

Minutes

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

8 January 2008, 5:30PM

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

Absent: P. Munshaw

1. Minutes of the 5 and 19 November meeting were accepted as submitted.
2. Report for December showed +\$273; current y-t-d +\$1,555; bank balance of \$7,524.
3. No communications were received.
4. Nothing from Recorder Ken Kosloski.
5. Reminders:
 - (a) Jackson Sectional Sat/Sun January 12/13.
Unit 195 Board will be meeting after 2nd session Saturday.
 - (b) *Moving to 325 Clippert this month!*
 - (c) Pro/Am Game Thur 31 January 7:00PM, no preset Pro/Am partnerships.
 - (d) Annual 'Senior Game' Mon aft February 25th 12:30PM, \$5⁰⁰ entry.
 - (e) NonLM Sectional with Dinner Sat 24 May at 1 / 4:45 / 6PM.
6. Proposals submitted to Board of Directors signed by twenty-nine players: (1) Totally non-smoking facility. (2) Food and drinks enjoyed only in a designated area between rounds.
7. Discussion of some proposed modifications at new site.
 - (a) Barrier wall between playing area and restrooms- Gene to check MSU Salvage
 - (b) Installation of stall walls in restroom for women- may be unnecessary if the barrier wall described above is installed, but perhaps it can be brought from the old site
 - (c) Smoking lounge ventilation fan installation- tabled until smoking policy is determined
 - (d) More light fixtures in the playing area- Kales and Schenk to bring fixtures from old site for installation
 - (e) Possible solutions to carpet problems- to be decided later after more cleanings
8. Move to the new site tentatively scheduled for weekend of January 19, but Baker will check with 'BJ' Movers she and Kosloski have used and it may be scheduled earlier. Volunteers will be asked to help pack everything in boxes for the move including the Library books; Kales will pack the Club Manager office stuff.
9. Dhruvan Shah is leaving permanently for Texas. We would schedule a Going Away Party, but he will be gone before next Monday which is the earliest such a party could be held.
10. It was suggested that Kales resurrect the Handicapped IMP League, which hasn't been held in quite some time, for Friday or Wednesday evenings. Stimpfle emphasized that, as everyone is aware the utilities will be higher in our new location, we need to increase revenues.
11. Discussion of Item (6) continued. The concensus of the board, after some comment about how the carpet at the Bridge Center has become stained with food and beverage, it is worthwhile to try a ban on food & beverage 'at-the-table' and restrict it to the new Refreshment Room.

Whether to have a ventilated smoking lounge or to make the Bridge Center new site totally Non Smoking was discussed at some length. A poll was taken to approve a smoking lounge (with a more powerful exhaust fan than we currently have) at the new site. Aye: Haynes, Kales, Kosloski, Messenger. Nay: Baker, Stimpfle, with Munshaw Nay by communication to the Secretary beforehand on this specific issue. Discussion continued. Haynes moved that the Smoking/NonSmoking policy of the Bridge Center and the installation of any smoking exhaust system at the new site be tabled until the next meeting.
12. Next meeting Monday February 11th at 5:45PM
There being no other business, meeting was adjourned at 6:55PM.

