

Board of Directors

American Contract Bridge League of Santa Cruz, Unit 550

2019 Meeting Minutes

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Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

American Contract Bridge League of Santa Cruz Unit 550

January 8, 2018

1. Call to Order: President Ken L. called the meeting to order at the Santa Cruz Bridge Center at 2:25 PM.

Present: Ken Llacera, Michael Burk, Gary Oing, Ken Gamble, David Harken, Laura McCabe, Sydney Reuben, John Hullman, Bette Harken, Robert Johnson

2. Approval of Minutes: The December Minutes were approved

3. Treasurer's Report:

David reviewed the budget including the negative of \$6,610 for 2018. Vanguard monies have been debited to cover the loss. Net loss of \$6,025 is projected for 2019. Budget was reviewed, voted upon and approved

4. New (or Continuing) Business:

a. Play Nice Reporting

Nothing to report

b. Bylaw Change

i. "Should the number of nominees equal the number of open seats, those nominate will be elected by acclamation"

c. Goal Review (David)

- i. Expand table count to 3000 (2018: 2891)
- ii. Rising Stars and Surfs Up: Revenue to continue as 2018
- iii. Education Program: 350 hours (2018: 323 hours)
- iv. Expand Mentor Program to 20 (2018: 15 mentors)

d. SCBC Attendance (Sydney)

New banner on website, Nextdoor.com page for the SCBC was implemented. Asking members to recommend SCBC on Nextdoor.com

e. 2019 Sectional Chairs

- i. Rising Stars: Carol Cowen, Gina Brown (March 9,10, 2019)
- ii. Surfs Up: (Open) September 14, 15, 2019; No chairs yet determined

f. Game Update

- i. Foundation Charity Game: January 26 at 10:30A. Free game, sponsored by Foundation, donations accepted
- ii. Friday Game: (Ken G) Free Pizza will be offered once quarterly. Salad provided weekly

- iii. Wednesday Evening 99ers (Ken L) Game is consistently 4-5 tables
- iv. January Unit Game: Saturday 1/19

g. Education Update

- i. Beginner Bridge Class and Ad Reimbursement (Bette and Nancy)

Two new newcomer classes – Wednesday day and Wednesday night - will begin on January 16. Ad placed in Sentinel Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

Nancy Wainer relayed that she had 38 people in a class on Saturday, January 5. The students mentioned that some of the bridge players in the SCBC games have not been nice.

A discussion ensued regarding the lack of a game for new players with 0-5 point, a break in game after the lessons.

- ii. Best Practices Teacher: There are 11 new certified teachers from Unit 550

5. Member Programs

- i. Mentor Program: After 5 games with Mentee, both Mentor/Mentee will be given a free game

- j Chef's Choice Game: Bette will check with Elena LaBorde and John Hadley about date.

6. Suggestion Box

Pro-Am Swiss Team

The Board will check to see if we have a Director who can direct a Swiss Team game. Ams are defined as players with less than 299 points.

7. Date for next meeting: February 12, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

Bette Harken, Secretary

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

American Contract Bridge League of Santa Cruz Unit 550

February 12, 2018

1. Call to Order: President Ken L. called the meeting to order at the Santa Cruz Bridge Center at 2:25 PM.

Present: Ken Llacera, Michael Burk, Ken Gamble, David Harken, Sydney Reuben, John Hullman, Robert Johnson, Bette Harken

Absent: Laura McCabe, Gary Oing

2. Approval of Minutes: After a few corrections, January Minutes were approved.

3. Treasurer's Report:

David has revised the 2019 annual budget to be at a **\$7,225** loss. The revised budget was voted upon and approved. David indicated that we are still waiting for CAM and PG&E billing

4. New (or Continuing) Business:

a. Play Nice Reporting

The Wednesday night players have indicated that the merged player situation is now working to satisfaction. However, combining the two groups showed that we were not sensitive enough to possible issues, especially how the more "advanced" players dealt with changes to their game.

b. Bylaw Change

i. "Should the number of nominees equal the number of open seats, those nominate will be elected by acclamation"

Ken L will address this at the next Board meeting.

c. Rising Star Status (Gina and Carol)

i. Boards: (Ken G, Ken L, Jonni)

ii. Hospitality (Carol & Gina)

