

**Anchorage Bridge Center, ACBL Unit 425**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**January 14, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 6:00 PM on January 14, 2019.

Present were board members: Greg Svenson, Julie Guerard, Linda Thies, Catherine Dwinnel, Duff Pfanner, Lynne Smith, Mark Desinger, Mark Rindner, Tamara Phillips & Tim Marx. Club Manager Michael Schmahl was not present. Board members not present Frank Wallis.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mark R. motioned to approve the December minutes and it was seconded by Lynne Vote passed.

**CLUB MANAGER'S REPORT**

1. Mike was not available.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

1. Tim said the Treasurer's report was not available. When Mike gets back, they will put together a year end report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Publicity for the club**-Tamara will try to set up another account with ADN. The ad should appear under the Events section. Mark R, wondered if we should send out a survey to our membership about adding a Friday evening game or what games the membership wanted. During the discussion, it was noted that having two games a day usually takes away from the other one. Maybe the Mentor Program could be added to the survey.
2. **Promoting/Organizing Mentor Program**-Julie submitted a Mentorship Program Proposal. The Board said to delete the 2 free games per month for the Mentor. Tim then made a motion to accept the Proposal and Greg seconded it. The motion passed. Julie will implement.
3. **Revisit table fee increase**-A suggestion to raise the fee at tournaments by \$3 was made and take away the \$1 increase for the daily games. The Board did not think this was a good idea. The Board agreed to look at where the club is financially at the end of the first quarter, although after 6 months is more realistic to determine whether the \$1 increase is still needed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Anything needed for the "Cabin Fever Sectional"**- Don Bladow is the chair and Monica partnerships. The sign-up sheets were not pinned up on the board. Linda said she would look in the computer for them.
2. **Don Bladow Beginning Classes Proposal**- Don's proposal for a beginning bridge class is to run 9 weeks from 10 AM to 11:30 AM Saturday morning. He proposes the club buy 12 copies of the book "Bidding for the 21st Century" for \$11.97 each. He suggests we charge \$100 for the classes and use the mailing lists that we have from Learning Bridge in a Day classes. We could advertise on Facebook and post flyers at the Senior center and supermarkets. He also suggested the club purchase an iPad and an iPad POS station from Square for credit card transactions. It would cost around \$450. Each transaction cost about 2.6% plus 10 cents per transaction. Tim made a motion to approve the classes and purchase some books. A discussion took place about getting at least a 5 person commitment before approving the classes and the Board approved this. The board also voted no on the "square" and credit card. Mark said they needed further clarification on how this proposal will work with Robin's. Discussion of the proposal was tabled to allow Don and Robin to coordinate.
3. **Robin Phillips Classes Proposal**-Robin proposed running a regular game/class for new players. His class would consist of review, then using some pre-made hands to teach play of the hand techniques. At this point, we were not sure if he was talking about taking over Tuesday nights. This needs further clarification.
4. **NLM Tournament in May and Fall**-Tim to chair the NLM Tournament in May, Marion the Regional, and Mike the Fall Sectional. Tim said all of this year's tournaments have been established with ACBL. Mark

asked that the Fall Sectional be added to Old Business for the next meeting to discuss the meal planning and the annual meeting. Is Mike chairing the NLM in the fall?

5. **Subcommittees (membership, education, voting, others)**-Marion had sent an email to Mark listing committees that had been formed over the years to assist the board. They are Membership, Education, Ethics, Ballot, Marketing & Audit Committees. For each tournament, the board needs to select a tournament chair and a partnership chair. Mark asked if we had ideas on how to 'assign' people to committees. Linda suggested volunteering. Julie volunteered for the Mentorship and Membership committee. Linda volunteered for the audit committee, and Tamara the marketing committee. Thanks to Marion for all this valuable information.

**The next Board Meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2019, at 6:00 PM.**

**ADJOURNMENT: It was moved to adjourn and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.**