12-28-16 meeting of the Corvallis Duplicate Bridge Club Board of Directors

Present: Dennis Harms, Paul Hochfeld, Eileen Milligan, Becky McKenzie, Mary Alice Seville, Sandy Allen, Allison Evans

Absent: Bob Peery and Karla Layton

Meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm.

#1. Are we going to cancel games when Eugene, Salem, and Newport have sectionals?

Mary Alice presented information on how other clubs handle their games when neighboring clubs have sectionals. Eugene always cancels standing games. Newport has a game if they have at least 3 tables that are not going to a local tournament. Salem has their standing games all the time. The Coast Unit moves the game to a different Saturday if it conflicts with a tournament Saturday.

We don't have great data on how many people from our club either don’t travel or wouldn’t travel if we didn’t have a game. There are essentially two schools of thought about this question. One is that we should always have games for our members when we have enough members wanting to play. Another is that we should support the local tournaments by cancelling standing games and encouraging our members to attend local tournaments because we would want those clubs to do the same for us. Sunday nights on tournament weekends are often poorly attended because of the Swiss, which may suggest cancelling that game during tournaments. The Friday morning game is likely viable even during tournaments because some players in that game are not tournament regulars. However, those players may go to a local tournament if we don’t have a game, and we can encourage carpooling to ensure that players who want to play but don’t care to drive can attend. One argument against this concept is that we may not be taking away from a local tournament if the people playing in our club game wouldn’t go to a tournament anyway. Additionally, local tournaments are popular with many of our directors as well, which can make it difficult to find directors. There are only three local tournaments a year for which we are making this decision. The consensus was that we should cancel out our games out of respect for local tournaments. Sandy moved that we cancel Fridays and Sundays for local sectionals for 2017. Allison seconded, and the motion passed.

#2: Changing the limit on the 199er on Tuesday afternoon

One more issue to discuss is changing the Tuesday section B to a 299er game instead of a 199er game. Several players just over 199 prefer to play in the limited game and have partners who are well under the 199 limit. Many competitive pairs chose to leave the side game well under the 199 limit and play in the open. Raising the limit to 299 affords additional flexibility and allows the players who wish to remain in a limited game or play with very new players to play in a more relaxed game. Becky moved that we change to Tuesday to 299er. Sandy seconded and the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.