Corvallis Bridge Board Meeting
January 11, 2012, 6pm

In Attendance: Greg Smith
Mary Alice Seville
Becky McKenzie
Eva Bodyfelt
Eileen Milligan

Absent: Rick Garvin
Bob Peery
Joyce Dickerson
Eric Larson

Greg called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

First order of business was to nominate and confirm all board members present.

Becky nominated Greg as President, Mary Alice seconded, all in favor.
Greg nominated Mary Alice as Treasurer, Becky seconded, all in favor.
   It was suggested and brought to vote to add replace Gretchen with Becky as the third signer on our checking account.
Greg nominated Eileen as Secretary, Mary Alice seconded, all in favor.
Greg nominated Eva as Club Manager, Mary Alice seconded, all in favor.
All motions passed unanimously.

Club Manager:
Eva reported that our relationship with ACBL is fine and that the 2012 calendar has been approved and posted. Board members continue to hear from members as to why we don't play at the Senior Center anymore. Bottom line: The Senior Center could not accommodate our expanding schedule of games. We donated money to the Senior Center just as we donate money to the Elks club. Neither was/is free.

Treasurer:
Mary Alice reported that end of the year results were not positive. We lost about $750 this year. November and December were particularly bad months. We did have some major expenses this year, however, and we expect that they won't be repeated in the coming year, though we may need to replace the computer. She would like to keep $2000 cushion in our bank account and right now we are under that amount. Also, she reported that if we don't make some changes, we are likely to lose comparable amount again for the 2012 calendar year.

Some ideas to raise revenue are:
Raising the fee per game
Expand Friday night game to 299er from 199er

Ideas to cut costs:
Talk to Elks club about lowering cost of Friday night game. The board appreciates the relationship they have with the Elks club and doesn't want to disrupt that by asking them to lower the cost to us.
Money has been spent in the following areas over the 2010 and 2011 years:
Printer
Bridgemates
3 year supply of cards
Free plays for set up
Overall cost not equaling revenue brought in per game

Proposal: The Corvallis Board is considering raising cost to $5/game as of March 1st, 2012. This would be the cost for all games including special games such as STAC and Charity. The Corvallis Club has been slowly losing money for the last 2 years. The board would like to hear input from its members on this issue. Please talk to a board member or respond to email if you would like to give input on this issue.

By increasing game fees and thus increasing our revenue we will be able to:

Provide more/better parties
Provide educational outreach
Provide ourselves a cushion

No other business to report or discuss at this time.

Greg adjourned the meeting at 6:50pm.

Submitted by Eileen Milligan
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2pm