Carol and Gina should be able to play and Ken L will facilitate this

iii. Calvin coordination (Ken L)

iv. Carpet Cleaning (John B)

v. Setup and Clean up Volunteers are all in place.

d. Goal Review (David)

David reported that the January table count is good.

e. SCBC Attendance Committee

i. Website update

Sydney indicated that her committee is working on the *Pathway to Bridge Excellence* to put it on the website. Updates will be provided to the Board as they occur.

ii. Thursday Night Newcomer Game

As Nancy Wainer's game on Thursday night was cancelled, there is now a gap in our offerings. The committee recommended that there be a Thursday night Newcomer game (0-5 points) beginning March 7. Master points will be awarded and it will be a much more relaxed game. This will be a Unit-owned game with 5+ "Assistant Directors" rotating for the game. For a full set of details on the game, see Ken L's email. The motion for the Newcomers Game was voted upon and approved by the Board.

f. 2019 Sectional Chairs

i. Surfs Up: John Oppenheimer and Steve Smith will co-chair the Surfs Up Sectional on September 14 - 15, 2019

g. Game Update

i. Friday Game (Ken G)

Volunteers for the "Expert at your Elbow" will be offered a free Unit Game play

h. Education Update

Nancy Wainer has 17 new students in her Wednesday morning class. Bette Harken has 10 students in the same class the following Wednesday night

5. Member Programs

i. Mentor Program: After 5 games with Mentee, both Mentor/Mentee will be given a free game

j Chef's Choice Game: Bette will check with Elena about her date. John Hadley and Pam Benz have already hosted games.

6. Suggestion Box

Pro-Am Swiss Team requested

The Board will check to see if we have a Director who can direct a Swiss Team game. Ams are defined as players with less than 300 points.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm

7. Date for next meeting: March 12, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

Bette Harken, Secretary

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

American Contract Bridge League of Santa Cruz Unit 550

March 12, 2019

1. Call to Order: President Ken L. called the meeting to order at the Santa Cruz Bridge Center at 2:32 PM.

Present: Ken Llacera, Michael Burk, Ken Gamble, David Harken, John Hullman, Robert Johnson, Bette Harken, Laura McCabe

Absent: Sydney Reuben

2. Approval of Minutes: After changes were made, the February minutes were approved

3. Treasurer's Report:

We expect the new landlord will bill us for our portion of the PG&E bills on a regular basis. Our CAM payment is \$600 monthly. There has been no change to this with the new management company. Monthly expenses have been covered with no Vanguard funds needed. . The 2018 Tax Return information has been submitted to our CPA.

4. New (or Continuing) Business:

a. Play Nice Reporting

Rising Stars incident. The Director was called on one of the players. The action will be addressed by three of our Board Directors and the involved player. .

b. Bylaw Change

i. "Should the number of nominees equal the number of open seats, those nominate will be elected by acclamation"

Ken L will address this at another next Board meeting.

c. Sectionals (Gina and Carol)

i. Rising Stars Status

There was a 25% increase in players. Many of the Santa Cruz players participated in making the tournament successful. A Thank You note will be written to Gina and Carol

ii. Surf's Up :John Oppenheimer and Steve Smith–September 14 15, 2019

ii. DIY Sectional .

Ken L proposed that Unit 550 host their own Sectional. This involves Unit 550 rent bridge mates from Monterey, purchase playing cards, boards and bidding boxes. This was voted upon, approved and will be done for the Fall Sectional.

d. SCBC Attendance

i. Bookmark

Ken L distributed 2 samples of bookmarks that can be used as a marketing tool. The Board suggested revisions to the bookmark. A completed bookmark will be done, prices obtained, and voted upon at a future meeting.

e. Game Update

i. Friday Game (Ken G)

Guided play has expanded. The Expert will be given \$25 per session

ii. Wednesday Evening 99ers (Ken L)

Averages 5.5 tables

iii. Thursday Evening: Saturday 2/9

First game was 2 tables. This game will continue through March.

iv. Recognition Game: Saturday 4/13

Ken G has ordered rewards. Salad and wraps will be served.

f. SCBC Maintenance

i. Books need to be cleaned out.

Ken L will solicit the members for volunteers to review the books and discard any books not needed.

5. Member Programs

i. Mentor Program

There are currently 19 participating in the Mentor Program.

