

**Columbia Bridge Club
Board Meeting held at
Capital Senior Center
August 17, 2009**

Attending: Bob Webb, Joel Levy, Mike Bitonti, Janice Ripley, Ann Langtry, Tom Gabriel, Ellen Oliver, Sam Robison, and Leck Mason

Meeting was called to order at 5:04 PM by Joel Levy. Levy was presiding in C. Webb's absence.

Secretary: Minutes of the July meeting were approved. Gabriel moved to accept with second by Oliver. Carried.

Treasurer: B. Webb reviewed the financial statement, pointed out the July income of \$2,914.31, noted total cash reserves of \$90,652.47, and explained the difference in the year to date interest due to the fact that interest currently rolls over into the money market account. Oliver moved to accept the report with second by Gabriel. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sectional Tournament: B. Webb reviewed the income and expense report on the tournament which had a net profit of \$209.43. The Board thanked the Webb family for their hard work which resulted in a very successful tournament! We were up 35 tables from last year, and Webb noted a large increase in the novice game attendance.

Cypress Street Sale: Levy explained that the contract on the Cypress Street property had fallen through. The buyers "got cold feet" and withdrew their offer. The "due diligence" clause on commercial property contracts gives the potential buyer the right to withdraw his offer within 60 days for any reason and the earnest money is returned to him. The property is back on the market.

501C3: B. Webb is working with Sarah Clingman to complete the necessary paperwork to create the new corporation as discussed at last month's meeting. He hopes to have the process completed by November. Once the paperwork is submitted to the IRS, it takes a minimum of six weeks to receive a response.

Dealing Machine: No information was available on the status of getting the dealing machine system on a trial basis. C. Webb to report at next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Director at Sectional: Langtry, Bitonti, and Ripley presented complaints they had received regarding Alan Brooks, assistant director at the Sectional. Alan was very rude on several occasions to newer players when they asked for assistance in finding their

correct tables during Swiss team event. He was curt, impatient, and belittling to players, and this behavior will not be tolerated. Ripley will compose a letter to Butch Campbell at the ACBL explaining our concerns and requesting that Brooks not direct any future CBC tournaments.

Bob McMahon percent race: Bitonti proposed a change to the current percent race. After discussion the proposal was accepted (motion by Oliver with second by Mason). There will be four strata (0-299; 300-999; 1000-1999; 2000+) and a member must have played at least 24 times during the fiscal year to be eligible for the award. We will recognize four winners for this race.

Psychic Bids and MP Limits: Ripley asked about the procedure when psychic bids are made. Bitonti explained the director's position on this. Also, a player was allowed to play in a recent limited game although her master points exceeded the max for said game. Bitonti will discuss at next director's meeting and remind directors to adhere to the MP ranges for any limited games.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: October 19, 2009

Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM.

Submitted August 20, 2009
Janice J. Ripley, Secretary
To be posted @ club without objection