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11 February 2008, 5:30PM

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

Absent: NONE

1. Minutes of the 8 January meeting were accepted as corrected.
2. Report for January showed -\$2,873 due to moving costs; bank balance of \$1,119 not counting the \$3,000 CD which matures on 3/22/08. Kales will request from Patrick Corr the refund of our \$1,125⁰⁰ security deposit with Frandorson Properties.
3. No communications were received.
4. Nothing from Recorder Ken Kosloski.
5. Reminders:
 - (a) Annual 'Senior Game' Mon aft February 25th 12:30PM, \$6⁰⁰ entry.
Kales will email Jackson representatives about the Senior Game in Lansing.
 - (b) NABCs in Detroit March 6-16 at the downtown RenCen.
Baker and Hammond will be representing our District 12 in the North American Open Pairs at the NABCs in Detroit.
 - (c) NonLM Sectional with Dinner Sat 24 May at 1 / 4:45 / 6PM.
6. Lucy Clark reported to the Board on the Library. About one-third of the outstanding overdue books have been returned. An updated list of books checked out is needed.
7. Update on how the move to our new site went and what yet needs to be done.
 - o Carpet has been cleaned professionally three times and is much much better than when we started.
 - o Kales and Don Schenk brought some of the fixtures from the old place; Kales, Schenk, and Mike Kerns installed or replaced six fixtures in the playing area. Later, Kales rewired the fixtures as needed.
 - o Could bring parts from old place to put a stall around the toilet in the women's rest room.
 - o Kales arranged with management to retrieve the cubicle wall left behind by the previous tenant; we may decide to put a partial barrier between the rest rooms and the playing area.
 - o Installation and rewiring of at least one fixture is needed such that some lights may be turned on at either the east or west entrances.
 - o Locks need to be changed, but Kales will wait until the problem with the back door is fixed. Management has to have the asphalt shaved so the door will open more than six inches.
 - o Need a railing on the front porch but it will have to wait until better weather for installation.
8. Baker recommended that the Bridge Center cancel all dinners which Kales prepares for the NonLM Sectionals because the liability of the Bridge Center and of the members of its Board of Directors to lawsuit if somebody gets sick. Matter is tabled until the Board can get a more comprehensive legal opinion.
9. Baker demanded that the Board forbid Kales from bringing his dog to the Bridge Center when he is working there. Motion by Kosloski (Messenger second) to permit Kales to bring his dog but not when a game is scheduled. Passed. Nay: Baker.

10. Next meeting Monday March 17th at 5:45PM
There being no other business, meeting was adjourned at 6:55PM.

[Note: special meeting called for Monday 18 February *in re* Annual Meeting]

18 February 2008, 6:15PM[basically a continuation of last week's meeting...]

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

Absent: K. Kosloski, P Munshaw

1. Secretary Kales noted for the Board that the XXIX Annual Meeting needs to be scheduled between April 15th and June 15th, usually on the first available Sunday therein. We could schedule the meeting for Sunday April 13th but that would require a member petition– this has been done on occasion previously. Because of Passover, Sectionals, and Holidays, the first available Sunday is May 4th, and this date is selected.
2. Annual Agenda was reviewed by the Board. In addition to the standard annual items are added an item on a “Bridge Center New Location Grand Opening” and an item on our need for a new accountant bookkeeper.
3. Terms are expiring for Eugene Kales, Kenneth Kosloski, and Ernamarie Messenger. Nominating committee for candidates to the Board of Directors is Baker, Haynes, Munshaw, and Stimpfle. All three incumbents have been asked and are seeking reelection. The number of candidates sought to run is usually double the number to be elected; the Committee is encouraged to find three additional candidates. Anyone may nominate an active member in good standing to run for the Board of Directors to any member of the Committee or to the Secretary.
4. Kales suggested that a survey be included in the Newsletter on the NonSmoking issue so as to provide Board of Directors with the input in this matter of those who could not be present at the Board meetings when the issue was discussed. Baker immediately objected and after brief discussion, the consensus of the other Board members was that a survey is not necessary.
5. An audit is needed for our Annual Meeting. Committee was established of Suzanne Baker, Alice Hill, Kenneth Recker, and Helen VanAmburg. Both Ken and Helen will have to be contacted about their availability.
6. Dave Sheedy has announced to the Board that he is retiring as Club Bookkeeper. He shall remain until we find a replacement or until our annual meeting.
7. Which parking spaces in the back (west) parking area are to be Handicapper Reserved needs to be marked. This will have to wait until better weather arrives and management does the planned surface work on the west lot.
8. Baker reiterated the need for us to cancel the Dinners by Kales at the NonLM Sectionals. She said that they are illegal without a certified kitchen. Kales reminded the Board that the Unit rents the Bridge Center for the NonLM Sectionals and thus it would seem that the Unit bears the liability exposure.
9. Next meeting Monday March 24th at 5:30PM There being no other business, meeting was adjourned at 6:55PM.

