

BILLIARD CLUB

MINUTES – JANUARY 5, 2022

Details: Dinner Meeting

8" Subs from Firehouse Subs:

Ham, RB, Pastrami, Turkey, Veggie, Chicken, Corn Beef on Wheat & White Bread. Meal consisted of a cookie and a bag of assorted chips. Water was also provided for all as well as candy on the table for snacking.

Eating commenced at 5:10 PM

At 5:40 the meeting was called to order by Bob Brown.

Bob mentioned those former billiards players that have passed: Tom LeMay, Jerry Ramus, Joe Kurey, Jim Minchow and Joe Ferrandini.

Bob then introduced Norbert Stuhler, the 2022 President and Norbert called the meeting to order. He thanked Susan and Dave Gagner for arranging the dinner. Norbert introduced the board: Kevin Taylor, VP; Dave Gagner, Treasurer; Dave Applebaum, Secretary and Susan Williams, Administrator.

The nominations for office were presented in November and officer positions was by acclamation in December (there was no opposition as no one else volunteered to seek an office).

Norbert thanked Tom Hain for web site, Kay Peters and Marge Whitney, Ladies League Leaders and Ed Roney, Nominating Committee. He also thanked Mac Dimiceli for the TV monitoring and taking pictures of the members for our website. He thanked John Wienhof, Larry Lammes and Tony Mataski for their work on the cue stick holders, bridge and rack holders. Norbert thanked Bob Christiansen for the donation made to our club when he referred new residents to Sun City. Norbert thanked Vicky Spivey and Delaine Newberry for working with the board thru 2020 and 2021 with COVID protocols.

Norbert apologized for the top teams and players' pictures not appearing in the Buzz last month but has resubmitted the pictures for the next Buzz.

He then introduced he top three teams and top three players in both leagues. This information is available to review on the SCP Billiards web site.

New members introduced themselves and then Norbert introduced Dave Gagner, Treasurer.

Dave gave a detailed financial report. (A copy will be posted on website.) As of January 2020, we had a balance of \$543 and at the end of 2021 we had a year-end balance of \$1,818. Today's balance is approximately \$3,000 before meal expenses. In 2021 we had 31 new members.

Dave Gagner took a show of hands for those interested in having a Nine-Ball group. Twelve people showed interest. The Board will discuss this at the next meeting.

Bob Ley was introduced as having an interest in a less competitive group (not the Nick Nickerson type player) and with a show of hands there were only five people interested. This topic will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Dave asked for volunteers for the Vendor Fair, April 22 (last one was 2019) which would net our club \$125 if we participate, and we finally had three people out of approximately 65 in attendance that volunteered. They are John Wienhof, Jeff Heuss and David Applebaum.

Norbert reviewed sub rules and discussion was had. The reason for these new rules, beside the fact that numerous members asked that this be reviewed, is to utilize the substitutes more and not those that are already assigned to teams.

He discussed the equal handicap sub rule and the penalty. Those rules are published on the website as well as are in printed form in the books in the billiards hall.

When putting new people on a team that does not have a handicap established was put on a team with a 6.4 handicap to even out the teams. That is NOT their handicap for play. The handicap will be established, as it always has been, after he/she plays four games, totals it up and divides by four – that is their new and official handicap, i.e., subs will have official handicaps after their first completed match.

A discussion was had on how many times a player can play: Two times a week in each league.

Norbert discussed getting more people involved by having committees such as:

Technical – Scoring and such and Phil Girts volunteered.

Training –

Social Activities –

No volunteers for last two items were noted.

SCPBilliards.com – Norbert asked if anyone needed help in navigating our website. No one raised their hand (if you do need assistance, please contact a board member).

Norbert reminded all present that the billiard hall has only three walls and conversations can easily be heard down both halls leading to and away from the billiards hall. This was brought to our attention by Delaine as she, and others, could not help but hear a colorful conversation that was had by billiards members recently as they shot pool.

Questions and Answers:

Someone asked if we could purchase a Ball Washer. Both Carol Burns and Susan Williams said there was a ball washer that we used in the past when Wayne Silva was president.

The lady's schedule was discussed, and Carol Burns asked if something can be done. The board and ladies' leaders will address this again before the next session to see if a solution can be made.

(Side Note: It was later noted that there has and continues to be a snafu in the system and Mike Mokri said that he has, in the past been overriding the program to correct this. The board will get this corrected before the next session.)

Discussion was had on the question of if we were going to have a vote to elect officers. Norbert explained that the vote was handled in November and the officers were voted in by acclamation, as there were no other members willing to run for office.

There was also discussion on the handicap penalty point for the ladies league. The ladies said they did not have enough subs and the player pool was too small to make this equitable. Norbert pointed out that the board wanted to keep the rules the same for both leagues if possible. (This was rescinded a day later after the board met and concluded the arguments were valid.

Someone brought up the change for a perfect game (the 10 vs 8 issue) and the board in a recent meeting agreed to continue with the 8 being the top number for this session. This will allow us to gather more information. (We will have statistics from two sessions with the 8 rule). This rule was created to not give advantage to the best of the players. Members had asked the board to review this situation last year and we did.

Question asked why membership is not voting on all matters. The board makes day to day and session to session changes, and it is not necessary to have these voted on by the membership – that is why each club has a board of officers. If there were a proposal put forth to change our by-laws, then the membership votes on those changes.

Slow play was discussed, and the board has reviewed this on numerous occasions. It was suggested that the captains remind everyone, as well as the slow players that he/she must speed things up to complete the games on a timely basis so his/her teammates, and the other team members are not inconvenienced by having to wait so long. The games need to be completed on time for the next session to start as scheduled.

Everyone was reminded that a nine-ball tournament was going to be played immediately following the meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 PM.

Susan Williams, Administrator

These minutes are not necessarily in the exact order as presented!