

Minutes of Board of Directors' Meeting

August 21, 2016

Gilroy, Morgan Hill, Hollister Duplicate Bridge Club

Unit 524

Present: President Ken Johnson, Vice-President Lyle Supp, Treasurer Vincent McLoughlin, Secretary Dian Wood Picone. Guests: Win Stone, Patty Stone, Al Peponis.

I. Minutes of July meeting approved.

II. Treasurer's Report and Quicken finance summary approved.

III. Bridge Forum Columnists' replacement search is ongoing. No interest shown by members to date. Board discussed whether the email Monthly Newsletter authored by Lyle would be duplicative of the Forum column and decided that it would address a different audience with different timing. Lyle intends to remind members of upcoming events and accomplishments, something the Forum column is unable to do.

IV. The Board discussed the make-up of the 2018 Board and approved the idea of Board members approaching likely candidates. At present the Board is short a member-at-large now that Mark Sulczynski has moved.

V. Lyle is preparing a formal letter to the Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Committee recommending a Unit 524 member as 2016 Goodwill Member of the Year.

VI. The attendance at Unit games has been disappointing. The Board approved offering Unit members free games for the months of October and November. Ken will review attendance at past and present games to determine what members are no longer participating and report to the Board.

VII. Al Peponis, Patty Stone and Win Stone reported on the status of their respective clubs. Al's club has seen a drop-off in the numbers of players attending his games. He attributes the drop-off, in part, to summer vacations and travel. He will start free lessons at the Morgan Hill Library and anticipates a good turn-out. Win and Patty have had increased numbers in attendance at their Monday and Thursday games as shown by the chart Ken prepared. Since taking over the clubs, there has been a significant increase in participation which the Stones' attribute in part to the addition of a 99'r game on Thursday. Win advised the Board that after our annual Christmas party, the games will be on hiatus until January. Patty reported on her proposed Fall lessons. Six students have signed on and ACBL is contributing half the cost of her newspaper advertising. The Board will contribute the balance. The advertisement which Patty displayed includes the ACBL logo and website. She is advertising in the Hollister, Gilroy, and Morgan Hill newspapers. When she finalizes her budget, she will present it to the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15PM.

Next Meeting October 16, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Dian Wood Picone, Secretary