24 March 2008, 5:30PM

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

Absent: NONE

1. Minutes of the 11 and 18 February meeting were accepted as corrected.
2. Report for February showed -\$51; bank balance of \$1,868; Kales had to make an emergency \$300⁰⁰ deposit from his own pocket until the security deposit refund check arrived.
3. No communications were received.
4. Nothing from Recorder Ken Kosloski.
5. Reminders:
 - (a) \$25⁰⁰ Annual dues are due! Beat the bushes!
 - (b) Club Championship Monday 24 March 7:00 and
 - (c) Club Championship Thursday 27 March 7:00
 - (d) Memorial Charity Game for Carolyn McGill Monday 31 March 7:00
 - (e) XXIX Annual Shareholder Meeting Sunday May 4th at 1:00PM
For the week following our annual meeting, Haynes suggested a "Bridge Week" schedule including Monday Open Pairs, Tuesday Individual, Wednesday Handicapped Swiss, Thursday Open Pairs, and Friday Stratified Swiss for May 5 through 9.
 - (f) NonLM Sectional with Dinner Sat 24 May at 1 / 4:45 / 6PM.
6. Kales presented the board with a petition requesting the Board to consider installation of a ventilated smoking lounge signed by thirty-six players including eight of the twenty-nine who had signed the petition last month but reconsidered their position.
After rancorous comments by Munshaw and Stimpfle and some further heated discussion, the Board decided by a vote of 6 to 1 [Kales nay] not consider the petition. This topic is deferred to the Annual Meeting and will be added to the published agenda.
7. Baker reiterated the need for us to cancel the Dinners by Kales at the NonLM Sectionals. Messenger relayed to the Board that when she checked with the City/County, she was told that there was no [legal] problem with the dinners since we were a club catering to members, not a public vendor. Munshaw will check further with the Ingham County Health Department in this matter.
8. Nominees for the election to the Board of Directors include incumbents Kales, Kosloski, and Messenger; Stimpfle will give the Secretary the rest of the names on Thursday.
9. Financial Review Committee chair Baker reported that she had contacted Helen VanAmburg, who was on the committee last year and will serve again. Alice Hill and Ken Recker, other suggested possibilities have yet to be contacted.
10. Bookkeeper Dave Sheedy is retiring and a replacement is needed. This will be added to the Annual Agenda. [someone] suggested that Ronnie Brook might be a possibility as she has experience in the bookkeeping area.
11. There were no other items suggested for addition to the annual agenda.
The Newsletter with ballot will be compiled, printed, and mailed out next week.
12. Brainstorming suggestions for increasing usage of the Bridge Center included talking to Daisy Hayes of the senior group currently at the Hannah Center and to somebody at the Delta/Waverly Center about moving their bridge games to the Bridge Center. We could negotiate room fees or usage arrangements on a case-by-case basis.
13. Next meeting Monday April 14th at 5:30PM There being no other business, meeting adjourned at 6:55PM.

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14 April 2008, 5:30PM

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

Absent: NONE

1. Minutes of the 24 March meeting were accepted as corrected.
NOTE: begin including the year with the date of the meeting.
2. Report for March showed -\$865; bank balance of \$1,002; y-t-d loss of approximately \$4,000 includes costs of moving and remodeling.
3. Some friends of hers were upset at not being notified of the Carolyn McGill memorial game; a letter to Carolyn McGill's husband needs to be sent with notification of the amount donated to Hospice in her name; Baker to send letter.
4. Nothing from Recorder Ken Kosloski.
5. Reminders:
 - (a) \$25⁰⁰ Annual dues are due! Beat the bushes!
 - (b) Memorial Game for Omi Weitzman Monday 14 April 7:00, \$6⁰⁰. [Ingham Hospice]
 - (c) Memorial Game for Gus McKearney Monday 28 April 7:00, \$6⁰⁰. [Sparrow Palliative Care]
 - (d) XXIX Annual Shareholder Meeting Sunday May 4th at 1:00PM.
Bridge Week May 5th through 9th, see sign-up sheets.
Notice in the State Journal about our Bridge Week will be placed by Baker.
New District S.T.A.C. will make Monday and Thursday silver points.
 - (e) NonLM Sectional with Dinner Sat 24 May at 1 / 4:45 / 6PM.
6. Joan Harkness *Bring-a-Dish* Party scheduled... Kales to check with Joan about whether Monday May 12th or 19th would be best.
7. Munshaw reported on talking with the Ingham County Health Department about serving food at the NonLM Sectional and there is an implication that kitchens at the Bridge Center and Kales home need to be 'certified' before we may charge money for a meal.
Kales will charge fees of \$11⁰⁰ per player per session for bridge and the potluck dinner will be free to anyone who wishes to partake; i.e.: provide free refreshments but don't sell food.
8. Kales continuing refurbishments; made and hung Bridge Center sign and schedule in left front window/door, hung bulletin boards in playing area for game recap sheets.
9. Search for bookkeeper: Baker approached Ken Recker, will approach Ronnie Brook.
10. Kales will be starting a new Lesson Series through the MSU Evening College this coming fall.
11. As we are in a beautiful new location, it was suggested that we invite the Delta/Wavery Club to relocate to here. A letter of invitation is needed. This topic is deferred to the next meeting.
12. Secretary needs to send a shareholder phone list to members of the board so that annual meeting reminders may be telephoned.
13. Next meeting Monday May 12th or 19th at 5:30PM, see Item 6.
There being no other business, meeting was adjourned at 6:55PM.

