

Minutes

Bridge Center of Greater Lansing, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting

15 January, 5:45PM

Present: E. Kales, A. Hill, K.Kosloski, E.Messenger, P. Munshaw, J. Stimpfle

Absent: D. Haynes

- 0 Darryl Haynes has been hospitalized with a back problem; he is at Ingham and may soon be moved to the Ingham rehab hospital on Greenlawn.
1. Minutes of the 15 November meeting were accepted as submitted.
2. Treasurer's Report for December showed -\$62; y-t-d profit of +\$1,018; bank balance of \$6,243. Treasurer Hill suggested investing excess cash in Certificates of Deposit. The consensus of the board was that moving \$3,000⁰⁰ into a money market instrument of approximately six month duration was appropriate and suggested Alice pursue the funds relocation.
3. There were no communications from the membership.
4. Nothing from Recorder Ken Kosloski.
5. Reminders:
 - (a) ACBL Charity Game Thursday afternoon January 11th, \$5⁰⁰ entry, Monday 22 January, \$6⁰⁰, Thursday 25 January, \$6⁰⁰, Friday 2 February, \$6⁰⁰ entry.
 - (b) Next Pro/Am Game Thursday March 29th.
6. Bylaw discussion needs to be scheduled within next two(?) weeks. Constraints under which amendments usually are proposed include (1) shareholder petition stating an amendment, (2) special meeting called by said petition to consider wording, and (3) inclusion in the newsletter absentee ballot for the Annual Meeting.
7.
 - o XXVIII Annual Shareholder Meeting scheduled for Sunday 22 April 1:00PM, with a free game to all *active (dues paid)* members to follow.
 - o Nominating Committee for candidates to be chaired by Ernamarie Messenger. Terms of office for Darryl Haynes, Alice Hill, Pat Munshaw, and Jerry Stimpfle will have concluded; as four are to be elected, eight should be nominated.
 - o As the meeting is scheduled for Sunday 22 April, the Newsletter will be sent in mid March, and any Special 'Amendment' Meeting must be held before then in early March. Our next board meeting is the practical deadline for amendment suggestions from members of the board.
8. Kales and Hill reported on the Unit 195 Board of Directors meeting:
 - o Subsidies by the Unit of the NAOP and STAC special fees has been renewed for the coming year; no extra charge at the club will be necessary.
 - o Secretary Joe Manhart was replaced by Catherine Gay of Kalamazoo.
 - o The Unit approves the concept of localareas being given locally editable web pages linked to the Unit 195 homepage. Webmaster Alan Bau does not know how to do this, but Kales volunteered to help him find out.
9. Several books have never been returned to the Library. The Librarian [Lucy Clark] should pursue their recovery through exhortations at the Club, in the Newsletter, and at the Annual Meeting.
10. Next meeting Monday February 12th at 5:45PM
There being no other business, meeting was adjourned at 6:57PM.

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Bridge Center of Greater Lansing, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting

