Unit 394

 January Board Minutes

 January 4, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: 9:40 AM

LOCATION: LINDY HAMILTON’S HOUSE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lindy Hamilton President,( Presiding),Sue Hanni Vice President, Michael Rohm Treasurer, Pat Armstrong Secretary, Carol Holmes Membership (Term ending Board Member,) Kathy Dowen Tournament Chair, Suzanne St Thomas, Hospitality Chair.

GUESTS: Kay Read-Owner/Boise Cooperative Bridge Club

 Jill Wood, Trumpet Liaison, District 20 Representative

NEW BOARD MEMBERS; Greg Wilson, Deanna McMahon

NEW BUSINESS:

President Lindy welcomed the guests and new board members.

KAY READ: ACBL Rating System

Kay feiewed howthe points are awarded for the Boise Cooperative Bridge Games, as well as the Unit Games and the Sectional Games, and the virtual games.

All points awarded, and factoring, for these games are done by ACBL ONLY!

The point rating system was increased for 18 bds, with top pt starting at 1, increasing for 27 boards it goes to1.5 for top pt.

The factoring process changes whether the games are a Mitchel Movement or a Howell Movement.

The Boise Bridge group plays 27 bds., and depending on how many tables, a Mitchel or Howell movement. In a Mitchel movement you remain in the same E/W or N/S seat. In a Howell Movement you can change directional seating. This is all determined by how many players from each Division are playing.

The price for the games with the Boise Club as well as the Unit is $8.00

Currently the two Face to Face Boise Cooperative Bridge games are on Tuesday and Sundays at The Valley View Retirement Center, Garden View Bldg. 1130 N. Allumbaugh.

All C players should sit E/W. There must be 3 tables of C players to be stratified.

DISCUSSION: Concerning C players having a 0-299 section as well as at the Bridge Club , or perhaps a 0-25 group separate. We would need 3 tables to be stratified.

ACBL quantifies a C player as under 500 pts.

BEGINNERS LESSONS:Nancy Feldman regretted not being able to attend. In her absence Lindy spoke:

Nancy Feldman is now a part time employee of the city of Boise, so as to be able to teach bridge Lessons at the Boise Senior Center at 690 N. Robbins Rd.

CLASSES WILL BEGIN JANUARY 30, 2023 AT THE BOISE SENIOR CENTER. GO TO [www.boisecity.org](http://www.boisecity.org) to register. THE COST IS $80 FOR 12 sessions.(8 lessons over 4 weeks). Maximum class size is 12 people. 4 tables of 3 with a volunteer helper at each.

Nancy will be losing approximately $384 income as the Senior Center cannot afford to pay the full wage. Nancy has also asked to borrow boards #11-36, and bidding boxes. The Unit has already loaned her 1-10 bds. Kathy Dowen has agreed to loan these to her.. Carol Holmes made a motion that we pay Nancy Feldman $400 for all the time and effort she has put into organizing these lessons, this was seconded by Kathy Dowen and approved by all. NANCY HAS ASKED SHE BE PAID ONLY IF THERE ARE ENOUGH TO HAVE THE LESSONS. We will hold the check until we know.

There are already bridge games at the center on Monday and Thursdays from 1-3pm.

The Sr. Center will advertise the Bridge Lessons by Nancy in their January and February Newsletter.

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New Board Member Deanna McMahon said she has approximately 27 members on her list of new bridge players, who are currently playing in each other’s homes. It had been suggested by one of their mentors that perhaps they could do “medium lessons”. Joining the Tuesday bridge group at Valley View, perhaps meeting 30 minutes ahead of the usual game and have a 5-10 quick lesson, and then have their group play their own boards that would be geared to the pre lesson. Kay said that if they could guarantee her 3 tables, she would host a group for them during the regular Tuesday game to help in the transition to Duplicate. Kay also told the group that the lessons would have to be done by a Certified Intermedium New Player Coordinator. If this would be too difficult to do, New Board Member Greg Wilson said that he had a location where he lives that could hold 16-20 people, that perhaps this location could be used to give lessons and play hands with discussion as a transition before they moved over to the Club location. He owns his own boards.

Deanna and Greg will coordinate this. It was also discussed about a book that is coming out which shows the top boards with recommended bidding etc.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Michael handed out the year to date profit and loss statements to Board Members.

For the December Christmas Party the Income was $2,430.00 with the expenses being $2,583.27. Leaving us with a deficit of $153.27 for the party. The Boise Bridge Club previously having offered to split the cost with us, and members of the board accepted the kind offer with a lot of gratitude. Thank you! THEY WILL PAY $77

Michael has agreed to use the Unit’s money in the cash box, better enabling the paper trail.

Michael also discussed the donation to Alzheimer’s and how to follow its trail to the correct designation. Since money continues to come in after the event, it was discussed that they should wait till we have a correct accounting for this. We will deposit it all into the checking account and will write a check to Alzheimer’s when we have the correct accounting. This will be discussed with them as well.

Michael wishes to continue on as Treasurer, the term of 2 years, and we thank him for his service. He will meet with the new President to sign the debit card and other necessary papers.