Starting immediately, after 5 games with Mentee, both Mentor/Mentee will be given a free game. They must play together for the free game. Forms are on the board with the Mentor/Mentee names.

6. Suggestion Box

Play of game and room temperature will be addressed with Directors.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm

7. Date for next meeting: April 9, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

Bette Harken, Secretary

Unit 550 Board Meeting Minutes
American Contract Bridge League of Santa Cruz Unit 550
April 9, 2019

1. Call to order: President Ken L. called the meeting to order at the Santa Cruz Bridge Center at 2:30 PM.

Present: Ken Llacera, Michael Burk, Ken Gamble, John Hullman, Gary Oing

Absent: Laura McCabe, David Harken, Sydney Reuben, Robert Johnson, Bette Harken

2. Approval of Minutes: The March Minutes were approved, as distributed.

3. Treasurer's Report: Accepted as distributed.

4. New (or continuing) Business:

Play Nice reporting (incidents this month): **No reports.**

Bylaw Change: Deferred to June.

Sectionals

- i. Surf's Up: September 14 & 15, 2019
- ii. Co-Chairs: John Oppenheimer & Steve Smith
- iii. Partnerships: Ginger Stone
- iv. Saturday Lesson: Ken Gamble
- v. Directors: Lynn Yokel & Marianne van Gelder
- vi. Unit 550 will be supplying all bridge materials

SCBC Attendance (Sydney)

- vii. Bookmark (No Update)

Game Update

- viii. Friday Expert At Your Elbow: (Ken G): This is going well with 2+ tables. Supervised play as opposed to a game.
- ix. Thursday evening. Due to the lack of players, this has transitioned to supervised play. There were two tables last Thursday.
- x. Recognition Game: The \$8 table fee includes lunch (roll-ups, salad and cookies)

Education Update (Sydney): **(No Update)**

SCBC Maintenance

- xi. "Spring/Fall" Cleaning
 1. Photo Albums (Nancy W): Ken G will work with Nancy to digitize selected old pictures.

2. Bookcase (Robert & Lester): Complete for this cycle.
 3. Electronics (Ken L, Ken G, & Ken M): Completed.
 4. Bidding Boxes (Board): This will be set up on arrival and marked "Unit 550"
 5. Defrost Soda Refrig: John Benich will do the defrost the weekend of 4/21.
- xii. Bathroom Light Switches (Ken L): Deferred

5. Member Programs

John reported two more Mentor-Mentee pairs.

6. Suggestion Box

Free Pro-Am game suggested Friday with the players from the Expert-At-Your-Elbow. The discussion revealed that some of these players were not ready for an actual game and really enjoyed the current structure. This suggestion will be revisited in the future.

Cell phone disruptions occurred several times in last Friday's game. Suggested penalties be assessed as would happen in a Regional. Ken L will first discuss problem with the three players who often forget to turn off their phones.

7. Date for next meeting: May 14, 2019

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Llacera for Bette Harken, Secretary

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

American Contract Bridge League of Santa Cruz Unit 550

May 19, 2019

1. Call to Order: President Ken L. called the meeting to order at the Santa Cruz Bridge Center at 2:32 PM.

Present: Ken Llacera, Ken Gamble, David Harken, John Hullman, Robert Johnson, Bette Harken, Laura McCabe, Gary Oing

Absent: Michael Burk

2. Approval of Minutes: The April minutes were approved

3. Treasurer's Report: Assets look good. No questions on report.

4. New (or Continuing) Business:

a. Play Nice Reporting

No incidents to report

b. Bylaw Change

i. "Should the number of nominees equal the number of open seats, those nominate will be elected by acclamation". Ken L will address this at a future Board meeting.

c. Sectionals

i. Surfs Up: Co chairs are John Oppenheimer and Steve Smith

Date: Sept. 14 &15, 2019

ii. Ginger Stone - Partnership, Ken Gamble - Free Mini Lesson

iii. DIY Sectional (no Calvin)

1. Chairs and Tables: MCSC

2. Bridgemates: 20 from Monterey (at no charge), 20 from Unit 550

Laura will pick these up Friday 9/13

3. Boards and Cards - Unit 550

4. Bidding Boxes (40) - Unit 550

5. Travelers and Pencils - Unit 550

6. Swiss Boards and Pickups - Lynn and Unit 550

d. SCBC Attendance

i. Bookmarks

Contents were discussed. Individual Mentoring will be added.

