1-17-17 meeting of the Corvallis Duplicate Bridge Club Board of Directors

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

Absent: Karla Layton and Eileen Milligan

Meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm. Walter was welcomed as a new board member and Becky and Eileen were thanked for agreeing to serve another term.

1. Election of Officers (Decision)

The following were elected to the four club offices:

President: Mary Alice Seville
Secretary: Allison Evans
Club manager: Eileen
Treasurer: Becky

2. Shall we allow the Thursday morning group that currently practices at the bagel shop to use the Center? (Decision)

The Thursday morning bagel group wants to use the center. Walter is willing to be in charge of keys to let players in for this event. Time is 9 am-11 am and it's usually about 3-4 tables. This event is a casual play event with discussion and is generally for newer players. Allison will work with Walter to get all the details and include this information in upcoming emails. We will charge $4 per table so that each person can pay $1 to make the accounting easy. The description above was approved.

3. Shall we adopt the proposal to handle charity games with a committee with duties including calendar scheduling and communicating charity games?

The proposal to expand the duties of the current calendar committee to include all scheduling and organizing charity game contributions was approved. Duties of this committee are provided below for reference. Having sponsored charity games is desirable because players do not have to pay for more charity games and they also get more points. If players wish to sponsor for more ACBL charity games, then there is an opportunity for additional sponsored local charity games. We must have at least the same number of ACBL charity games as we have local charity games, and we can’t have more local charities than we have ACBL charities. Tuesday night is always a charity games. The Board suggested that the larger games should be local charity games rather than ACBL charity games because then our local charities get a bigger donation. Under this proposal, we would have no more $6 charity games than we currently have planned. However, we will have more total charity games because individuals can sponsor additional local charity games. We will put out an announcement at the end of January about opportunities for sponsorship. Irva, Eleanor, Dennis will shepherd the bookkeeping. The additional cost to the charity sponsor is $1 per player for the charity game.

The next board meeting was scheduled for Feb 8th at 4:30, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.
Calendar/Charity Game Committee: This committee will be responsible for proposing the annual game calendar to the Board and will also coordinate charity game sponsorships. This committee would include one or more board members and one or more club members. The target size for this committee would be approximately 3-4 people to ensure ease of coordination and communication. This committee would be responsible for carrying out the guidelines outlined by the board for scheduling all games (as is done currently) as well as coordinating the sponsorships for charity games. New responsibilities for this committee specifically related to making charity sponsorships run smoothly would be:

- including as many charity games as the board and members would support
- knowing the rules as to when charity games can be held
- communicating to the availability of sponsorships to members
- notifying the web calendar guru when games have been sponsored so the web calendar can be updated
- making sure members have appropriate documentation for tax deductibility as well as acknowledgment by local charity for contribution
- tracking the sponsorships
- tracking the ACBL vs local charities
- reporting to the treasurer, and
- for thanking, by announcement at each game, the sponsors who contributed for that game