

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Nance Lodge David Kane
 Bill Dani Jane Witous
 Jim Weeks William Stine

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was held at Nance Lodge's house and was called to order by Nance at 10:00 a.m.
2. **MINUTES:** Minutes of the meeting held on May 5, 2015 were read and approved by unanimous vote.
3. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Bill Dani handed out copies of the financials for the past two months and presented the Treasurer's report. Bill gave a thorough explanation of the factors he considers when budgeting for Sectionals. He discussed differences between holding a tournament at the PS Convention Center and DBC (DBC being considerably less expensive largely due to food costs required by the CC). Bill noted that there would be a \$530 forfeiture if the Unit chose not to hold the Spring 2016 Sectional at the PS CC. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded, and unanimously approved.
4. **CVBF PRESENTATION:** On behalf to the Coachella Valley Bridge Foundation, Bev Hartin made a presentation to the Board regarding the DBC availability for Sectional tournaments. She announced that the Church of Rock had agreed to make their space available for bridge tournaments meaning the DBC capacity could be increased by 40-50 tables. The Church of Rock is located in the same business center as DBC. She pointed out that the CVBF was a charitable organization devoted to bridge, that any "profits" derived from tournaments held there were plowed back into the bridge community, not pocketed by a commercial enterprise; and that DBC was a venue, and not a club, and the distinction was important; that DBC is run by volunteers, no salaries are paid; that DBC has fixed overhead while Clubs do not. There was much discussion comparing costs and benefits of DBC, PSCC and the Pavilion as venues for Sectional tournaments, and it was agreed that DBC is definitely cheaper than PSCC, and probably closer to the cost of Pavilion (undetermined).
5. **FALL SECTIONAL:** It was agreed that the \$11 player fee should be retained (and not raised to \$12) provided the rent for the space doesn't increase. It was noted that DBC does not want to be in charge of providing food any more, and discussion re food trucks (good idea), timing of sessions, and whether to include lunch Sunday on playthrough sessions as part of the entry fee was a good idea (generally agreed not to be).
6. **NON LIFE MASTERS REGIONAL:** Discussions have been held with District 22 to partner with Unit 533 in holding a NLM Regional tournament at DBC on

January 21-24, 2018 (Regional tournaments are usually the sole province of the District). Negotiations with DBC are in progress on this matter. Availability of additional space at the Church of Rock would seem to be an important factor.

7. **BRIDGE IN SCHOOLS:** This program being supported financially by the Unit is slated to begin in October, 2015 on Thursdays after school (2:30-4 pm) for two eight week sessions. The expense of fingerprinting for volunteers would be borne by the Unit.
8. **WEBSITE:** It was noted that in Bill Berke's absence, Tom Lund was still not able to perform all the functions backing Bill up (eg, email blasts). It was agreed Tom's education should be completed so that there is a competent back up for Bill.
9. **UNIT GAMES:** It was agreed that the Unit game in February 2016 should be on the 7th not the 14th, and generally should be on the first Sunday of each month absent a compelling reason not to hold it then. There was discussion re holding holiday Unit game(s) at the Temple in Palm Springs.
10. **OTHER BUSINESS:** David Kane noted that he may be away from the area for an extended period should ankle surgery be necessary, and it was agreed to ask Sally Tobin if she would act as Assistant Secretary in his absence, if necessary.
11. **NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting was scheduled for August 18, 2015, place and time to be determined, but probably Nance Lodge's house.

Respectfully submitted,

David Kane, Secretary