Corvallis Bridge Board Meeting  
April 23, 2014  6pm

In Attendance:  
Mary Alice Seville  
Becky McKenzie  
Eva Bodyfelt  
Bob Peery  
Eileen Milligan  
Eric Larson  
Rick Garvin

Absent:  
Greg Smith  
Joyce Dickerson

Mary Alice called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
Rick moved that Mary Alice be the acting president tonight in Greg’s absence.
Becky seconded. Motion passed 5-0 with 1 abstention.

This special meeting was called to discuss the possibility of the Corvallis Bridge Club having its own site called the Heart of the Valley Bridge Center and located in the former Albertson’s shopping center on the corner of Circle and Kings Blvd. The Albany club agreed to split the money in the “building fund” between Corvallis and Albany so long as Corvallis did not offer any open bridge games on Mondays and Thursdays while Albany continues to offer an open game on those days. Corvallis may use the money only to obtain, lease and/or prepare to occupy a facility in Corvallis.

1. Eric proposed to accept the terms of the offer with the restrictions and therefore accept the approximate $42,000. Becky seconded.

Discussion: Bob questioned what this move would do to our finances. Rick replied that we don’t know exactly at this time. There are too many questions such as the cost of utilities, remodeling, insurance, director’s pay and other unknowns such as table count, number of games offered, etc. We project sufficient income at our current $5 player fee, on 40 tables a week with plans to increase the table count enough to be financially sound. Eva also mentioned that we have other sources of income such as bridge lessons.
Motion passed 5-0 with 2 abstentions.

2. The lessor requires guarantors on the lease. Rick, Mary Alice, Irva Kay Neyhart and one other have agreed to be guarantors. Having guarantors releases all board members from financial liability. The guarantors would report to the board and will make recommendations to the board regarding decisions with direct financial impact to club operations. The two groups will be in partnership to make the club operate in a financially sound manner. However, the exact working relationship between the two groups is yet to be specified.

Becky moved that the Corvallis Bridge Board accept the offer of the guarantors and that we agree to work together to operate the new club. Eric seconded. Motion passed 6-1.
3. Mary Alice will host two membership meetings in Corvallis on Tuesday, April 29, 2014 and Wednesday, April 30, 2014 prior to the bridge games. Interested members will also have an opportunity to see the new site on those days. A tour of the proposed site will be offered after the game on Tuesday, as well as before the game on Wednesday, before the membership meeting.

4. Volunteers have stepped forward to form a buildout committee to procure and supervise some or all of the things that need to be done and/or bought. Sandy Allen, Mary Vance and Mitch Willcox have volunteered so far and Eva Bodyfelt is going to join them as well. Mitch has agreed to be the project coordinator.

   Becky proposed to authorize the volunteer committee to proceed on our behalf. Eric seconded. Proposal passed 7-0.

   Irva Kay Neyhart, Carol Harms and Rick Garvin have volunteered to determine the schedule of games and availability for classes, etc. Eva Bodyfelt has agreed to join them. Eric suggested getting a new bridge player involved in this group as well and this will be looked into. Everyone agreed to have this committee.

5. Mary Alice stated that for the new club to be successful, it must be run in a more business-like fashion, where income is maximized and expenses minimized. Therefore it is prudent as first steps to stop selling discount cards, and to cut back on CDHC’s contribution to parties. Therefore, as of April 24th no more discounted, 10-play-cards will be sold for $45. Ten-play cards will cost $50. The club will no longer subsidize the cost of special games such as STAC games. The club will no longer throw parties with free food and bridge game. There will be parties, but most often the food will be provided by the members.

   Eric moved to stop selling discount cards and pass along extra sanction fees to the players. Eva seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

**No other business to report or discuss at this time.**

Mary Alice adjourned the meeting at 6:55pm.

Submitted by Eileen Milligan, 4/28/14. 9:00pm