



**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY BRIDGE CENTER
OCTOBER 13, 2021**

ATTENDING: Susan Bristol, Joop Doorn, Frank Grossman, Linda Jonas, Marshall Pearlman, Richard Picheny, Gail Schneider, Gale Senter, Dan Thorlakson

NOT ATTENDING: Jay Nuccio

GUEST: Joyce Potter

The meeting was called to order at 4:21 PM.

President's Update

- Included in the topics discussed below.

Treasurer's Report

- The latest financial statements were distributed to the Board.
- Table counts are holding steady.

Club Manager Report

- The special games for November were presented – see below.
- John Coloumbe will direct the holiday party on December 11, 2021

Sectional

- ACBL has confirmed our tournament will be held.
- Box lunches will be offered for \$10/person. Each lunch to include a sandwich, chips and cookie. Water, coffee and tea will be provided. Soft drinks are available in the machine for purchase.
- Packaged snacks will be offered at appropriate times.
- Overnight lodging for John, the director, was identified.
- We will run a regular game on one end of the club during the tournament. Richard Picheny will direct that game on the spare laptop, while John runs the computer at the desk in order to use our database. Because we are using a club computer and not a national tournament director computer we will send the results and sanction number to ACBL who will compute the points and post the results.

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Real Estate

- Gale and Joop looked at a sister property to where we are currently located (Capo Business Center, Paseo Espoda, Ste. 501). Rent was \$2/ sq. ft. + \$0.16/sq. ft. for common area maintenance. This is not that much different than what we are paying now.
- The site has open parking but generally is allocated at the rate of 3 spaces/1000 sq. ft. leased. This may be a problem with our business license.
- Linda suggested we look at the Capistrano School District Administration off the 5 freeway at 33122 Valle Rd, San Juan Capistrano. It is a very large building. The excess space was leased to a bank which has vacated the premises.
- The floor plan of the existing space was reviewed.

District Business

- The Board reviewed the revised By-laws of the District. There was unanimous Board approval for approval of the revised By-laws as presented.
- Donna Abersman has done an excellent job writing our Unit column for the D22 District Connection. She has informed us she will be stepping down at the end of the year.
- Susan will ask Janie to send out a blast seeking volunteers. It should also be included in the newsletter.

Club Covid Policy

- There was a discussion about whether the club would continue to require all players to be vaccinated.
 - A motion was made to continue our current policy which requires all players to be vaccinated. The motion passed.
- There was also discussion about what will transpire if an active player tests positive for Covid.
 - Per CDC guidelines, you can stop quarantine 10 days after symptoms appear if you have been fever free for at least 24 hours.
- Frank presented the CDC guidelines on what to do if you have had exposure only, but no symptoms.
- The Board passed a motion agreeing that our club will follow CDC guidelines if a player has exposure to the virus.
 - Provide a negative test result with the test taken 3-5 days after close contact with someone with suspected or confirmed Covid.
 - Wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days following exposure or until a negative test result.
 - Get tested and isolate immediately if experiencing Covid-19 symptoms.

Elections

- The Nominating Committee shall consist of Linda Jonas, Chair, as well as Dan Thorlakson and Dianna Hoffman.
- Marshall Pearlman will be resigning at the end of the year.
- Frank has decided to run for another term on the Board.
- The only 2 Board members continuing are Susan Bristol and Gale Senter. Leaving 5 vacancies on the Board.
- The following individuals will be on the ballot: Maggie Briskie, Joop Doorn, Frank Grossman, Brian Johnson, Richard Picheny, Joyce Potter.
- Susan volunteered to put together a document containing all the mechanics of running the election including tasks, time line and responsible persons.

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Annual Awards

- The Senter Committee consists of Gale Senter, Chair, and the past 2 award winners.
- Gale has received 2 nominees for the Senter award.
- The Pelmeear award consists of Dan Thorlakson, Chair and previous award winners.
- Dan has received 3 names for consideration for the Pelmeear award.

Education

- Our classes are going well.
- Evaluations for our teachers, thus far, have indicated they were well received.
- Mark Itabashi will be teaching a single class on November 17, 2021.

Special Games

- The Unit has many Unit Game sanctions which are going unused.
- If we run Charity Games when permitted, the additional table fee is \$1.25/table for the extra points.
- The Unit Games also offer extra points for no additional table fees.
- The Unit Game can be advertised as a Unit Game Club Championship.
- The Board approved using our remaining Unit Game sanctions rather than running charity games on the days we have no special games.
- Gail will provide a monthly calendar containing all special games including the date, name of special game, extra points awarded and any additional information needed for the players and Janie to send out email blasts to our members.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday November 3, 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 5:46 PM.