12 February, 5:45PM

Present: E. Kales, A. Hill, K.Kosloski, E.Messenger, P. Munshaw, J. Stimpfle

Absent: D. Haynes

0. Darryl Haynes is at The Courts of Holt nursing home for recovery; he is expected out in a month.
1. Minutes of the 15 January meeting were accepted as submitted.
2. Treasurer's Report for January showed -\$220; bank balance of \$3,023 and a \$3,000 CD.
3. There were no communications from the membership.
4. Nothing from Recorder Ken Kosloski.
5. Reminders:
 - (a) Annual Senior Game Monday 12:30PM February 26th, \$5⁰⁰ entry.
 - (b) Paul Burt 90th Birthday *Bring-a-Dish* Party Thur 12NOON Mar 1st.
 - (c) Next Pro/Am Game Thursday March 29th.
 - (d) XXVIII Annual Meeting Sunday 22 April 2007, 1:00PM.
 - (e) NonLM Sectional with Dinner Saturday 5 May at 1 / 4:45 / 6PM.
6. Constraints under which amendments usually are proposed include (1) shareholder petition stating an amendment, (2) special meeting called by said petition to consider wording, and (3) inclusion in the newsletter absentee ballot for the Annual Meeting. There were no major bylaw amendments suggested by members of the Board.
7. Secretary to provide copy of last year's agenda so that the agenda for the XXVIII Annual Shareholder Meeting may be finalized at the next meeting.
8. Chair Ernamarie of the Nominating Committee reported that Darryl Haynes, Pat Munshaw, and Jerry Stimfle are seeking reelection while Alice Hill is not; they are joined as candidates by Bill Archer, Suzanne Baker, Nancy Carter, Terri Johnson, and Don Schenk; four are to be elected. The Committee has done an excellent job.
9. Alice Hill will schedule another Training Session for prospective Game Directors and other interested players which will concentrate on the use of the computer program ACBLScore and setting up a game. Mike Kerns is interested in becoming a Game Director.
10. Kales reported on a new offer from AT&T for higher speed access and a Bridge Center website with multiple email accounts. The board approved a one year trial at approximately \$30 per month. Kales will begin working on our website when our account is activated.
11. Stimpfle reminded the Board that if you know anyone interested in the Tuesday evening "Lesson Game" is welcome to come; minilessons are incorporated into a short duplicate style game.

Kales distributed copies of a Bridge Center Schedule which gives days and times of our regularly duplicate games and a short description of the format for Tuesday evening.
12. Sheedy will shortly be distributing copies of 2006 tax return information.
13. Next meeting Monday March 12th at 5:45PM [rescheduled to March 19th]
There being no other business, meeting was adjourned at 6:57PM.

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Bridge Center of Greater Lansing, Inc.
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19 March, 5:45PM

[rescheduled from March 12th]

Present: D. Haynes, A. Hill, E. Kales, K. Kosloski, E. Messenger, P. Munshaw, J. Stimpfle

Absent: NONE

1. Minutes of the 12 February meeting were accepted as submitted.
2. Treasurer's Report for February showed -\$7; bank balance of \$3,029 and a \$3,000 CD.
3. Communications: o Daulat Singh is ill and undergoing treatment; o Jerry Barnes is going in for a heart valve reconstruction. o One player requested Gene's dog be left home on Thursday evening;
4. Nothing from Recorder Ken Kosloski.
5. Reminders:
 - (a) Next Pro/Am Game Thursday March 29th.
 - (b) Unit Game Thursday 7:00PM April 12th Open and Stratified.
 - (c) Unit Game Thursday afternoon April 19th 12:30PM Stratified.
 - (d) XXVIII Annual Meeting Sunday 22 April 2007, 1:00PM.
 - (e) Unit Game Tuesday evening April 24th 7:00PM Open and Flighted.
 - (f) NonLM Sectional with Dinner Saturday 5 May at 1 / 4:45 / 6PM.
6. Additions to annual agenda will include our need to move and discussion of where and whether to lease, buy, or build. To get input from members who may not be able to attend the meeting, a short survey will be included on the ballot. Also added to the agenda will be the problem of slow play.
7. Stimpfle noted that there are bridge programs in high schools and suggested we should try to develop a High School connection.
8. Darryl wishes to thank all who communicated with and to him while he was recuperating.
9. Next meeting Monday April 16th at 5:45PM
There being no other business, meeting was adjourned at 6:57PM.

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16 April, 5:45PM

Present: D. Haynes, A. Hill, E. Kales, K. Kosloski, E. Messenger, P. Munshaw, J. Stimpfle