100 will be ordered.

e. Game Update

i. Thursday morning (Ken L)

1. 1st and 3rd Thursday – Open Game

2. 2nd Thursday - Mentor Game

3. 4th Thursday –Swiss Teams

Thursday game will always start at 10:30 am

f. Education Update (Sydney)
Nothing to report

g. SCBS Maintenance

1. Spring/Fall Cleaning
2. Photo Albums (Ken G)
3. Electronics (done)
4. Bidding Boxes (Done)
5. Defrost Soda Refrig (John Benich)
6. Bathroom Light Switches (Ken L)

5. Member Programs

There are currently 19 participating in the Mentor Program.

6. Suggestion Box

The toilet seat in the second stall of the Women's Restroom slides and needs to be fixed. Problem was referred to our Maintenance Coordinator, Michael Burk.

7. Date for next meeting: June 11, 2019

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Bette Harken, Secretary

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

American Contract Bridge League of Santa Cruz Unit 550

June 11, 2019

1. Call to Order: President Ken L. called the meeting to order at the Santa Cruz Bridge Center at 2:20 PM.

Present: Ken Llacera, Ken Gamble, David Harken, John Hullman, Robert Johnson, Michael Burk, Sydney Reuben, Gary Oing

Absent: Laura McCabe, Bette Harken

2. Approval of Minutes: The May minutes were approved.

3. Treasurer's Report:

No questions on reports.

\$777 Prepaid tournament expense is new category to be expensed over next 4 local tournaments.

Landlord has billed Unit for prior year expenses as follows:

- 1) Water charges from 3/27/17-8/30/18 total \$985.25
- 2) PG&E charges from 12/2016 to June 2018 total \$5073.44
- 3) 2018 CAM Reconciliation total \$4343.60

We will be negotiating these charges with the PMG and determine when to increase our monthly CAM from \$603 to \$950.

4. New (or Continuing) Business:

a. Play Nice Reporting

No incidents to report

b. Sectionals

Surfs Up: Co chairs are John Oppenheimer and Steve Smith

- Date: Sept. 14 & 15, 2019
- Flyer & Poster: everyone is encouraged to take flyers to other units
- Sectional Player Prep:
 - a. Ken L. will prep players at the Wednesday night games
 - b. The 4th Thursday day game will hold Swiss competitions

c. Longest Day Games

- Wednesday evening, Thursday and Friday – 6/19, 20 & 21
- Saturday (6/22)
- Tables fees (add'l \$2 to player) for the above games will be donated to Alzheimer Association. ACBL Ken L sent Weekly Recap that highlighted Fight Against Alzheimer's dates.

e. SCBC Attendance (Sydney)

- i. 100 Bookmarks are now available
Sydney stated that though the size of the print was not what they expected, everyone is encouraged to handout at various groups around town that may have interest in playing duplicate bridge at our unit.

f. Game Update

- i. Thursday morning (Beginning June)
 1. Upgrade to Open Game 1st and 3rd Thursdays
 2. Mentor Game - 2nd Thursday
 3. Swiss Teams - 4th ThursdayThe 5th Thursday was discussed as a possible Bridge Camp day held by Nancy Wainer. Ken L will speak with her.

g. Education Update (Sydney)

- i. Sydney is scheduled to place ads in local paper soon for her Beginner's Bridge lessons beginning on 2nd Tuesday of September.
- ii. Nancy W is expected to continue her bridge lessons after a summer hiatus.

h. SCBC Maintenance

- i. "Spring/Fall" Cleaning: Defrost Soda Refrigerator (Done)
- ii. Bathroom Light Switches (Ken L) – automatic switches are now installed
Michael Burk commented that a women's bathroom stall seat has been fixed by the landlord's maintenance person.

i. Partnership Desk

- i. Robert Johnson researched online partnership desk capabilities for our unit versus our current manual system. The board appreciated Robert's work and would review if a system was necessary for our center.

j. Unit Volunteer Coordinator for 2019 NABC in San Francisco

- i. Laura brought back a volunteer packet from district meeting assigning Unit 550 to Tuesday, 12/3 along with Unit 508 in Marin. The district asked that our unit provide 8 volunteers and sign-up at www.d21acbl.com. Bette Harken agreed to be our unit coordinator and post the flyer on our bulletin board.

k. ABCL Provides Funds to local non-bridge related charity of our choice

- i. Ken L. commented that this opportunity is offered this year to our district and we might have \$3-\$5000 available to donate to a charity of our choice. Walnut Street Women's Center is a suggested charity.

