

**Columbia Bridge Club  
Board Meeting held at  
Capital Senior Center  
October 21, 2009**

**Attending:** Carol Clemenz, Bob Webb, Pat Webb, Chris Webb, Janice Ripley, Joel Levy, Sam Robison, Leck Mason, Tom Gabriel, and Mike Bitonti

Also attending: DaMaris Rorie – she presented the Gueneri/Rutledge award to Chris Webb on behalf of Unit 160.

Meeting was called to order at 5:40 PM by C. Webb.

**Secretary:** Minutes of the August meeting were approved. Mason moved to accept with second by Clemenz. Carried.

**Treasurer:** B. Webb reviewed the financial statements for August and September. He noted that \$30,000 had been moved out of certificates of deposit into the money market account which is earning slightly higher interest. The question was raised regarding the accumulating charity funds from our increased entry fee which was effective August 1. The \$328 appears on the third page of financial statement under liabilities and net assets. Those funds will be distributed to a local charity of the Board's choosing at the end of the calendar year. Levy moved to accept the report with second by Gabriel. Carried.

During the financial report discussion, it was noted that the Thursday night game is struggling especially on the weeks that are not an 8 is enough team event. After discussing several possible ideas to help improve attendance, a motion was made by Clemenz (second by Gabriel; carried) to add another team event each month. Effective November 1, the first and third Thursdays of each month will remain an 8 is enough team game and the second Thursday of each month will be a Swiss team event. The fourth and fifth Thursdays will remain pairs games.

**Education report:** Ripley reported that Supervised Play sessions continue to go well with 4-7 tables each week. Thank you to Mike Bitonti for his efforts as director each week and also to the faithful mentors we've had this year. Townhill and Ripley are currently teaching four courses (2 on site and 2 off site) with a total of 96 students enrolled. In an effort to promote duplicate bridge, we are planning to run a sanctioned game the week after classes are completed at the off site teaching location. Our goal is to expose these students to a duplicate game in an effort to encourage them to play at our club.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

501C3 application process – paper work is completed. B. Webb is working on by-laws and articles of dissolution.

Cypress Street property was shown last week and the realtor believes we have a very interested party. We are expecting an offer, and the Board voted to allow C. Webb, B. Webb, and J. Levy to negotiate on our behalf.

C. Webb reported that the dealing machine we are interested in purchasing is available for \$4,250. Motion was made by B. Webb (second by Gabriel; carried) to purchase the product which comes with a written money back guarantee if we are dissatisfied with it for any reason within three months.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Ripley requested funds for a gift to Mike Miller, custodian at CSC who is extremely helpful to our club. He goes above and beyond the call of duty to ensure that our rooms are set up properly and is happy to assist in any way possible for any event that occurs while he is on duty. Motion by P. Webb with second by Clemenz to give him \$100. Carried. Ripley will purchase a card and present the gift to him.

The Board discussed the idea of having a “pre-pay” cell phone on hand at all games so that in the case of an emergency or if a player is running late, then the director could be contacted. Approval was given to allow a maximum of \$200/year for this service. Ripley will research and purchase. Motion by Clemenz with second by Robison. Carried.

Christmas party will be held Thursday, December 10 @ 6:00PM. (NOTE: Since the meeting, we have discovered that CSC is not available on this date. Webb is looking into an alternate date.) C. Webb will coordinate with the CSC to secure that date and will arrange for the catering to be done by the same firm that handled the Sectional in August. The charge will be \$6 per person (includes meal, happy hour, and bridge), and the club will absorb the remaining costs.

C. Webb reported that negotiations with the Capital Senior Center in regards to the upcoming year’s contract will soon be underway. He had recently met with Mary Kessler, CSC director, and will be negotiating rent, space, dates, etc with her and their Board of Directors. C. Webb was given the authority to negotiate on our behalf and was given a cap on the amount of rent we are willing to pay in 2010. Motion was made by Levy with second by Gabriel. Carried.

**NEXT MEETING:** November 30, 2009 @ 5:00 PM

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Submitted October 22, 2009  
Janice J. Ripley, Secretary  
To be posted @ club without objection