Absent: NONE

1. Minutes of the 12 March meeting were accepted as submitted.
2. Treasurer's Report for March showed -\$135; bank balance of \$5,894. Alice Hill will be retiring as Treasurer; She and Pat Stephenson need to be replaced as signatories on the bank account.
3. There were no communications from the membership.
4. Nothing from Recorder Ken Kosloski.
5. Reminders:
 - (a) Unit Game Thursday afternoon April 19th 12:30PM Stratified.
 - (b) XXVIII Annual Meeting Sunday 22 April 2007, 1:00PM.
 - (c) Unit Game Tuesday evening April 24th 7:00PM Open and Flighted.
 - (d) NonLM Sectional with Dinner Saturday 5 May at 1 / 4:45 / 6PM.
 - (e) Next Pro/Am Game Thursday May 31st.
6. Alice has prepared sign-up sheets for the Saturday May 12th seminar on Using the ACBL_Score computer program.
7. Kales reported that the website is showing slooow development.
8. The problem of slow play and how the game Director is to deal with it was discussed. We need "social pressure," and club-agreed "rules." The consensus of the Board was to recommend the following policies:
 - Conditions of Contest require that three-board rounds be 21 minutes and that all players at the table are responsible for time.
 - Players are not allowed to start a board after the round has been called; infraction will incur a zero on the board.
 - Players need to be assured that a 'Not Played' on a board does not 'penalize' but it counted just as a sit-out.
 - Time saving habits need to be developed and time wasting ones unlearned. (i.e.: lead before writing score, do not discuss until the round is over, etc.)

These will be presented to the membership at the Annual Meeting.

9. Next meeting Monday May 14th at 5:45PM

There being no other business, meeting was adjourned at 6:57PM.

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14 May, 5:45PM

Present: S. Baker, D. Haynes, E. Kales, K. Kosloski, E. Messenger, P. Munshaw, J. Stimpfle

Absent: NONE

1. Results of the 22 April 2007 XXVIII Annual Meeting Election in alphabetical order with votes received bracketed: Bill Archer[19], Suzanne Baker[30], Nancy Carter[9], Darryl Haynes[30], Terri Johnson[9], Pat Munshaw[33], Don Schenk[27], Jerry Stimpfle[35]. There were 52 ballots cast; elected are Suzanne Baker, incumbents Darryl Haynes, Pat Munshaw, and Jerry Stimpfle.
Motion made and unanimously passed to certify these results.
2. Election of Officers was next considered. Alice Hill and Pat Stephenson have retired as Treasurer and signatories on the Bridge Center checking account. Suzanne Baker and Ernamarie Messenger were nominated and elected to be Treasurers and signatories on the account. Kales will get paperwork started to effect the removals and additions. President Kales and Vice-President Stimpfle were reelected; Darryl Haynes was elected Chairman of the Board and retiring chair Pat Munshaw relinquished the gavel to him.
3. Minutes of the 16 April meeting were accepted as submitted.
4. Treasurer's Report for March showed +\$377; current y-t-d +\$28; bank balance of \$5,894.
5. A complaint/comment/question was relayed to the Board about the size of the March phone bill. There was a startup cost for the internet service and the \$50 rebate has not yet been received. The April bill was \$20 greater in 2007 than in 2006.
6. Nothing from Recorder Ken Kosloski.
7. Reminders:
 - (a) Unit Game Wednesday evening May 23rd 7:00PM Stratified. Need sign-up sheet.
 - (b) Pro/Am Thursday May 31st 7:00PM.
 - (c) Bridge Center Charity Garage Sale Saturday 16th 9:00AM at Sally's
 - (d) Sectional Sat/Sun June 30/Jul 1 at the Royal Scot. Make Friday June 29th before the Sectional a Special Kick-Off Game.
8. Alice reported that the Computer Seminar Saturday May 12th went well; there were five members who attended and learned some basics about how to operate the ACBL_Score computer program.
9. Many sites for a new location have been checked by Ernie Messenger; nothing has it all—affordable rent, sufficient parking, central location, easy access, pleasant interior, good lighting, etc. Some places yet to check: Providence community room; a church on Lake Lansing near M78, Valley Court (again), MSU CT Union building on Lake Lansing and Hagadorn.
Members are encouraged to contact Ernie or Gene with any information on possible sites for our relocation. We must vacate by March 2008— that's when the walls come tumbling down!
4. [cont'd] Bookkeeper's Report accepted upon submission when he arrived.
10. The issue of whether the game held after the Annual Meeting should be free to any member or only to dues-paid "active" members was brought out at the April 22 Annual Meeting. Some present argued that "shareholder" and "member" were not equivalent and also that it was not sufficiently explicit that the game would be free only to dues-paid members. Consideration of this matter is deferred.
11. Next meeting Monday June 11th at 5:45PM
There being no other business, meeting was adjourned at 6:57PM.

