

FARTHEST NORTH BRIDGE CLUB UNIT 426 CLUB # 144600
September 13, 2015 Call to order Time: 1:30pm

Board Members Present: Marcia Boyette, Penny Wakefield, Karen Lougheed Absent: Peggy Raybeck

Members present: Barbara Rothrock, Karen Collier, Nancy Williams, Shirley Liss, Gail Ballou, Mardee Roth, Bob Roth, Ken Alt, Paulette Wille

President's Report by Marcia Boyette: Thank you to Directors for all their hard work to make each weeks bridge games happen. Thank you to board members for volunteering their time, especially Penny who does so much of the behind the scenes work.

Brian Simms declined his position on the board, David Williams has resigned, Karen Lougheed has resigned her position as of October 1.

The club purchased a new computer this year, and all directors seem to be using it without issue.

The incident with our former treasurer Bill Allen was unfortunate, we had a situation where money was collected but never deposited, the board made decisions based on their belief that there could be a liability or slander issue. Bill Allen took responsibility as the money was missing while he was treasurer but never admitted to taking the money himself. He did agree to pay the club back and had made payments of \$200. The board made the decision to call an Executive Session regarding this, not to keep information from the club members but to proceed with discretion. The total amount missing is \$1311.48, less the \$200 he had already paid. Members question why the club wasn't pursuing a small claims court action, a member within the legal community explained the clubs likelihood of recouping the money lost was negligible and it could ultimately open the door to the club being involved in Bill Allen's defense. Much discussion about holding people accountable vs. the effort to make a claim. Paulette made a motion to not pursue further legal action against Bill Allen regarding the missing club money- Penny seconds- a vote ensues: 8 in favor 2 against, motion passes.

Board terms are ending for Peggy and Marcia.

Club Manager's Report by Penny Wakefield: A big thank you to those who helped with the sectional, Karen, Kurt and Marcia for delivering necessary equipment to the Elks club, Marcia for hosting the director and providing transportation for him, Bonnie and David for snack tables, Shirley for a great job arranging partners for everyone, Gail for ensuring we had clean bidding boxes and all the supplies, Betty for setting up the door prize table, and everyone who donated prizes and food. A big thank you to Karen for running the 50/50 and cleaning up the snack table.

Game sanctions for Tues/Wed/Fri games have been secured, sectional sanction for Aug 4-7,2016 has been submitted with Roger Putnam as director, the Elks location has been secured with a deposit. STaC games for May, and the Special event on June 3,4 2016, the world wide bridge contest, have been confirmed. Each special game results in extra table fees for the extra master points. Our table fees have remained the same over many years. This year, players can earn 5 free plays for setting up the boards for the special games they do not play in. This reduces out of pocket expense, anyone interested should let me know.

Education report by Penny Wakefield: New fall classes have started on Saturdays and Monday's, a spring class will begin late January. Four EASYBRIDGE players started playing this past summer and hope to see more at the tables soon.

Tues/Wed/Fri directors of games: Gail on Tuesday, Shirley on Friday and Wednesday will see Penny stepping in for Julie who has returned to Arizona.

Members report: Our club membership is now with 52 paid ACBL members. 10 new players have been added this last year with 2 leaving Alaska permanently.

A little history regarding the membership, 2006 we had 36 ACBL members, over the years we have lost 9 club members that played regularly and each year gained several new players. Our table count for 2006 was 410 tables, the next couple of years our table count hit an all time high with 627 in 2008, 579 in 2009, 563 in 2010 and presently back to the mid 400s. Losing players that played 3 times a week reduces table count considerably. The lowest count by months are Nov/Dec/Jan and the highest May-Sept. Wednesday is our biggest game, Tues/Fri could use some encouragement.

Everyone needs to continue to make the FNBC a friendly place to play bridge and support the efforts of your bridge board. Any suggestions are welcome, please contact a board member.

Sectional Report by Penny Wakefield: Total income collected \$3,317. Total expenses \$4121.31 with a net loss of \$804.31.

Treasurer's Report: Checking \$ 3096.29 Savings Acct \$ 1653.79 CD account \$ 5052.85 Total: \$ 9802.93

Old Business:

New Business:

Election of Bridge Board Members (officer elections done by the Board Members): Barbara Rothrock was elected, Marcia Boyette was re elected.

Paulette made a motion encouraging the board to follow Roberts Rules of Order when evoking Executive Sessions, Penny seconds, all present board members agree.

Vote on suggested By-Law Changes:

1. To change the wording of *Article 1 b*: 4 votes for-6 against.

2. *Article 2c 7* changed to the following wording 'absentee voting is allowed at membership meetings', 9 votes for - 1 abstained.

3. To change *Article 3 k 6 l* :- eliminating the provision allowing the removal of a disruptive member from a board meeting, 3 votes for - 7 against.

4. To allow proxy votes at board meetings, Penny withdraws the motion to amend this bylaw-Karen seconds.

5. To entirely remove *Article 3 k 10*: the boards option to hold an Executive Session. 3 votes for - 7 against.

6. To add a new article for making changes to the Bylaws when and if a second club joins the unit, 3 votes for - 7 against.

**Next Board Meeting date/time: Friday September 18, 6:15pm
Adjournment.**

A donation of \$520 was made by Mardee and Robert Roth after the meeting had adjourned.