

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Larry Alexander- President
Cary Rodgers-Vice President
Judy Knox –Secretary
Al Stone- Treasurer
Tom Dixon

Cecile Skaggs
Judy Dever
Ed Davis
Jackie Stewart
Henry Francis- Absent

The meeting was called to order by Larry Alexander around 11:30am. The minutes emailed out by Judy Knox were approved except for 2 corrections that have been made.

Myron Rosenberg – Club Suggestions

Myron made the following suggestions:

1. Increase the number of parking spaces in the parking lot by 22. Restripe the lot and put an extra row against the fence.
2. Take out the wall between novice room and big room. Eliminate the smoking room and storage rooms. This will give us room to have our sectionals at the Bridge club and save us a lot of money. We can use the additional parking from suggestion #1 when we have the sectionals.
3. We need to have Easy Bridge again. ACBL will reimburse the club for part of the advertising and teacher's fees. District 10 will also reimburse up to \$1,000 for educational expenses. He suggests that Joyce Stone and Janice Van Dyke run the Easy bridge classes again. Sat. mornings at 10a.m. for 3 consecutive mornings. Classes last 2 hours and they would all be gone before the Sat. afternoon game. Ask for volunteers to act as monitors. Have people bring snacks and name badges.
4. He also said we need to get new chairs in here. Myron wants to get started in April.
5. Joyce Stone was present to explain the Easy bridge process. Joyce showed us the Easy bridge book. It costs \$15. 100 is \$8 per book plus postage. It teaches Standard American Yellow Card. It has 15 lessons.
6. The problem is when summer comes and people travel. It is better to start in fall when vacations are over and all kids are back in school. To continue for 15 weeks, April would not be a good time to start.
7. We need to have a committee of people to do this to help out and substitute for teachers. Myron said the first 3 lessons are free and they pay a registration fee of \$20. The books would be free. Joyce's proposal was for 6 free lessons.
8. Joyce told some people if they are interested in doing this, they should take the Easy Bridge certification course.
9. A motion was made by Judy Knox and seconded by Jackie Stewart for Joyce Stone to go ahead and proceed with the Easy Bridge program subject to the club manager's approval. The motion passed.

New Chairs for the Club- Al Stone

Al showed us 3 different chairs that he is looking at to purchase for the Club. A motion was made by Ed Davis that we go with the most expensive chair and purchase them for the club. It was seconded by Tom Dixon (subject to Mick's approval) to purchase these new chairs for the club. Al said he has already shown all the chairs to Mick and Mick said to get whatever chairs we want. The motion passed.

Larry appointed Al to look into buying new tables to go with the new chairs. The problem with cup holders was brought up. Al said he will find tables with cup holders built in them.

MAL Annual Meeting

1. Date: First Sat. after the Sky Rocket Sectional, July 13, 2013.
2. 12 pm before the Saturday game at 1:30.
3. We will need to send out letters to all MAL members. The letters should be sent out by June 13, 2013.
4. This is purely a business meeting.
5. Tom will get the new proposed MAL By laws to all board members by the end of this week.

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March 16, 2013

Cecile- Charity games in April.

- ✚ April is Nationwide ACBL Charity game month.
- ✚ Our share of the money will go to Alzheimer's. Mick has scheduled 7 or 8 charity games here.
- ✚ We discussed the longest day on June 21 that ACBL is promoting for clubs to have.
- ✚ Larry will chair this event unless someone else wants to do it.
- ✚ Sanction fees are waived for anyone having an Alzheimer's all day event on June 21, 2013.
- ✚ We need to consult with Jack and Mick for all this. Larry will confer with Mick on this to see if we can have 2 extra games on June 21 for this. We will table this for discussion to next Board Meeting.
- ✚ We also need to designate a charity for our club.
- ✚ A motion was made to make Alzheimer's our charity of the year for the Unit and for MA Lightman Bridge club. The motion passed.

First Friday game for April

Cary is having chicken spaghetti. Volunteers will bring desserts. Judy Knox and Jackie Stewart will bring a dessert.

Sensitive Topic- allowing people to bring guns into the club

A report has been made about people bringing guns to the club.
Someone has brought a gun to the club in his pocket.
If a person is licensed to carry a gun, can he bring it into the club?
What are legal ramifications?
We have to make a rule about this.

Two people came to Larry and said that they were uncomfortable with letting people bring guns in the club.
Tom Dixon made a motion that we hire a lawyer to find out what legal liability we have regarding banning guns from a private club or if we don't ban them and someone brings a gun in are we legally liable for it if they shoot someone.

Larry will start with ACBL so we can get a policy about this in place. Larry has contact info about general counsel for ACBL. Larry will talk to Sam Whitten about this. This discussion will be tabled to the next board meeting. Larry is in charge of contacting a lawyer and making a policy regarding this issue. Larry can contact us by email or phone to get votes on this if necessary. We should put this in the newsletter, on the web page and post it at the club once we have determined what our policy will be.

Tom Dixon, our new recorder for Unit 144 will talk to all individuals that are known to carry weapons into the club that the club is considering a policy regarding a "No weapons policy". They should be allowed to put their gun in the car and return to the game. Repeated offenders will be given a more severe penalty. This should be on the agenda for the MAL meeting in July.

Tom stated that he will have a draft copy of the new MAL proposed by laws out to everybody by the end of this week.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35pm. The next Board meeting will be May 18, 2013 at 12:47 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Knox

Judy Knox, Secretary MAL Bridge Club