I. Convention Card Holders Supply is out

- i. Ken G. will order new supply of convention card holders and David will buy a new clear plastic display for these items.

5. Member Programs: No report

6. Suggestion Box

An anonymous favorable comment was received about our center is clean(er)!

7. Next meeting: July 9, 2019

Adjourned at 3:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

David Harken for Bette Harken, Secretary

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

American Contract Bridge League of Santa Cruz Unit 550

July 9, 2019

1. Call to Order: President Ken L. called the meeting to order at the Santa Cruz Bridge Center at 2:32 PM.

Present: Ken Llacera, Ken Gamble, David Harken, John Hullman, Robert Johnson, Bette Harken, Laura McCabe, Gary Oing, Michael Burk

Absent: None

2. Approval of Minutes: The June minutes were approved

3. Treasurer's Report:

- \$1300 was contributed to Alzheimer's as a gift from our Longest Day games.
- \$10,000 remains outstanding in bills. This will be addressed with Monterey Bay in the future.

4. New (or Continuing) Business:

a. Play Nice Reporting: No incidents to report

b. Bylaw Change: Future Board meeting

c. Sectionals

i. Surfs Up: Co chairs are John Oppenheimer and Steve Smith

- Date: Sept. 14 & 15, 2019.
- Bette will check for someone to work 8-3 on Sept 14 and 15; Unit will pay \$15 per hour
- Sydney and Gary will collect lunch tickets

ii. Rising Stars: March 7-8, 2020 Chairs vacant.

d. Game Update

i. Wednesday evening

Robin will do 1st Wednesday, Jonni will do 2-5th Wednesdays

ii. Thursday morning (Ken G)

1. 1st and 3rd Thursday – Open Game
2. 2nd Thursday - Mentor Game
3. 4th Thursday – Swiss Teams

e. Education Update (Sydney)

- Nancy and Bette continue to have their Wednesday classes
- Sydney will run ad for her September class

g. NABC Volunteer Coordinator for Unit 550 (Bette)

Signs will be put on Bulletin Board after Rising Stars

h. SCBC Website Update (Ken L)

Upgrade will make our website secure

5. Member Programs

i. Mentor Program

As the Mentees are getting one on one lessons from their Mentor, the board recommended that only the Mentor get a free game after 5 games with the Mentee. This was voted upon and approved.

ii. Suggestion Box

1. Have at least one game during the week that people over 1500 cannot play in

Board: The Club Owners have the responsibility for this.

2. Put some paper slips next to the Suggestion Box

Board: Gary will put paper by box

3. No smelly hairspray, perfume, or lotion – I had a headache for 7 hours on Monday

Board: This issue has been addressed previously

6. Date for next meeting: August 13, 2019

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Bette Harken, Secretary

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

American Contract Bridge League of Santa Cruz Unit 550

August 13, 2019

1. Call to Order: President Ken L. called the meeting to order at the Santa Cruz Bridge Center at 2:32 PM.

Present: Ken Llacera, Ken Gamble, David Harken, John Hullman, Bette Harken, Laura McCabe, Gary Oing, Michael Burk

Absent: Robert Johnson

2. Approval of Minutes: The July minutes were approved

3. Treasurer's Report:

- Water, PGE, and CAM charges of \$10,400 have been paid
- In 2017 no money was taken from Vanguard, and from
- 2018 through August, 2019 approximately \$21,000 has been withdrawn from Vanguard

4. New (or Continuing) Business:

a. Play Nice Reporting

No incidents to report

b. Bylaw Change

"Should the number of nominees equal the number of open seats, those nominated will be elected by acclamation..."

