

SANTA BARBARA LAWN BOWLS CLUB

Board of Directors' Meeting

Tuesday, March 2, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by President 'Bud' Viard. Also present were Russ Morgan, Tim Thorton, Gloria Torres, Eileen Morton, Ken Gould, Tor Schoyen, Jim Stahl, Mary Penny, and Jo Millett. A number of club members were also in attendance.

SECRETARY: MSP that the minutes of the February meeting be approved as read. There were no suggestions in the box nor was there any correspondence.

TREASURER: Russ presented the financial report for last month. MSP that it be approved.

OLD BUSINESS: (1) Roch Monchamp presented statistics concerning the ratings of our members. It would seem we have 32 skips, 14 vices, 15 leads and 19 combo members. Ratings will be left as they are. On game day, The Game Board personnel will give preference to those rated full skips. When there is a predominance of skips, the game board assigner will ask if the member would play another position, hoping for an agreement. Visitors will be assigned according to the position they have indicated.

(2) Bud reported on the February 20th birthday party. The guests (25-35) were shown the rudiments of the game and 'let loose'. A good time was had by all and the club was left in perfect condition after the final festivities. Our treasury was pleased as well.

(3) The Young Jewish Federation is scheduled to come Sunday, March 7, having been rescheduled several times in the past. Bowls in our 'teachers' locker will be issued for this party as well as any others in the future. Those bowls residing in the 'For Sale Closet' should not be used for this purpose as some are on consignment while others have been donated to the club.

(4) Our directory, with roster, is complete and published. Thank you, Eileen. Whatever small mistakes there happen to be will be corrected in the *March On The Jack*. The SW Division forms for SBLBC have been given to Russ for completion.

NEW BUSINESS: (1) Because of the dangers sometimes posed by the placement of our bowls' rakes, members have been known to injure themselves. Jess Jessum proposed racks be made to hold the rakes during play and thus be out of the way. He has volunteered to check with the city as well as manufacturers to get all the particulars. He will present the results at our next meeting.

(2) Lucy Jackson has been mending our awnings which have been torn from constant weathering. Bless you Lucy. One is beyond even her expertise and the function of her sewing machine. With our approval, the one needing help will be sent out for professional repair.

(3) With regard to the President's letter sent as well as posted, concerning a meeting with the Parks and Recreation Department, a number of interested members joined the SBLBC Board in a lively discussion. (Please see copy of Bud's letter enclosed in Secretary's folder.) Because of the department's budget being cut AGAIN, most facilities run by Parks and Rec. will be assessed additional money to cover this shortfall. This year we are paying \$2,000 for our share of the utility costs for our campus. A figure given by Stan Bloom was around 8K to 10K to really take care of this obligation. However, we do not even know what the main expenditure is – that of water. We need to find out about the meter, what areas/places are on it, can we put in one just for us, can we pay for our own utility, etc.?

Other ideas given by those present were:

- Find a commercial sponsor to contribute.
- Assume cost of the utilities and half of any repair work on our facility.
- Let upper green go fallow or use it for some other recreational activity like archery or croquet and charge rent to the 'other sport'.

A firmer proposal from Parks and Recreation is expected at the next meeting with them and the bowls clubs. We need to be able to respond with a resolution of our own. Bud has called a special meeting of the board on Thursday, March 18th to prepare it. Meantime, MacKenzie will have drawn up what they want to present and we will be notified so that there is agreement between the clubs.

(4) We must do marketing of our CLUB and sport in the future if we want to remain robust.

Meanwhile, KEEP A POSITIVE ATTITUDE ABOUT THE FUTURE OF SBLBC. We shall overcome!

Meeting adjourned at 11:15. Next meeting is the special one on the 18th. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be at 10:00 on Tuesday, April 6, 2010.

Secretary
Jo Millett

Approved

Date