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

12 May 2008, 5:30PM

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

Absent: P. Munshaw

1. Results of the 4 May 2008 XXIX Annual Meeting Election with votes received bracketed: Eugene Kales[54], Jerry Avery[28], Ken Kosloski[27], Bill Archer[26], Diane Schafer[26], Ernamarie Messenger[23], Mike Kerns[14], Ken Recker[7]. There were 77 ballots cast; elected are Eugene Kales, Jerry Avery, and Ken Kosloski.

Motion made and unanimously passed to certify these results.

2. Motion made by Kosloski to retain current officers with the exception of having to replace the Treasurer with someone else. Passed, Baker Nay. Jerry Avery accepted the suggestion that he be the Treasurer. Kales will add him to the signature list.
3. Minutes of the 14 April meeting were accepted as corrected.
4. Report for March showed -\$525.21; bank balance of \$3,480; y-t-d loss of approximately \$4,440 includes costs of moving and remodeling.
5. Suggestions received from players to have an Individual more often; Schafer suggested that Stratification for Flight C be 0-500 (instead of NonLM500); Avery suggested that the Thursday evening game be Open as is the Monday game and move the Novice game to Tuesday or Wednesday; Angelacos requested that the front desk area be cleaned and neatened.

The Monday stratification will be changed from NonLM500 to a simple 500 for Flight C, effective immediately. Thursday Director Kales suggested that the game be divided into the usual Thursday NonLM Flight and a separate "Pro" Flight; the computer should be able to handle this. New Flight begins in June.

6. Nothing from Recorder Ken Kosloski.
7. Reminders:
 - (a) Life Master *Bring-a-Dish* Party for Joan Harkness Mon May 19th.
 - (b) NonLM Sectional with Dinner Sat 24 May at 1 / 4:45 / 6PM.
 - (c) Pro/Am Game Thursday May 29th.
 - (d) Memorial Game for Jean Trierweiler 2 June 7:00, \$6⁰⁰.
8. Perks for dues-paid members will include a free birthday month game, and the Pro/Am pool pick for \$1⁰⁰.
9. Financial efficiency of the Library bulk mail permit tabled to June.
10. Financial Review Committee report distributed. Board members should review recommendations for next meeting. Subcommittee of Avery, Munshaw to meet with Sheedy.
11. Reminder by Baker to have minutes posted with ten days of each Board or Membership Meeting.
12. Formation of a "scholarship" committee tabled to June.

13. Kales reported that Birdge Week was a rousing success. Tuesday Individual as well as Wednesday and Friday Handicapped Team games were well received. Forty tables for the whole week! Gross income to Bridge Center \$795⁰⁰ including \$175⁰⁰ donated time by Kales who directed every game for free.
14. Haynes will need a key as he will be starting lessons on Monday evenings.
15. Butt Bucket needed for entranceways; Kales to try and locate, purchase same.
16. Kales received a letter from the Health Officer and Medical Director of the Ingham County Health Department. Fundraising Potluck dinners and such which are for "members" and not open to the public are exempt from licensure.
17. Search for bookkeeper has received 'no thank you's' from Brook and Recker. Sheedy will continue as we search for his replacement.
18. Board unanimously suspends the food and beverage ban for handicapper players during regular games.
19. Haynes will begin lessons on the 1st and 3rd Mondays and collect \$3⁰⁰ per student with \$1⁰⁰ going to the Bridge Center.
20. Bill Paddock will be renting the Bridge Center for a health wellness clinic on Fri-Sat-Sun June 20-22 at a fee of \$100 if the program gets off the ground.
21. New message on answering machine needed; Sally Angelacos will record one. Angelacos is also as part of the Membership Committee producing an email Club newsletter.
22. Next meeting Monday June 8th at 5:30PM.
There being no other business, meeting was adjourned at 6:55PM.