THE UNIT 394 PROFIT & LOSS FOR JANUARY- DECEMBER 2022 IS AS FOLLOWS:

TOTAL INCOME: $ 10,974.49 TOTAL EXPENSES:$ 10,262.15

 NET INCOME: $ 712.34

JILL WOODS-DISTRICT 20 REPRESENTATIVE FOR OUR UNIT AND CALDWELL

Jill noted that the District feels we are losing money, and suggests that we drop the printing of the Trumpet, and it will be printed on line. They are trying to set up a new website, and that link is not available at this time. They are asking us to give them a synopsis of events. Requesting support for events coming up, welcoming new members, announcing and congratulating members who had a 70% game. Jill will keep us up to date as to where this will be posted, and how we need to get this to her.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JILL AND BILL WOOD FOR WINNING THE CALDWELL CHRISTMAS GAME AS WELL AS WINNING THE BOISE CHRISTMAS GAME.

Jill also notified us that the Eugene Regional has been cancelled due to the loss of the venue.

Jill reported that the Portland/Vancouver and Seaside events will be the only Regionals this year.

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TREASURER’S REPORT:

Pat Armstrong noted that in the DECEMBER MINUTES the payment to ANSOTS was NOT CORRECT. The correct amount was $1,996.50, as it is also reflected in the Treasurer’s report this month. In the interest of time we did not review the December minutes. THE ERROR WILL BE CORRECTED.

Pat reported that the February, March,April, May and June Unit Games would be held at Crane Creek Country Club at 500 W. Curling Dr. Starting at 12:30 . They will be offering a Buffett at each monthly event. To help facilitate this, it will be required for all participants to register for the game and indicate if they will be dining. We will post the price and who to contact at a later date. YOU MUST INDICATE IF YOU WILL BE EATING, AND YOU WILL BE PAYING PAT ARMSTRONG, SO PLEASE BRING THE CORRECT AMOUNT OR A CK. (NOTE ADDENDUM FEBRUARY CANCELLED)

OLD BUSINESS

SUZANNE ST. JAMES SPOKE ON THE SUCCESS OF THE CHRISTMAS PARTY.

We need to advertise the non life masters group a little better for next year. The only complaints heard were for the price of parking in the lot. We will look into a better situation for next year on parking, if that is possible. A motion was made by Pat Armstrong to book the Basque Center for next year, the Sunday after the Sheepherders

Ball preferably, as we were the recipients of the center pieces and decorations. The motion was seconded by Lindy Hamilton and motion carried by all.

January 8,2023 Unit Game will be at 12:30 at Valley View Retirement Garden View. Craig Jones will be the Director. The game is Sanctioned. Kay will bring the boards, Sue Hanni offered to bring the boards to the March Unit Game if Kay is not going, or if Sue cannot make the game she will have the Director bring the boards and Bridge Mates, center table designations etc.

Sue Hanni will make a list of all those willing to be Directors and ask them for the date preferences, so as to make a year schedule and sanctioning. The Unit games are sanctioned under the Boise Cooperative Bridge, and there is no fee to the Unit from ACBL, but we reimburse The Boise Club $1.25 per table. These rates will be going up to possibly $1.35 per table. All games played pay a table fee to ACBL.

TOURNAMENTS: KATHY DOWEN

FEBRUARY SWEETHEART SECTIONAL-FEBRUARY 10-12, 2023

LOCATION: HOLIDAY INN/AIRPORT (OFF VISTA) 3050 S. SHOSHONE, BOISE.

Kathy Dowen says everything is a go. Volunteers are always needed if you would like to help her, please give her a call. Lots of small jobs and some big ones too.

APRIL 12-13,2023 CALDWELL DOWN GRADED SECTIONAL(OPEN &TEAM GAMES)

LOCATION; NORTH FORK LODGE, MCCALL, IDAHO, 200 Scott Street

FLYER TO BE OUT SOON FOR ACCOMMODATIONS AND EATING PLACES.

FALL SECTIONAL- SEPTEMBER 10-12, 2023

LOCATION: HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS, BOISE, IDAHO

Tabled discussion on this until February meeting.

ADDENDUM: THE FEBRUARY UNIT GAME AND LUNCH AT CRANE CREEK IS CANCELLED DUE TO THE UPCOMING SECTIONAL GAME.

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ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS FOR 2023

Suzanne St Thomas nominated GREG WILSON as President. This was seconded by Sue Hanni, and unanimously accepted by all. Greg graciously accepted the honor .

Deanna eagerly accepted the position formerly held by Carol Holmes of Membership.

Carol Holmes has offered to be the Partnership Hostess for the Unit Games (call her if you are looking for a partner). This position is held by Judy Stauffer for the Boise Bridge Club.

Sue Hanni remains as the Vice President

Michael Rohm remains as Treasurer

Pat Armstrong remains as Secretary

Kathy Dowen remains as Tournament Chair

Suzanne St. Thomas remains as Hospitality

THANK YOU, TO ALL OF YOU, FOR YOUR DEDICATION TO KEEPING DUPLICATE BRIDGE IN BOISE UP AND GOING.

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS…THIS IS YOUR YEAR !!!!!!

A discussion before the Board Meeting was done in regards to responsibilities for each Chairman. Board Books were given to the New Board Members with these items listed.

Thank you very much to out going President Lindy Hamilton for her very hard work to keep the board organized and on task this year. You did a wonderful job and service to the Bridge Colony!

FEBRUARY UNIT BOARD MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2023

THIS WILL BE A ZOOM MEETING SET UP BY MICHAEL. THOSE WHO WOULD RATHER MEET IN PERSON WILL GATHER AT MICHAELS HOUSE. MICHAEL WILL NOTIFY US ON HOW TO JOIN THE ZOOM MEETING , AND HIS LOCATION.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:04 by Lindy Hamilton, Presiding President

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

PAT ARMSTRONG