

**Columbia Bridge Club
Board Meeting Held @
Capital Senior Center
January 26, 2009**

Attending: Joel Levy, Mike Bitonti, Janice Ripley, Leck Mason, Jim Chianelli, Karen Coulter, Bernetha Henry, and Sam Robison

Also in Attendance: Dick Coulter

Joel Levy presided in Chris Webb's absence and called the meeting to order at 5:02PM.

Secretary: Minutes of the December meeting were approved. Mason moved to accept the report with second by Chianelli. Carried.

Treasurer: Bob Webb was unable to attend this meeting. However, a financial statement was distributed with these notations. The accounts payable figure of \$324 represents the STaC sanctions which should have been paid in December. Due to an oversight, these fees were not remitted until January and therefore the expense was posted to Accounts Payable in order to get it into the correct month. The other entry under liabilities, Prepaid Entries (\$95), represents members' purchases of free plays to give as gifts over the holidays. As these free plays are actually used, entry revenue is increased (for the applicable session) and this Prepaid Entries amount will decrease. Coulter moved to accept the report with second by Mason. Carried.

Education: Ripley reported that the three new courses that began the first week of January are going very well. There are 54 students enrolled in these courses with 16 of those in the beginner course. The Wednesday night supervised play sessions resumed and are going well also. Thank you to Mike Bitonti for overseeing this venue and also thanks to those who have volunteered to be mentors. There have been 5 or 6 tables each Wednesday this month. We would like to see higher level classes offered in the future and some have requested day time classes. If any member is interested in helping with education, please contact our education coordinator, Mary Townhill.

OLD BUSINESS:

STAND-BY procedure does not seem to be fully in place or functioning well. This is one of the requirements for getting the 3 Star Club status from the ACBL. There was discussion about how this might be handled in an efficient manner and no solutions could be found. Henry agreed to contact other clubs that may have this procedure in place to find out how it is done so that we may adopt their methods. She will report back to the board next month.

NON-PROFIT STATUS: Levy will contact C. Webb regarding the application process for our club to receive a 501©3 rating with the IRS. He will ask that a report on this process be given at the next board meeting.

CYPRESS STREET BUILDING: The building is for sale and needs some cleaning and maintenance work done. Mason knows of a "handy man" who can handle the job and it was agreed to pay him \$100 for his services. He will contact Bitonti in order to have access to the site. Motion by Coulter with second by Robison. Carried.

USC RECRUITMENT: D. Coulter gave a report regarding the status of this endeavor. He and Henry Momand, Unit President, have procured funds from District 7 to help with these efforts. The funds will be used as reward monies for a fraternity/sorority bridge competition at USC. Coulter has been working with the VP of Student Affairs and the head of the Math Council and has done extensive work in an effort to reach students at USC, basically in our "back yard." The board appreciates his efforts in this area.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: It's time for the "box" to be out at each game so that members can submit names for the nominating committee. The by-laws state that a committee of five persons shall be appointed by the board of directors after providing an opportunity for members to make suggestions. The nominating committee should be posted on the club bulletin board at least 60 days prior to the annual meeting on 5/11/09.

Levy gave closing remarks and reminded each board member that we must present a united front to the membership of this club. Once decisions are made by the board, then we need to support those decisions.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, February 23, 2009 @ 5:00 PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM.

Submitted January 28, 2009

Janice J. Ripley, Secretary

To be posted @ club without objection