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19 June 2008, 5:30PM

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

Absent: P. Munshaw

1. Minutes of the 12 May meeting were accepted as corrected.
2. Report for May showed +\$525.21; bank balance of \$3,970; y-t-d loss of approximately \$3,945 includes costs of moving and remodeling.
3. Suggestions received from two players; one to dispose of moldy cloths in kitchen and to remove junk in Library, the other for the club to sell wrapped snacks for a profit. The first will be done as needs be; the second has been tried in the past and income always fell short of costs.

Nancy Hammond spoke to the board about a personnell issue.

Kosloski relayed a question/comment from the VanAmburgs about both How to keep the noise level down and on How to get 'A' pairs to sit EW to balance the field.

4. Nothing from Recorder Ken Kosloski.
5. Reminders:
 - (a) Club Championship Monday 16 June 7:00PM.
 - (b) NAOP Club Qualifier Thursday 19 June 7:00PM.
 - (c) NAOP Club Qualifier Monday 23 June 7:00PM.
6. Discussion of efficiency of Library mailing permit noted that at one mailing it is not cost effective, but at two or especially more mailings it is efficient. We used to have four to six mailings per year, but cut back gradually to the current Annual Newsletter (required by Law). Since renewal of the bulk permit is not until 2009, matter deferred to January 2009.
7. Financial Review Committee submitted its Report. One minor question was on what "windows basic one mo" means on the monthly phone bill. Kales to investigate. Board commends the Committee on its work and will proceed with implementation of several recommendations.
8. Committee to investigate placement of lessons in local schools.
9. On the possibility of the Delta/Waverly Club relocating to the Bridge Center, Kosloski discussed it with Chris Adams, but she declined.
10. For our Friday games at the Bridge Center of the local Sectional, we need a cleanup. Kales will arrange to have cleaning lady do it that week Tue or Wed.
11. Does the Bridge Center need some extra folding tables for emergency overflow? Consensus was that we do not need them at this time.
12. Next meeting Monday July 14th at 5:30PM.
There being no other business, meeting was adjourned at 6:55PM.

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14 July 2008, 5:30PM

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

Absent: NONE

1. Minutes of the 19 June meeting were accepted as amended.
2. Report for June showed a large plus because the local sectional income was deposited but the bills not yet paid. The report was returned to the bookkeeper with several questions.
3. Letter received from Vicki Neiberg by Jerry Stimpfle and Suzanne Baker *re* resignation and buy back of Bridge Center stock. Haynes to telephone Neiberg and only if necessary draft a letter and forward it to Kales for printing on letterhead and mailing.

Letter received from Nancy Hammond about her donation of two books by Bergen to the Library.

The Contract Bridge and Games Library and the Bridge Center of Greater Lansing are two separate entities; a donation to one of them cannot be coupled with a perk in the other.

4. Nothing from Recorder Ken Kosloski. Kosloski will prepare a description of the Recorder position for our eNewsletter.
5. Reminders:
 - (a) NAOP Club Qualifier Thursday 10 July 7:00PM.
 - (b) NAOP Club Qualifier Monday 14 July 7:00PM.
 - (c) NAOP Club Qualifier Wednesday 23 July 7:00PM. *sign up!*
 - (d) Pro/Am Champ Thur 31 July 7:00PM. *Pro-In-The-Pool entry \$2⁰⁰*

