

Bridge Center Meeting Minutes

02/13/2017

In attendance – Don Bladow, Shannon Jones, Kathie Hoehne, John Cacy, Terry Sappah, Steve Tucker, Greg Svendsen, Dennis Smith, Marion Kelly, and Tim Marx.

Club Manager's Report –

- The table count for January was down from previous years. This was mostly due to poor weather.
- Several of January's bill were late being paid due to problems with mail delivery. Two things are being done to address the problem. Auto pay is being set up for Chugach Electric and Enstar. The mailman will be directed to use our mail box instead of instead of dropping mail on desks.
- Forms for signature cards were passed out at the meeting.

Advertising – Constant Comment was approved for purchase by the board. This will allow tracking of members, emailing important announcements, and setting up a newsletter. The software will be acquired for a sixty day free trial then purchased if it works out.

Learn Bridge in a Day – Shirley Liss from Fairbanks will be in Anchorage to put on a one day class that allows people to learn the basics of bridge. Additional people are needed to help with the class. The class has been scheduled for February 25, 2017. Several approaches have been used to announce the class.

Calling on Thursday and Friday – Virginia will no longer be calling to arrange player for the Thursday and Friday afternoon games.

Donations for a Fishing Trip – Shannon Jones will be collecting funds from board members to purchase a fishing trip as part of the silent auction at the Summer Regional.

Game Directors - More active game directors are needed. Several ideas were suggested. One of the ideas is to have an assistant director for each game.

Player Complaint – Kathie Hoehne responded to the player who made the complaints via email.

ProAm Game – A ProAm game is scheduled for March 19. The game will also include a period of time for Spring Cleaning at the club.

The Spring Section is scheduled for March 1 – 5.

Different Bridge Games – Some ideas for different types of bridge games was discussed.

– A bridge player filed two complaints with the board. The first dealt with the handicap system used on Saturday night's game. The board rejected this complaint because the method used is approved by ACBL. The second complaint dealt with correcting a board that had been incorrectly scored. The score was corrected but the outcome did not change the outcome of the game. Both issues are considered closed. Someone from the board will get back to the player filing the complaint.

Cleanup – Players are encouraged to rinse used coffee cups and tea cups and put them in the dishwasher.

Shannon Jones got the Alaska Coastal Inn to provide a better rate for bridge players coming to Anchorage for the regional tournament.

The next meeting will be February 13.