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Bridge Center of Greater Lansing, Inc.
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11 June, 5:45PM

Present: S. Baker, D. Haynes, E. Kales, K. Kosloski, E. Messenger, P. Munshaw, J. Stimpfle

Absent: NONE

1. Minutes of the 14 May meeting were accepted as corrected for date.
2. After arrival of Bookkeeper, Report for March showed +\$782; current y-t-d +\$810; bank balance of \$7,053.
3. A suggestion was relayed to the Board that Gene not bring his dog to games, as Alex may nip someone again. Gene completely agrees.
4. Nothing from Recorder Ken Kosloski.
5. Reminders:
 - (a) NAOP Club Qual Thursday evening June 14th 7:00PM Stratified.
 - (b) Bridge Center Charity Garage Sale Saturday 16th 9:00AM Sally's
 - (c) NAOP Club Qual Monday evening June 18th 7:00PM Stratified.
 - (d) NAOP Club Qual Friday evening June 22nd 7:00PM Stratified.
 - (e) Sectional Kick-Off Friday evening June 29th 7:00PM Stratified.
 - (f) Sectional Saturday and Sunday June 30th, July 1st at the Royal Scot 11:00AM both days with meal included between sessions. Kales mentioned the misprint in the Unit Schedule Booklet at the January meeting in Jackson; he has sent notice to all Board Members and Club Managers to announce the correct 11:00AM times; fliers were printed and distributed at recent tournaments.
6. Reminder that volunteers are needed to bring munchies and goodies to the Sectional. There is a sign-up sheet by the Bulletin Boards.
7. Many sites for a new location have been checked. Most recently was the C/T Building on Hagadorn and Lake Lansing; parking is good, price unknown but probably good, only location is somewhat out-of-the-way. Some places yet to check: Providence community room; a church on Lake Lansing near M78, Valley Court (again).

Members are encouraged to contact Ernie or Gene with any information on possible sites for our relocation. We must vacate by March 2008– that's when the walls come tumbling down!
8. Stimpfle reminded Kales that if Fall Lessons are to be scheduled through MSU, no time should lapse before calling the Evening College.
9. Next meeting Monday July 16th at 5:45PM
There being no other business, meeting was adjourned at 6:50PM.

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16 July, 5:45PM

Present: S. Baker, D. Haynes, E. Kales, K. Kosloski, E. Messenger, J. Stimpfle

Absent: P. Munshaw

1. Minutes of the 11 June meeting were accepted as submitted.
2. Report for June showed +\$121; current y-t-d +\$932; bank balance of \$7,175.
As Dave Sheedy has been successfully directing a game for over three years, motion was made and passed to raise his compensation from 25(*beginning*)to35 (experienced) per game directed, effective 1 July 2007.
3. Suzanne Baker requested [and received] clarification of present club policy on half tables and playing directors.
4. Nothing from Recorder Ken Kosloski.
5. Reminders:
 - (a) NAOP Club Qual Thursday July 12th 7:00PM Stratified.
 - (b) NAOP Club Qual Monday July 16th 7:00PM Stratified.
 - (c) NAOP Club Qual Friday July 27th 7:00PM Stratified.
 - (d) NAOP Club Qual Thursday August 2nd 7:00PM Stratified.
 - (e) Detroit NABC Fundraiser Monday August 13th 7:00PM Entry \$6⁰⁰.
Detroit NABC Fundraiser Thurs August 16th 7:00PM Entry \$6⁰⁰.
Detroit NABC Fundraiser Friday August 17th 7:00PM Entry \$6⁰⁰.
 - (f) NAOP Club Qual Monday August 20th 7:00PM Stratified.
 - (g) NAOP Club Qual Friday August 24th 7:00PM Stratified.
 - (h) NAOP Club Qual Wednesday August 29th 7:00PM "Last Chance"
District NAP Final Sunday 30 September at MSU Union.
6. On the search for a new site, several have been checked. ◦ 2819 E Saginaw would require split tenancy as it is larger than we need. ◦ Dewitt Township Community Hall at East and State needs to be checked; it may be a bit out of the way. ◦ The CT Building is right size, good parking; Baker to check with Deb Bittner on what rent would be.