Suggestions by Avery (1) no discount for Pro/Am Games; (2) move Pro/Am to Wednesday evening from Thursday. Need a poll of the players at the Pro/Am on (2).
6. Kales reported on the Sectional. Bridge Center made a profit of \$273.10 and the Unit lost \$435. The addition of Friday games did not bring any additional revenue to the tournament due to the expense of Director VanCleve, his travel/lodging, and per diem.
7. What to do about the floor in the storage room was discussed. Baker had one quote for linoleum of \$250. After thorough cleaning we may decide that a good floor paint would be sufficient.
8. Personal Property Tax forms from 2007 and 2008 need prep and filing. Kales to see if the info was misfiled and give it to Helen VanAmburg of the Finance Committee.
9. Pat Munshaw reported on her talking with Daisy Hayes of the E.L.Seniors bridge group. They play at the Hanna Center and are not interested in relocating their game(s) to the Bridge Center.
10. Kosloski suggested, with the board in agreement, that we need a new pencil sharpener. Baker to bring in one from home to see if it will be rugged enough for our use.
11. Unit 195 election results were reported to Kales. Alice Hill was elected Unit 195 Board Member over incumbent Sally Spalsbury; Darryl Haynes was elected Alternate over Mike Kerns.
12. Jerry Stimpfle recommended that more publicity is needed for the Fall Lesson Series through the MSU Evening College.
13. Next meeting Monday August 11th at 5:30PM.

There being no other business, meeting was adjourned at 6:55PM.

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11 August 2008, 5:30PM

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

Absent: NONE

1. Minutes of the 14 July meeting were accepted as amended.
2. Report for July showed approx zero net loss after deposits and withdrawals from the Lansing Sectional.
3. The bookkeeper requests that the board riterate policy that all game director fees be paid by separate check rather than deducted from the game receipts.

Sally Angelacos submitted to the board a post facto bill for Birdge Center business cards for reimbursement of \$28.92. Expenditure approved.

Kales moved that the board confirm current policy that any expenditure must be approved either by the Board of Directors or the Club Manager beforehand unless necessary for the smooth running of one of our duplicate games. Unanimously confirmed.

Kosloski relayed questions from Sally Angelacos about textbook sales. Kales explained that the books are Unit 195 property and any money collected is the Unit's.

4. Nothing from Recorder Ken Kosloski.
5. Reminders:
 - (a) NAOP Club Qualifier Thursday 14 August 7:00PM.
 - (b) NAOP Club Qualifier Monday 18 August 7:00PM.
 - (c) NAOP Club Qualifier Wednesday 27 August 7:00PM. *sign up!*
6. Stimpfle reported for the Membership Promotion Committee. Fliers for lessons are being prepared. Business Cards for the Bridge Center have been ordered. Other ideas are being worked on. Computer needs to be set up for player use in the Library; Kales anad Sheedy to so do.
7. Kales reported on the Unit 195 Board meeting in Grand Rapids. Actions of note...
 - o Subsidies for travel to/from board meetings was raised from 0.25/mile to 0.35/mile.
 - o Unit will be getting an insurance policy to cover meals served at Unit tournaments.
 - o The Unit shall [continue to] reimburse the cost of the ACBL Teacher Accreditation Course to Unit 195 members who wish to become bridge teachers.
8. Pro/Am to move to the fifth Wednesday in October so as not to inbterfere with the flighted Thursday evening game; the entry fee for active Pro members will remain \$1⁰⁰.
9. Congratulations to Jan Etienne who has be come a Life Master! We need to schedule a *Bring-a-Dish* Party for her. Check with her about Sept 8th or 15th. [She later selected Monday August 25th]
10. The Lansing Regional approaches in 2010 and we need to establish appropriate committees for the Regional. Gene Kales and Alice Hill are Chairmen of the Tournament.
11. IRS 1099 forms info should be routinely made available to the Board in monthly bookkeeper reports.
12. The Bridge Center has gotten behind in filing some tax reports on the Lansing personal property tax. The bookkeeper will see about having our "property" fully depreciated.
13. October is Club Appreciation Month; special games need to be scheduled. Kales would appreciate help in doing the Calendar for the entire upcoming year as soon as the renewal materials arrive with 2009 Special Events dates.
14. Next meeting Monday September 8th at 5:30PM.
There being no other business, meeting was adjourned at 6:55PM.

