.26 on April 20. The increase reflects the deposit of the \$5,000 gift SBC received from Art Duraski last month. Table count total for April was 173 vs. 173.5 the year before. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Consumer Satisfaction. There were no suggestions from members this month relating to matters within the purview of SBC.

Club Manager's Report. Dave read Club Manager Dick Pitzer's report for May, summarized below as follows:

1- Longest Day. Dick provided additional information about ACBL's "Longest Day" fundraiser. Its purpose is to benefit Alzheimer's research.

2- International Fund Games (IFG) are held on one day each in February, July, and December, the next being on July 11 (Tuesday AM) and December 20 (Wednesday PM). Also, September is designated as IFG month. All games played in September can be designated as IFG with 81.8% sectionally-rated points, half red/half black. The purpose is to raise money for North American participation in international events.

3- New printer. Our HP printer went kaput. We now have a new Canon printer.

4- Hand records are posted on line with game results. (Yea!)

5- Storage locker. The locker donated by Day Westine is at Judy's house. Loren disposed of the desk in the storage room. **Note:** Paul and Dave will assist in moving the cabinet to SBC.

6- Salem Sectional. The Salem Sectional will be held June 23-25.

7- New Director. Jerry Gordon will soon be an ACBL-certified game director.

8- Discipline of member. (Also see minutes of the May 2 special meeting.) Gayle Goodman-Wilkins has been suspended from play and directing activities from May 8 to June 5. In the meantime, Dick and Allen Carter are directing the Wednesday and Friday day games. **Note:** The board has posted a statement on the bulletin board explaining its action with regard to this matter.

Dealing Schedule and Progress Report. Loren provided the board with a "Bridge Board Dealing Schedule and Progress Report." He notes that dealer-volunteers are now preparing boards for our Wednesday and Saturday evening games in addition to all other SBC-sponsored games. Loren uses software and a PDF file to print hand records, keeping a copy of all hands for two weeks. He creates a dealing schedule calendar each month. -- Dealing volunteers are Loren, Bill Anning, George Foust, and Jo Ann Harp. Also, Jan Petroski will start in June. A copy of his full report, which includes the schedules for each volunteer and details how boards are relayed between KSAS and Capitol Manor is in the secretary's files.

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Compensation for Dealing Volunteers. At present the club gives each dealer one free play per six month period. Since it takes 45 minutes to prepare a full set of boards, the present rate of compensation is clearly insufficient. Anita and Judy Lathrop will develop and propose a new compensation plan for the board to consider in June.

Summer Sectional Refreshments: Judy told us that the Unit would like to be able to provide more refreshments at this year's Salem Sectional. **MOTION:** SP/AW. **"SBC will contribute \$50 to Unit 490 to help provide more refreshments at this year's Sectional."** The motion passed unanimously.

Game Cancellation Policy: Expanded. In April, the Board approved the following procedure to follow when a club game is to be cancelled:

"(1) **When KSAS is closed for a weather-related reason,** no game will be held on that day. In such cases, the club manager will inform the game director for that game and shall also ask the club's webmaster to post a notice to that effect on the club's website. When severe weather conditions exist, members are also advised to check directly with KSAS to see if the center will be open. There will be no payment to any game director on such a day, even if the director decides on their own to come to KSAS. Further, in such cases, the director is responsible for all expenses, including rental of the playing area.

(2) **When KSAS requests that we not occupy our playing area on one or more game days,** the club manager shall notify the affected game directors and ask them to make appropriate announcements at all games held in advance of the day(s) in question. The club manager will also ask the club's webmaster to post a notice on the club's website and will arrange for additional notice to members by email.

(3) **When a game at Capitol Manor is cancelled for any reason,** the game director will so notify the club's webmaster and will also attempt to notify the players who regularly play in that game. Such notification can be in person, by telephone, and/or by email."

Judy has volunteered to enhance this procedure by assisting in the member notification process when either KSAS or Capitol Manor is closed. Her comments and proposal: *"I have a separate group for the bridge players for my Google contacts. I can also share this list with others. The trick is that someone has to let the person who is designated to send the emails know that the facility is closed. I could possibly set up a group text. It would take a little work to determine which phone numbers are home, cell or VOIP numbers. They used to be able to tell apart but now that is not necessarily true. I do have an app that will tell me the type of phone number but it would take a little time to look up each one. Also, I am currently taking a class on all things Google and I will check with my teacher to see if I can get some tips about setting up a group text. All of that said, I think having the info on the web should be the 1st priority. Bottom line: just let me know if you want my help."*

The board supports Judy's proposed enhanced procedure. When she has the requisite member contact information ready, the board may support the following motion to add this language to the game cancellation procedure: **"Notify Judy Lathrop as soon as we learn that a game is to be cancelled."**

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Website Upgrade. The board agrees with Dick that our website, maintained by Unit 490, needs to be upgraded. The unit is forming a committee to draft a list of specifications/features which should be included on the website. Judy and Loren have been appointed to this committee by the unit. The unit would like to have two members representing SBC. We suggested Jean McKinney and Jim Sanner. Judy will get in touch with them. We understand that Dick Pitzer will be a consultant in this process.

Advertising on KBZY. (*Minutes of Sept, Oct, Nov, 2016, 3/21/17, 4/18/17*) Paul has talked with KBZY about advertising for SBC. They liked his proposed ad wording. We will pay KBZY \$150 for 15 spots. They will also give us two fifteen minute interviews for free. We think Kevin Kacmarynshi and Shain Oleson might be good candidates for doing one interview and that Paul and Gayle Goodman-Wilkins would be good for the other.

"Longest Day"/International Fund Games Participation. (*See items 1 & 2 in the Club Manager's report above.*) The board decided not to participate in either of these events.

Thursday Night Game. (*See Club Manager's report for January, 2017, the Financial Report in 3/24/17 minutes, and Anita's financial analysis in the 4/18/17 minutes.*) Anita provided the following profit and loss data for each of our games so far this year: TUESDAY, +97; WEDNESDAY DAY, +145; WEDNESDAY EVENING, +\$56; THURSDAY, -\$45; FRIDAY, +\$281; SATURDAY, +223. Since the Thursday evening game is important for bringing new players into duplicate bridge, especially for those who are still working and cannot play during the day, we will continue to support it..

Partnership Chair for Tuesday Games. (*Minutes of 3/24/17 and Club Manager's report for April.*) Gayle told Paul she is willing to continue as Partnership Chair for Tuesday games if we agree to give her four free plays per month. We will ask Gayle if this offer still stands after her period of suspension is over on June 5. If so, we can consider her proposal at our June meeting.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held June 20 at 10 a.m.

Submitted by
David Astle, Secretary