Members are encouraged to contact Ernie or Gene with any information on possible sites for our relocation. We must vacate by March 2008– that's when the walls come tumbling down!
7. Our cleaning lady is now our former cleaning lady; we need to arrange for a new one. Haynes to contact Kales about a suggestion.
8. Next meeting Monday August 13th at 5:45PM
There being no other business, meeting was adjourned at 6:50PM.

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13 August, 5:45PM

Present: D. Haynes, E. Kales, K. Kosloski, E. Messenger, P. Munshaw

Absent: S. Baker, J. Stimpfle

1. Minutes of the 16 July meeting were accepted as corrected.
2. Report for July showed +\$155, however the ACBL monthly fees had not yet posted because of a problem with the bank mastercard.
3. No communications were received.
4. Nothing from Recorder Ken Kosloski.
5. Reminders:
 - (a) NAOP Club Qual Thursday August 2nd 7:00PM Stratified.
 - (b) Detroit NABC Fundraiser Monday August 13th 7:00PM Entry \$6⁰⁰.
Detroit NABC Fundraiser Thurs August 16th 7:00PM Entry \$6⁰⁰.
Detroit NABC Fundraiser Friday August 17th 7:00PM Entry \$6⁰⁰.
 - (c) NAOP Club Qual Monday August 20th 7:00PM Stratified.
 - (d) NAOP Club Qual Friday August 24th 7:00PM Stratified.
 - (e) NAOP Club Qual Wednesday August 29th 7:00PM "Last Chance"
 - (f) District NAP Final Sunday 30 September at MSU Union 12:00NOON.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY

6. Kales reported on the Unit 195 Board of Directors meeting in Grand Rapids. The Unit has discussed sponsoring a free bus trip to the Detroit NABC in March 2008 leaving (probably) Monday morning and returning Thursday night. It would most likely start in Grand Rapids and stop along the way in Lansing. Members who wish to take the bus must prepay \$30 and when the trip is over, the \$30 will be refunded if you made the trip. The Unit also has plans to had every active member who shows up in Detroit \$20 as an incentive. All these plans will be discussed again at the Jackson meeting; stay tuned!
7. In our continueing search for a new site, more have been checked.
 - o 2819 E Saginaw would require split tenancy as it is larger than we need; it is being checked out by a possible buyer who would sublet to us.
 - o Dewitt Township Community Hall at East and State is nice but a bit out of the way.
 - o The CT Building is right size, good parking; we haven't heard back from Deb Bittner on what rent would be; we may need to rethink our tables.

Members are encouraged to contact Ernie or Gene with any information on possible sites for our relocation. We must vacate by March 2008– that's when the walls come tumbling down!
8. Haynes connected us to a new cleaning lady who met with Kales and schedule, pay, and key were arranged. We are back to biweekly cleaning on Tue or Wed.
9. Darryl Haynes is a new Gold Life Master and his celebratory *Bring-a-Dish* Party is scheduled for Monday 24 September. Suzanne Baker is a new Silver Life Master; her party is yet to be scheduled.
10. Next meeting Monday September 10th at 5:45PM
There being no other business, meeting was adjourned at 6:50PM.