Bylaw amendment **7.5(a)** was approved and went into immediate effect when Board voted on it. All signatures have been obtained

c. Sectionals

- Surfs Up: Co chairs are John Oppenheimer and Steve Smith
 - Jan Winham will make pulled pork and chicken sandwiches for Saturday
 - (vegetarian sandwiches from Nob Hill)
 - Jan has also volunteered to make lasagna on Sunday
- Rising Stars: March 28 - 29, 2020 Chair Ken Gamble, Chair
- Surf's Up: October 31-November 1, 2020 – currently no chairs

e. 2020-2021 Unit Board Directors

- Nominating Committee: Michael Burk and John Hullman
- Bette and Gary will not run again. Therefore we have 2 openings.
- Thomas Burke and Carol Avenmarg would be approached for next year's board

f. Education Update (Sydney)

Sydney reported that there is a movie titled "Double Dummy" that might be of interest for the Unit bridge players. Logistics will be discussed in the future.

g. NABC Volunteer Coordinator for Unit 550 (Bette)

Signs will be put on Bulletin Board after Surf's Up Tournament

h. SCBC Maintenance

- i. Upgrade Dealing Machine (Ken G).
The motion was made, seconded and approved to purchase a new dealing machine for the amount of \$4750.
- ii. Eliminate plastic water bottles (Sydney)
Sydney will research the cost of having water delivered

i. SCBC Website Update (Ken L)

Ken L can monitor the system better now that the security upgrade is complete.

5. Member Programs

i. Mentor Program: List on board has been updated to include new guidelines

ii. Suggestion Box

- a. Let's go greener and eliminate plastic water bottles. Get a 5 gallon dispenser and charge folks for its use.

Board: Sydney is checking on the details for a water dispenser

- b. There is an unpleasant odor in the Ladies Room at all times A plug in or other room deodorizer might help.

Board: Because of the sensitivity of many of our bridge players when it comes to scents, we are reluctant to use any scent in the bathroom.

6. Date for next meeting: September 10, 2019

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Bette Harken, Secretary

Board of Directors Meeting

American Contract Bridge League of Santa Cruz Unit 550

September 10, 2019

1. Call to Order: President Ken L. called the meeting to order at the Santa Cruz Bridge Center at 2:10PM.

Present: Ken Llacera, Ken Gamble, David Harken, John Hullman, Bette Harken, Sydney Reuben,

Absent: Michael Burk, Gary Oing

2. Approval of Minutes: August minutes were approved as amended

3. Treasurer's Report:

- We have just paid \$ 704 to Santa Cruz Freeholders for December - March 2019 PGE
- January through August we have averaged \$ 5500 revenue against \$6000 monthly expenses

4. New (or Continuing) Business

a. Play Nice Reporting: No incidents to report

b. Sectionals

- i. Surf's Up: September 14-15, 2019. Co-Chairs: John Oppenheimer and Steve Smith
- ii. Rising Stars: March 28-29, 2020 Chair: Ken Gamble
- iii. Surfs Up: October 31-November 1, 2020 Chair: TBA

c. Annual Lease Increase

Starting in September, the lease increases by \$100 month (3%) Typically the Unit would pass 50% of the increase to Bridge Club Owners. Recommendation: No increase for the Bridge Club Owners this year. This was voted upon and approved.

d. Game Update: Dolores Abrams game will be November 16, 2019

e. 2020-2021 Unit Board Election

- i. Carol Avenmarq and Tom Burke have accepted nominations
- ii. Bylaw 7.5 (a) is thus triggered; the required notice will be sent to the membership following this meeting.

f. Education Update (Sydney)

- i. Beginning Bridge: Sydney's class started today with 8 students
- ii. Bridge movie: Double Dummy: Robert watched the movie and reported that it would be of little benefit to Unit 550
- iii. District 21 Board Meeting

g. D21 Board Meeting Report (Laura)

Laura, as Unit 550 Representative, reported on the Santa Clara meeting:

- Beginning 2020, all Tournament caddies must be at least 18 years old
- All STaC games that are open must be run under the ACBL Open convention chart.
- PUA : Permanent Unit Affiliation. The ACBL will assign members to Unit based on geographic location beginning in 2020.
- District 21 will assume the responsibility for disciplinary actions

h. NABC Volunteer Coordinator for Unit 550 (Bette)

Bette will post the information for NABC volunteers on December 2

i. SCBC Maintenance

Eliminate plastic water bottles (Sydney):

Beginning October 15, the price of bottled water will be increased to \$1. At the next Board meeting all Board members will bring in their own water bottle

5. Member Programs

a. Mentor Program (John Hullman) Nothing to report

b. Suggestion Box

1. Please order new (real) convention cards (with colors)

Laura will contact ACBL investigating if we can get their cost for colored convention cards. The cost of these convention cards is quite high

2. Please stop providing plastic water bottles and encourage players to use personal water bottles.

The Board believes this is a good idea and will follow through.

