Absent: Paul Hochfeld  
Present: Sandy Allen, Walter Dobek, Allison Evans, Dennis Harms, Karla Layton, Becky McKenzie, Eileen Milligan, Mary Alice Seville

Minutes: July’s minutes were accepted. We will recirculate and e-vote about September’s minutes in the next week.

Financial statements: The last three months of 2017, without the team games, there were fewer tables than other days. There were only two or three special games this year that we put on Tuesday night rather than other nights. The financials were accepted.

Raising fees to $6. DECISION

With the additional cost incurred from cleaning, we will need to raise fees. When she the fee increase start? A motion passed to increase fees starting Jan 1. Should we raise Tuesday nights to $7 or leave them at $6? If we raise to $6 for all games, then there is nothing special about Tuesday night to result in having people pay extra. For local charities, games would cost $7, but we will seek sponsorship to reduce the cost to $6 for players. We will try to balance the ACBL charities and the local charities when we put together the calendar. How many of the “extra costly games” (the ones that cost us more than $4 per table) should we have?

STAC cost us an extra $7.50 per table. If we raise base fees to $6, do we also raise the STAC fees? We should charge $8 for STAC. GNT is an extra $10 per table. The NAP, all the fund games, and the charities cost an extra $4 per table. The $6 base fees could cover the loss for $4 games, except that we could do our best to get the charity games sponsored. If we raise all games to $6, then we would net $8000 more annually by raising the fees. However, if we use the $6 fee to cover the $4 charity games, then the net increase decreases from $8000 to $2900, so this was seen as too close for comfort, so local charity games should be $7 to give a slight cushion of unexpected expenses and a likely raise in rent.

If we raise the standard base fee to $6, some special games that cost the club more will still be more expensive. If the local charity games cost $7, and we have sponsors for local charity games, players would pay only $6. What about ACBL charities? We could either have these at $7 or $6. In some ways, it’s nice to have a $7 charity game so that $6 feels like a discount.

The following fee structure motion passed: $7 for charity games and $6 for sponsored games if it’s sponsored, $8 STAC, $8 GNT, $9 IMP, $7 ACLB wide charity, and $7 ACBL wide International games. Tuesday night is included in the same fee structure as everything else.

The message to the club should be simple because it’s hard to keep track of all the games. The message should be: the base fee is being raised from $5 to $6. Some extra point games will cost extra. Charity games will cost extra and we will seek sponsorship for charity games. We raised to table fees because we hired a janitorial service.

Saturday team games for 2017: INFORMATION
What do we want to do with Saturday teams games in 2017? How many should we have and how often? We need at least one GNT on Saturday for people to qualify who can't play during the week day. We should have 4 Saturday team games with at least one being a GNT, and one of the Saturday team games should be in October if possible. Dennis will provide a draft of the calendar at the next meeting.

**Area sectionals: INFORMATION**

In 2018, should we cancel our club games during the Salem, Eugene, and Newport sectional. Seems like we should cancel for Eugene for sure because it is so widely attended. We tabled the discussion on this until we could find out information about who went to the sectionals and whether or not they would have played if we had a game at home. Allison will find out who played and email them asking if they would go to the sectional if they could have played at home. We will re-evaluate this topic later.

**Halloween party - DECISION**

We will have a Halloween party at the Tuesday day game. Joyce Willcox will organize it.

**Civil War Update - INFO**

Sandy will meet with Chloe. Our new players will play in their own section. Sign up by the end of Tuesday, the 17th.

**Christmas Party - DECISION**

The Christmas party will be on Dec 15th in the evening. We should consider having a budget for food-events where the club sponsors things, and we need to make it clear that there is a budget and what that is.

**OSU Talented and Gifted Program - INFO**

We have agreed to participate in the Winter Program start 1/20 end 2/18 (we had 2 days to make a decision). The object is to teach bridge to 5th & 6th graders and 7th through 10th graders. The classes are 80 minutes long. Participants will select 3 classes from the list of offerings. Dick Jarvinen will teach both classes. He will need volunteer helpers. Mary Alice will help him with the curriculum.

The next Board Meeting should include a discussion of the stop card and the calendar.

**Action items:**

Allison: Send the July minutes to Dennis
Allison: Cancel Newport in the email
Dennis: provide a draft of the calendar at the next meeting
Allison: find out who played in our three area sectionals, and email them asking if they would go to the sectional if they could have played at home.