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10 September, 5:45PM

Present: D. Haynes, E. Kales, K. Kosloski, E. Messenger, P. Munshaw

Absent: S. Baker, J. Stimpfle

1. Minutes of the 13 August meeting were accepted as submitted.
2. Report for August showed -\$32; current y-t-d +\$1,055; bank balance of \$7,300.
3. No communications were received.
4. Nothing from Recorder Ken Kosloski.
5. Reminders:
 - (a) District NAP Final Sunday 30 September at MSU Union 12:00NOON.
ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY BY 9/14/07
 - (b) Inter Club Championship Mon 10 September 7:00PM, entry \$6⁰⁰.
 - (c) Instant Matchpoint Game Wed 19 September 7:00PM, entry \$6⁰⁰.
 - (d) Darryl's Gold Life Master *Bring-a-Dish* Party Mon 24 Sept 6:00PM.
 - (e) Unit Game Thursday 27 September 7:00; stratified.
6. Several special parties and memorials needed to be scheduled. The Gold LM Party for Darryl is mentioned above; the Silver LM Party for Suzanne is scheduled for Friday October 5. Memorial Charity games are scheduled for Daulat Singh on Monday October 8th, and for Ken Korb on Monday October 29th; one for Lew Bozek will be scheduled in November.
7. In our continueing search for a new site, more have been checked. ◦ on Saginaw by Williams Autoworld is too expensive for us or for our buyer; ◦ on Michigan near Cowley is expensive and owner won't allow remodelling; ◦ on Sunset in Dewitt Twp is too far away; ◦ on Hagadorn at Lake Lansing the CT Building is right size, good parking; we haven't heard back on rent and remodelling and other considerations.

Haynes suggested that the Bridge Center try to establish a scholarship from memorial donations made to our 501(c)(3) charity the Contract Bridge Library.
8. On suggestion by Stimpfle, Kales to talk to a neighbor about getting bridge lessons into local school(s).
9. Next meeting Monday October 8th at 5:45PM [rescheduled to October 15th]
There being no other business, meeting was adjourned at 6:50PM.

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15 October, 5:45PM

Present: D. Haynes, E. Kales, K. Kosloski, E. Messenger, P. Munshaw

Absent: S. Baker, J. Stimpfle

1. Minutes of the 10 September meeting were accepted as submitted.
2. Report for September showed +\$20 w/o utilities; current y-t-d +\$1,074; bank balance of \$7,300.
3. No communications were received.
4. Recorder Ken Kosloski received a verbal complaint about the [general] ethics of another player. The Recorder should keep all such reports "on file" until action is requested or the same individual is reported multiple times.
5. Reminders:
 - (a) Suzanne Baker Silver LM *Bring-a-Dish* Party Friday 5 October 6:00PM.
 - (b) Charity Game in memory of Daulat Singh Monday 8 October 7:00PM, entry \$6⁰⁰.
 - (c) Club Appreciation Game Monday 15 October 7:00PM.
 - (d) Club Appreciation Game Friday 19 October 7:00PM.
 - (e) Special Club Appreciation Team Game Wednesday 24 October 7:00.
 - (f) Charity Game in memory of Ken Korb Monday 29 October 7:00PM, entry \$6⁰⁰.

Club manager needs to put the Special Games on the Calendar.

6. The CT Building on Lake Lansing is worth pursuing as a possible site. It was implied that the rent might be 'considerably' less than we are currently paying; the main-floor room has its own entranceway adjacent to the parking area; any remodeling would not be our responsibility; putting in an exhaust fan for a smoking lounge would be permitted.
7. The charitable contributions in memory of Ken Korb have totalled \$1,100. Haynes suggestion of last month that the Bridge Center try to establish a scholarship from memorial donations made to our 501(c)(3) charity the Contract Bridge Library should now be able to move forward. Specifications of eligibility and mechanics of selection need to be determined.
8. Kales and Messenger to continue to work on site search and proposals.
9. Next meeting Monday November 12th at 5:45PM [rescheduled; special site proposal meeting called for November 5th and regular meeting rescheduled to November 19th]
There being no other business, meeting was adjourned at 6:50PM.