3. A suggestion was made to credit Pam Benz for her excellent work as Art Director.

Board agreed. This will be done at the Dolores Abrams game

6. Date for next meeting: October 8, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

Bette Harken, Secretary

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

American Contract Bridge League of Santa Cruz Unit 550

October 8, 2019

1. Call to Order: President Ken L. called the meeting to order at the Santa Cruz Bridge Center at 2:30 PM.

Present: Ken Llacera, Ken Gamble, David Harken, John Hullman, Michael Burk, Sydney Reuben, Bette Harken

Absent: Robert Johnson, Laura McCabe, Gary Oing

2. Approval of Minutes: The September minutes were approved.

3. Treasurer's Report:

- No questions on reports, accepted as submitted
- Sectional financial results not complete as we don't have food receipts. Table count was one table less than 2018.

4. New (or Continuing) Business:

a. Play Nice Reporting: No incidents to report.

b. Sectionals

- Surfs Up Items: Co-Chairs were John Oppenheimer and Steve Smith
 - Sectional Workbook update: (Chairs)
 - Paper in bathrooms
We need to make certain that the Senior Center bathrooms are stocked. This item must be added to Sectional Workbook instructions.
 - Sandwich order: No half sandwiches.
 - Caddie Tip Jar: Add to Sectional supply box
 - Tape (for hanging results): Add to Sectional supply box
 - Bridge materials:
 - Tables from SCBC (6)
 - Bidding Boxes (40) We need to order 20.
- Rising Stars March 28-29, 2020 Chair: Ken Gamble
- Surf's Up: October 31- November 1, 2020 Chair: TBA

c. Game Update

- Unit NAP Final: Saturday, November 9 at 10 AM.
- Dolores Abrams Game: Saturday, November 16:
Bette will post the sign-up sheets. Bette and David will be responsible for luncheon served.
- Winter STAC: Saturday, December 14 at 10 AM
- Holiday Party: Saturday, December 7 at 10 AM

d. 2020-2021 Unit Board Election

- i. Accepting nominations: Carol Avenmarq, Tom Burke
- ii. Directors not returning: Bette Harken, Gary Oing
- iii. Bylaw 7.5(a) is thus triggered; the required notice has been sent to the membership and posted on website

e. Education Update (Sydney)

- i. Ken Gamble has started a 2/1 class and has 20 students.
- ii. Ken Gamble has changed the format of the Friday Expert at Your Elbow; getting favorable comments from students.

f. Unit Volunteer Coordinator for 2019 NABC in San Francisco

- i. Bette Harken will post the sign-up sheet on Unit bulletin board.

g. SCBC Maintenance

- i. Eliminate plastic water bottles (Sydney):
John Benich requested that the Board explain the origin of the plastic water bottles price increase. After discussion, it was decided that when the current supply of plastic water bottles has been depleted, no further plastic water bottles would be purchased. This motion was voted upon and approved.
- ii. Mold in Classroom
The landlord has hired an inspector and a sample was taken. The results will be communicated to the SCBC and action, if necessary, taken by the landlord.
- iii. Ann Bornstein weaved pip picture frames in Classroom need stronger clips for hanging without dropping. Robert will follow-up to resolve.

h. SCBC Website

- i. Ken L reported that on December 31, the ACBL will discontinue Pianola, which we use for sectional announcement to other units. Laura will check with the District for their suggestions or plans for replacement.

i. Daisy Fundraiser

- i. Robin has requested the Unit reimburse the instructors for 6 beginning bridge lessons. (This will probably be Bette or Nancy as they are Instructors for a January Beginning Bridge series.)

The Daisy Fundraiser will include the following silent auction item: Ten Beginning Bridge Lessons for 4 players. Proceeds from the item will go to the Daisy, a Family Service Agency.

The Board voted to approve the Auction Item.