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15 September 2008, 5:30PM

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

Absent: NONE

1. Minutes of the 11 August meeting were accepted as corrected.
2. Report for August showed a net loss of \$268, with a bank balance of \$4,070.
3. Stimpfle relayed that Bob Victor would be willing to place fliers at locations on MSU campus.
Sally Angelacos is making nametags for Lansing players in the District NAOP Final.
Baker reminded Kales to check for a possible error in the instant matchpoints for the Gold Point Game which differ between computer and booklet.
4. Nothing from Recorder Ken Kosloski.
5. Reminders:
 - (a) Instant Matchpoint Game Thurs 11 August 7:00PM, entry \$7⁰⁰ ea.
 - (b) Club Championship Thursday 18 September 7:00PM.
 - (c) Club Championship Monday September 22nd 7:00PM.
 - (d) Next Pro/Am will be Wed October 29th with active Pro entry \$1⁰⁰.
6. Sally Angelacos requested that a rug be purchased for kitchenette; consensus is to decline.
Angelacos also suggested a "Cleanup Crew" be arranged for the storage room. Board agrees this is an excellent idea and will schedule it.
7. Special Games scheduled for Club Appreciation in October and Holidays in December: ◦ Thu Oct 9th Club App Pairs, ◦ Fri Oct 10th Club App Teams "8 Is Enough" format, ◦ Mon Oct 13th Club App Pairs, ◦ Wed Oct 22nd Club App Teams "8 Is Enough" format, ◦ Wed Oct 29th Club App Pairs Pro/Am format.
◦ S.T.A.C. Dec 8th - 13th ◦ Mon Holiday Party Dec 15th 6:00PM, ◦ Thu Holiday Party Dec 18th 6:00PM, ◦ Fri Holiday Party Dec 19th 6:00PM, with prizes and gift drawings. ◦ Wed New Year's Eve Party Dec 31st.
8. The VanAmburgs suggested other directors get training on how to process the ACBL Monthly Report as they are soon go south for the winter. George has also prepared a backup diskette for use after each games had been DBADDED.
9. Dave Sheedy and George VanAmburg are soon to replace our old computer with a newer model which run in Windows instead of DOS.
10. There is good need to have the Library computerized so that we can know what we have; get Librarian Lucy Clark involved. There should be another comuter available in the Library Room.
11. Helen Vanamburg has prepared a list of which forms are due to be filed when; She will send Secretary Kales a copy.
12. Jackie Oman complained about the 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ table Mitchell with a four board sit out. Kales showed VanAmburg where the Howell cards he made for a 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ table 24 Board movement were kept.
13. Next meeting Monday October 13th at 5:30PM.
There being no other business, meeting was adjourned at 6:55PM.

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13 October 2008, 5:30PM

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

Absent: NONE

1. Minutes of the 15 Septembet meeting were accepted as amended.
2. Financial Report for September delayed.
3. Alice Hill and Kales will arrange a date for another computer training session.

VanAmburgs mentioned that when Thursday is not flighted separately that some grumbling was heard from the NonLMs.

4. Ken relayed a recent occurrence on Monday when Dave Sheedy answered the phone and a player needed a partner. He was not directing and the Director ended up not partnering with the player who called but with his regular partner. Discussion ensued.
5. Reminders:
 - (a) Club Appreciation Pairs Game Thurs 9 October 7:00PM.
 - (b) Club Appreciation Pairs Game Mon 13 October 7:00PM.
 - (c) Club Appreciation Team Game Fri 10 October 7:00PM.
 - (d) Club Appreciation Team Game Wed 22 October 7:00PM.
 - (e) Next Pro/Am will be Wed October 29th with active Pro entry \$1⁰⁰.
This will be a special Club Appreciation Game, too.
Add to annual agenda: Publication of Dues paid Members.
 - (f) District S.T.A.C is the week of December 8th - 13th.
6. Kales found a vendor for the Library cabinet keys, purchased several, and gave one to Lucy. Motion by Avery requesting Librarian Clark to report to the Board on the future of the Library; passed unanimously.
7. Kales to check with Sheedy about sharing dorectoral duties for Monday evening now that VanAmburgs have left for the season.
8. Board policy is that foreign currency is not to be taken for entry fee payments, adopted unani- mously.
9. Financial committee is getting personal property tax, \$402.19 for 2008, issues straightened out. Annual Michigan Reports for 2007 and 2008 were filed for \$20 ea. Find out IRS filing status.
10. Cleanup of storage room to be organized by Baker for an upcoming Friday.
11. Helen VanA Thursday is stratified instead of being flighted separately from A.
12. Next meeting Monday November 10th at 5:30PM.
There being no other business, meeting was adjourned at 6:55PM.