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5 November, 5:45PM

1. Discussion of the new site 'Finalists' brought out that all have negatives.
 - o Hagadorn CT site is more out-of-the-way and some members have already said that they would not travel to play there. Costs are surprisingly not cheaper than our current ones and almost surely higher. The site room is on the 2nd floor rather than the main floor with our own entrance.
 - o Clippert site has some unusual lease requirements and may have higher utilities. We are responsible for any improvement of the interior; the external rear (west) door would need to be replaced by the landlord.
 - o Frandor Basement space is a basement and has no kitchen facilities. Restrooms (and access to water) are down the long hall. The site is quite near where the Bridge Center was located for a decade, so we know it is doable. Now there is an elevator to the basement.
2. Messenger and Kales will talk to Todd Kosta, agent for 325 Clippert, and get firm figures for utilities. Messenger will contact Bittner on the yearly rent increase figures for the CT site.
3. Kales will check with Patrick Corr about the last date of occupancy and how a partial month will be handled at our current site.

We hope to have all the information for our next meeting on the 19th.

19 November, 5:45PM

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Present: S. Baker, D. Haynes, E. Kales, K. Kosloski, E. Messenger, P. Munshaw, J. Stimpfle
Absent: NONE

1. Minutes of the 15 October meeting were accepted as submitted.
2. Report for October showed +\$316; current y-t-d +\$1,390; bank balance of \$7,300.
3. No communications were received.
4. Nothing from Recorder Ken Kosloski.
5. Reminders:
 - (a) Unit Championship Thurs 1 Nov 7:00PM.
 - (b) NonLM Sectional with Dinner Sat 10 November at 1 / 4:45 / 6PM.
 - (c) Unit Championship Monday 12 November 7:00PM.
 - (d) No Games Thursday/Friday November 22/23 for Thanksgiving.
 - (e) ACBL-wide Charity Game Mon 26 November 7:00PM, entry \$6⁰⁰.
 - (f) Pro/Am Game Thursday 29 November 7:00PM.

(g) S.T.A.C. Week M W Th F December 10th - 14th; all stratified.

In the future, we should not allow prearranged games for a Pro/Am; this defeats one of the purposes of the event. Pro's and Am's will be put into pools and partnerships matched randomly. Perhaps giving a discount to Pro's will stimulate participation.

6. Holiday Parties will be scheduled for Monday 12/17, Thursday 12/20, and Friday 12/21. All will begin with *Bring-a-Dish* Party at 6:00PM, and game at 7:00PM. The Friday evening Party will feature 'door prizes' of wine and candy and such to be distributed by random selection from among the entries.
7. Since the costs of the Clippert site and the Hagadorn site were approximately equal, the consensus of the Board is to choose Clippert if the resolution of some questions is favorable:
 - o Whose responsibility are the restrooms?
 - o Whose responsibility are the heating and cooling systems?
 - o Does the check-cashing tenant sharing our segment also have the unusual six-month clause as would we? If not, the landlord would be less likely to exercise it in our case.
 - o Would we have to share costs for outside maintenance and snow removal?

Messenger and Kales will seek answers to these questions and have a lawyer look over the lease. If the answers are favorable, Kales will have the Board vote electronically on whether to sign for the Clippert site.

8. Kales reported that the NonLM Sectional Saturday 10 November was a maximum success--attendance hit seventeen tables and used all our tables and chairs! Bridge Center made \$300 from rent, supplies, and refreshments.
9. Haynes and others commented on establishing a policy in the new location of not allowing refreshments at the table. Food and beverages would be restricted to a special area so that the playing area would remain neat. A problem we continue to have is that coffee and pop get spilled and food gets dropped on the carpet and nobody cleans up afterward; thus the carpet has all the stains and smudges we see.
10. Discussion was resurrected on whether the annual meeting should be free to all shareholders or only to those who have paid dues. This brought up the issue of what perks members get as an incentive for paying dues. Kales reminded the board that when a new player pays dues for the first time, that person automatically becomes a shareholder as well as an 'active' member.
11. Next meeting to be scheduled as needed.

There being no other business, meeting was adjourned at 6:50PM.