

FARTHEST NORTH BRIDGE CLUB BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Meeting came to order 5:10 pm at the Senior Center with attendees: Penny Wakefield, Barbara Rothrock, Miriam Koko, Gail Ballou, Peggy Rayback and Pat Costello.

Treasurers report: Checking and savings \$ 3800.97 CD \$5500.35 for a total of \$9301.32

Tuesday and Friday night bridge games during December and January:

A discussion was held whether to cancel the Tuesday evening bridge game at the Senior Center during December and January. Many bridge players are out of state during those months and not enough people are available to play. The \$35 room reservation fee results in un-reimbursed cost to the organization. Penny asked the Senior Center staff if they would waive the room fee for those Tuesday nights when we did not use the facility due to insufficient tables. However, our standing reservation with the Center ties up the room and precludes other users and possible loss of income for the Center. Gail, director of the Tuesday night games, also indicated she wanted to take a break during December. Barbara motioned to cancel Tuesday night bridge games during December and January due to shortage of participants and lack of a game director. Penny seconded the motion and the motion carried. The Board decided to revisit in mid January whether or not to cancel the February games as well. Penny will contact Senior Center staff to drop the Tuesday games as motioned.

The Friday night games are to continue, though Penny reminded us that the December games were cancelled last year due to insufficient players. Gail volunteered to help direct the Friday games while Penny is gone and if Shirley Liss is not available. Gail works during the day but can direct the Wednesday games in an emergency. Three directors, Shirley Liss, Penny and Gail, run the Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday games, however Penny has new director possibilities for Martha Hanlan and Nancy Rothrock.

EASYBRIDGE for spring Ollie classes:

Penny signed up to teach EASYBRIDGE classes at the Ollie (UAF Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) for the spring session. Classes start March 23 and will run for 5 weeks on Fridays from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. Students can continue with additional lessons at the Saturday and Monday classes at Penny's studio. Penny will also try to set up classes with University students to encourage a younger subset of bridge players.

Sectional application for August 2-5, 2018:

Penny has signed up for the August 2-5, 2018 sectional and is looking for a room for the event. Some people complained that the Elks was too hot last year though it is the cheapest place and few facilities are available in Fairbanks. Other places were discussed: Old Woolworths upstairs, Federal building downstairs where the Public Land office used to be. Parking is a problem downtown. Penny sent a letter to the Director of TCC about the TCC facility but has not heard back. She will pursue contacting the Director. Also, UAF campus has rooms free for clubs on campus. Some out of town players stay on campus for the inexpensive housing.

WWB Special games for 2018:

Only one day of games might be held on Friday, June 1, 2018 as it may not be possible to get 5 tables for the Saturday games. Penny will sign up for Saturday anyway in case we have enough players.

We will not sign up for the Tuesday, November, 21, 2017 games due to lack of enough tables and raising of fees from \$7 to \$11.

Website renewal:

Penny has renewed our website, Far North Bridge.org, for 5 years to November 2022. The website was initiated in 2006 via a free grant from the library. After a couple of years the grant dried up, the website was then registered with a local agency but the owner is now retiring. The website is now registered with Bulk registry and website fees are paid up until 2022. Website is hosted by alasconnect.com at no charge. Website design is created with the Dreamweaver program. Will ask around for someone who might be interested in helping with this. Penny will make a disk containing list of board members, bank statements, and club information and will give to the President.

Directors will have email addresses for all bridge members and are directed to send out in Blind Copy (BCC): for privacy concerns when sending out the 'Game reservation notifications'.

Minutes to the board meetings and financial statements are posted on the website.

There were no other discussions and the meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Submitted by Pat Costello