

**Anchorage Bridge Center  
ACBL Unit 425  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
January 8, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 6:00 PM on January 8, 2018.

Present were board members Kathie Hoehne, Catherine Dwinnell, Tim Marx, Linda Thies, Dennis Smith, Marion Kelly, Steven Tucker, Gregory Svenson, Rick Oldford & Frank Wallis.

Board members not present Shannon Jones & Duff Pfanner. Club Manager, Michael Schmahl was not present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Board approved the December minutes.

**CLUB MANAGER'S REPORT**

The Club Manager's report was not available.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's report was not available.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Kathie moved the Review of Tournament Chair duties be taken off the meeting minutes and it was seconded.
2. Tim reported on the purchase of trophies for the NLM tournament winners. He had a brochure for "medals" instead of trophies. The medals can be engraved and look similar to Olympic medals. The group discussed whether the medal should be given for the overall winners of the tournament or specific events. Marion moved the medals should be per specific event which would be a total of 12 medals instead of 3. Steve and Greg seconded.
3. Publicity for the Bridge in a day class was discussed. Don created an event in Facebook and everyone can "share" with their friends.
4. The Club received a Thank you note from the Food Bank for our donations.
5. Kathie reviewed information for purchasing a TCD from Alaska USA. The bank is requiring a new account be set up, a tax ID and articles of organization. A discussion of just what kind of organization our club is took place. It is not a corporation, non-profit, or charity. It is more like a Fraternal Order. Greg said it didn't need to be so complicated and said he could open an account with Kathie on the account also. No final decision was made.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Volunteers are needed to help with the Learn Bridge in a Day Class. Linda, Catherine & Frank volunteered to help.

2. Kathie would like approval from the board to buy a new dishwasher as the one on the south side of the club is shot. A motion by Tim for \$300 dollars for a new dishwasher was made and seconded.
3. The Cabin Fever Tournament was discussed. Sectionals are treated differently than Regionals as far as fees are concerned. There is a flat fee paid by ACBL for Sectionals whereas the Regional fees come out of the profits.
4. Catherine agreed to chair the February 12 meeting as Kathie will be out of town.
5. Moved, seconded and passed unanimously:
  - I. **Only** the following four officers are authorized to sign checks at Northrim bank:
    - i. Kathie Hoehne, President
    - ii. Catherine Dwinnell, Vice President
    - iii. Tim Marx, Treasurer
    - iv. Linda Thies, Secretary
    - v. Any others previously authorized no longer have signatory authority.
6. Steve brought up a concern about background noise at the club. He would like an announcement made by the directors suggesting players keep noise levels down. Players should move away from the tables during sit outs or between rounds if they need to talk. The directors should use the clock and call the movement. Catherine volunteered to be the liaison between the board and the directors when certain things like this come up. She will send out an email. Tim made a motion to make Catherine the liaison and it was seconded. Linda suggested Steve give a short announcement before tonight's game to "get the ball rolling".

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Kathie moved to adjourn and it was seconded by Linda. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.