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

10 November 2008, 5:30PM

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

Absent: NONE

1. Minutes of the 13 October meeting were accepted as amended.
2. Financial Report for September showed a net of $-\$40$; October needs to be recalculated.
3. Communications included: Suggestion that we charge for coffee and tea and hot chocolate. Consensus of the Board is not to begin charging. Suggestion that everybody take turns bringing snack items. Consensus of Board is that this may be recommended but is unenforceable. Suggestion that 'everyone needs to leave their nasty attitudes at the door and have more fun.' Board feels this is a most worthy goal.
4. Nothing from Recorder Ken Kosloski.
5. Reminders:
 - (a) NonLM Sectional Sat 15 November 1:00PM/ dinner / 6:00PM.
 - (b) ACBL-wide Charity Game Monday November 24 7:00PM.
 - (c) District S.T.A.C is the week of December 8th - 13th.
 - (d) Monday Holiday Party Dec 15th 6:00PM,
 - (e) Thursday Holiday Party Dec 18th 6:00PM,
 - (f) Fri Holiday Party Dec 19th 6:00PM, with prizes and gift drawings.
 - (g) Wednesday December 31 New Year's Eve Party and Game.
 - o 5.a. Kales reported that for the NonLM Sectional he farmed out a couple of dishes, had some pizza delivered, and only had to make two simple veggies and the salad. Everybody seemed to accept this compromise fare.
 - o 5.f. Suggested that instead of prizes, we should donate what we would have spent to local Food Banks. Also, collect food bank donations from players.
6. Librarian Lucy Clark reported. We need a list of overdue books and who has them. Books need to be either returned or replaced. Promotion Committee to meet with the Librarian 2008.12.01 for discussions.
7. Kales and Sheedy will be sharing directoral duties on Mondays. Note from Sheedy that he will be unavailable 12/8 and 12/15.
8. Cleanup of storage room was recently done; Baker report. Room was organized and top-to-bottom cleaned; floor was painted; director area reorganized. Need a rug for rear entrance and something to replace old musty mop.
9. Kales reported arrival of 'butt bucket' which will be chained outside rear door when sand ballast and chain are obtained.
10. Next meeting Monday December 8th at 5:30PM.
There being no other business, meeting was adjourned at 6:50PM.

Minutes

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

8 December 2008, 5:30PM

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

Absent: NONE

1. Minutes of the 10 November meeting were accepted as amended.
2. Financial Report for November showed a net of +\$615.
3. Communications from Bill Archer that we install a “privacy barrier” across the urinal space in the Men’s Room so that when the door is opened one is not visually exposed.
4. Nothing from Recorder Ken Kosloski.
5. Reminders:
 - (a) District S.T.A.C is the week of December 8th - 13th.
 - o Monday o Wednesday o Thursday o Friday, all 7:00pm
 - (b) Monday Holiday Party Dec 15th 6:00PM,
 - (c) Thursday Holiday Party Dec 18th 6:00PM,
 - (d) Fri Holiday Party Dec 19th 6:00PM, with donations to charity.
 - (e) Wednesday December 31 New Year’s Eve Party and Game.
6. The Bridge Center should not become a general recycling center for members, but there are some local requirements to recycle. Perhaps a reduced list such as:
 - Plastics: #1 PETE and #7 PETE, #2 HDPE.
 - Styrofoam cups and plates.
 - Newspaper, magazines, phone books.
 - Florescent light bulbs, long and compact.
7. No news on new Directors; Mike Kerns was most recent interested person.
8. Need to remind players that Food Bank collections are being taken and that Friday Holiday Party will donate \$10⁰⁰ oer table to the Food Bank as well as any extra member donations.
9. The Membership Promotion Committee brought the following recommendations to the Board:
 - Have a true Novice game 0-20mps
 - Re-Publicize Thursday evening policy that a Life Master may partner with a newbie to play on Thursday for three times.
 - Purchase some “good” folding tables to replace at least two “bad” tables.
 - Post calendar as THIS MONTH / NEXT MONTH so players may plan ahead.
 - Find out how many subscriptions the Library has and do we need them all.
10. Haynes suggested the Bridge Center purchase *PASS* cards for our bidding boxes.
11. Next meeting Monday January 12th 2009 at 5:30PM.
There being no other business, meeting was adjourned at 6:35PM.