

Board meeting on April 5, 2016

Present Ray Yuenger, Judy Fisher, Jeff hack, Linda Nemmer, Rick Jasper, Stu Goodgold, and Mich Ravera by telephone.

March minutes accepted without change.

Financial Reports: The March “Trended Statement of Income and Expense” report comparing 2016 to 2015 numbers, are skewed due to the 2015 San Jose sectional being included last year, but the 2016 spring sectional hasn't happened yet.

District & National Reports: Reno NABC table count was 10% below expectations, but still over 12,000 tables total. The Board of Directors have decided that the entry costs for NABC events is per person, not per team. So a 6-person team would pay 50% more than a 4-person team would. This is for national events only, not regional events at a NABC. Cooperative Advertising Program would pay 50% of actual expenses for advertising, etc. (Although the ACBL web site (<http://www.acbl.org/marketing/cooperative-advertising-program/>) still says 75%. The ACBL is working toward a High School Championship tournament, but more details are needed. This issue will be continued at the next meeting.

Committee Reports:

Premises: We discontinued the vending machine to appease the landlord. Linda Nemmer loaned the club a smaller refrigerator. If the landlord doesn't complain about that, the club will probably purchase one.

The club directors should announce to their players that the landlord will likely start towing cars soon. Presumably, this includes cars parked in the parking spots designated for bridge players that are not displaying a parking permit, as well as bridge players' cars parked in non-designated spots. Parking permits are available from each directory and needs to be **fastened** to the **lower right-hand** side of the front windshield.

Safety: Jeff says the club needs two new fire extinguishers. Mischel to buy them.

The idea to hold a CPR class was brought up again. We need to determine what the cost (if any) would be.

The question of the club purchasing a heart defibrillator was again brought up, but the feeling was that paying \$1000-\$1500 was too much for the extremely rare times we might ever use it. This topic was shelved.

Membership: 7 new members, 3 reinstated members, 6 transferred in, 1 transferred out. Total membership was 699 at the end of March.

New Business:

Jeff again brought up his idea to hold a Ruby Life Master Pairs game. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to hold this game on Friday night, July 8, 2016. The game would be open to all players with the stipulation that at least one member of each pair be a current Ruby life master, a Ruby life master that has advanced in rank, or anybody who believes they will become a Ruby life master by the end of 2016. The Ruby life master designation is new from the ACBL and is 1500-2500 Master Points. In January, 2016, the San Jose club had 50 Ruby life masters and most (it is believed) are regular club players. Mary Steele owns the Friday night game and has agreed to give up her game for that one night.

Linda has an agreement with the Palo Alto board to hold a joint unit game sectional the weekend of June 25 and 26. The event would likely be a 2-session pair game on Saturday at the Palo Alto club, and a Swiss Team at the San Jose club on Sunday. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to support and continue planning this joint event. More details to follow.

Mich asked for a unit sanction for Monday, June 27, for the Bill Hughes World-wide Pairs game. Request was approved.

Questions about the upcoming Spring sectional at West Valley were brought up, e.g. "Will the cafeteria be open during the session?" and "Will there be water jugs as in past years?" were both answered "Yes."

Linda is still storing the club's old, large coffee makers. She was given permission to sell them if possible. Otherwise dispose them or give them away.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Jasper