5. Member Programs: No report

6. Suggestion Box

I think our games would be enhanced if all the Directors used the clock and more importantly enforced the clock when used. Deep thinkers and slow players will learn to adjust if they are forced.

Board Response: Ken Llacera will email a reminder to all Directors to utilize the clock.

7. Next meeting: November 12, 2019

Adjourned at 3:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Bette Harken, Secretary

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

American Contract Bridge League of Santa Cruz Unit 550

November 12, 2019

1. Call to Order: President Ken L. called the meeting to order at the Santa Cruz Bridge Center at 2:34 PM.

Present: Ken Llacera, Ken Gamble, David Harken, John Hullman, Michael Burk, Sydney Reuben, Bette Harken, Robert Johnson, Gary Oing

Attending: Carol Avenmarg

Absent: Laura McCabe

2. Approval of Minutes: The October minutes were approved.

3. Treasurer's Report:

- October Financials were reviewed. PGE should be more regular. Sectional did well; numbers like last year's
- Purchases of printer, computer and dealing machine impacts annual numbers

4. New (or Continuing) Business:

a. Play Nice Reporting: No incidents to report.

b. Sectionals

- iv. Rising Stars: March 28-29, 2020 Chair: Ken Gamble
- v. Surfs Up: October 31-November 1 2020 Chair: Robert Johnson

c. Game Update

- v. Dolores Abrams Game: Saturday November 16 at 10 AM
Ken Gamble will help direct 299er Game
- vi. Thursday Night Game cancellation, December 5 charges
Vote taken for motion as described in the email. Passed.
- vii. Holiday Party: Saturday, December 7 at 10 AM
Bette and David will do food; Ken G will direct 299er Game
- viii. Winter STaC: Friday, December 13 at 10:30 Am and Saturday, December 14 at 10 AM

d. Education Update (Sydney)

- ii. Beginning Bridge (Sydney, Bette, Nancy)
- iii. Review for New Bridge Players (Nancy) November 13
- iv. Intro to Defense (Nancy)
3 classes tentatively planned

e. NABC Volunteer Coordinator for Unit 550 (Bette)

- iv. Sign ups will be posted tomorrow

f. SCBC IT

- ii. Replacement of Pianola for sectional emails (Ken L)

Previously ACBL provided this for Sectional announcements. As the ACBL will not fund this capability in the future, Ken L is looking for an inexpensive replacement.

- iii. Printer toner replacement process
Process is tricky; Ken L, Ken G, and Robert will be designated for making replacements
- iv. New dealing machine purchased and will be set up
- v. New computer purchased and will be set up over next couple of months

g. SCBC Maintenance

- i. Eliminate plastic water bottles
After this last case, no more will be purchased
- ii. Mold in classroom – fixed
- iii. Hang Weaved Pips in Classroom.
Walls to be repainted tomorrow (Wednesday). Robert has completed the work for hanging weaved pips.

5. Member Programs:

a. Mentor Program – nothing to report

b. Suggestion Box

I suggest directors ring a bell – wait a few seconds – then make their announcement(s).

Board Response: Ken Llacera will email a reminder to all Directors to utilize the bell before their announcements. .

Please directors enforce the clock. The repeat offenders are not abiding by the clock and it's not fair for others to have to speed up to catch up. It's distracting to have people standing and waiting to play.

Board Response: Ken Llacera will email a reminder to all Directors to utilize the clock.

I've been told that some bridge clubs fine their members \$1 whenever their cell phone goes off during the game. I highly recommend that our Bridge Center adopt the practice

Board Response: Ken Llacera will email a reminder to all Directors to ring the bell before the game and remind all players to turn off their cell phones.

Quarterly Unit Championship. Recognize A, B, and C players who have scored the most points, on a quarterly basis, in unit and club games held at the bridge Center. Each winner, unit champion, would receive one Free Friday game ticket. The winners would be recognized during the first game of each quarter and a champion party with pizza and salad (no charge for the food) and the names listed on the Unity Bulletin Board. We may want to set a rule that no one can win two championships in a row.

Board Response: The board discussed the various details this would entail. Bette will type up the details; Ken G, Bette and Bette will discuss with Rich.

6. Next meeting: December 7, 2019 (Annual Meeting)

Adjourned at 3:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Bette Harken, Secretary