Corvallis Duplicate Bridge Club
Nov 15, 2017

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

Call to order

Approval of minutes for September and October meetings

The September meeting minutes were approved and the October meeting minutes were approved.

Acceptance of financials for Sept. and Oct

The financial reports for Sept and October were approved.

Christmas Party 12/15 evening

How much money do we want to spend on food? Dinner is at 5:45-6:00 between games on the 15th. Budget for food was set at $100. The Christmas party will have 0-199er. Eileen will obtain a sanction.

Election process

Dennis's, Allison's and Sandy's terms are over this year. Sandy, Dennis, Allison are all plan to stand for election again this year. Allison will look at the MOPP to see when we need to have to send notices. The election is the 2nd Tuesday in January, which makes the general election party the 9th of January. The club will provide cake. Absentee voters can either email or fill in ballot.

2018 Calendar guidance

Changes to the calendar proposed by Dennis including moving the Christmas party to the 14th and making that game a club championship. We will put a file on the web with the game prices, and it will follow the calendar. The consensus was that it’s reasonable to ask the folks programming the calendar to put the funds for the GNT and STAC games right after the time inside of the calendar.

Jan, Sept, and Nov currently have GNTs in 2018. These are currently all on Saturdays. Do we want to change that? November will have a GNT Swiss on Sat, and Sept will be an international fund game. January will be an international fund game.

There are several events that are not on the calendar, including the Salem sectional, and dates for the unit charity games. The usual 299er tournament date is on the weekend of the Leavenworth tournament.
In the past, we put the unit charity games on Tuesday night. When should continue to have these? We would probably have 2 ACBL unit charities. Dennis will work with Carol to schedule the unit charities. One suggestion was to have one weekend and one evening.

Do we want to support area sectionals by cancelling our games for those events? Motion to cancel our games for the Eugene, Salem, and Newport (Friday am, Friday pm, and Sunday) passed. We will encourage our players to go to local tournaments.

How do we want to handle night games during regionals? We should ask night players if they intend to play by email two weeks in advance and make a decision with the regulars.

This year there are 4 STAC weeks. These are more expensive games. January games will be junior fund games instead of STAC

There is one day-time team game on Wed in October which is club appreciation, and we can have a pairs and team game, and the points are free.

Are we scoring locally or against the Western conference? We need to verify that if local score is sectionally-rated?

Stop Card use

Should we quit using stop cards on January 1st? Can you disallow a person saying “Skip bid, please wait” at the club level? You can’t verbally say this at tournaments. Eileen will ask ACBL when she goes to San Diego. Table this motion until Eileen is back from San Diego until we can vote on both the physical card and the verbal saying at the club. We will handle this by email.

Mentorship games

How do we want to schedule mentorship? One idea was to have one game a month on a Friday in Jan, Feb, March, and April, perhaps with that Friday consistently being the 2nd Friday. Perhaps the 2nd game could be a team game. Allison will take prepare something for the board’s next meeting.

Winners of future Civil War games

Dick sent an email describing different ways to determine winners for the Civil War. It’s possible to have winners on both methods. We should remember the spirit of the game in future discussions.

Bridgemates

A motion was made to take the percentages and results (i.e., seeing what other people did on each hand) starting January 1st. This should encourage better habits, such as not talking about the results. This also encourages people to focus on the next hands and not their past results.
and eliminates the negative reinforcement that comes with seeing that you had a bad board in real time. The motion passes.

**Adding a limited point game**

Players who have recently advanced beyond the 100-point mark have asked for additional limited games that are more advanced than the 0-100 on Monday night but not as advanced as open. In general, limited games lead to bad habits, but they are necessary for fostering development of bridge skills before playing in opens. The Board understand what players are asking for but thinks that fielding another limited game is not feasible given the director schedule, club availability, and player demand/availability. If we were to add such a game, the target audience is the group currently playing Tuesday afternoon. Adding additional limited games takes away from other games. Current limited opportunities include Tuesday day, Albany’s Wed morning game, and Thursday morning practice. The board felt it was infeasible to accommodate another viable limited game.

**Outreach to absent players**

We have players who are ACBL members and are in the directory that don’t play all that often. Allison will make a list of these folks, and we can reach out to them.

**Other topics:**

Classes: Wed morning classes this year will be the year 2 class series. Four to six people who are currently in that 2nd year series cannot going to the Wed morning NLM game because of the class times.

Meeting adjourned