

Minutes – ACBL Board Unit 380

Date: January 19, 2022

Time: 11:00am

Place: Belton Bridge Center

Present: Linda Randall (President), Marty Poel (Vice President), Bob Kimball (Treasurer), Ellen Schneider (Secretary), Cliff Denton (member-at-large), John Randall (member-at-large)

Not Present: Billie Edington (Parliamentarian)

Approval of Minutes:

- Bob made a motion to accept the December 12, 2021, minutes. John seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- Bob reported that the Unit currently has a balance of \$7,982.26 in checking and \$19,135.32 in the A1 money market account.
- Per Linda's request, the revenue from the Monday, Wednesday and Friday games has been separated on the Profit and Loss sheet.
- Bob estimates that the monthly income from games will be \$4,500, which is about one-third the monthly income the Unit received prior to the pandemic. As a result, within the next 6 months the Unit will need to dip into the money market funds or ask members for donations. Bob reported that last year's fund-raising event was very successful.
- The board discussed options for increasing income. Bob suggested advertising the club in newspapers, offering bridge classes to attract new players, and finding additional renters of the building. John agreed to write an article for the Bulletin.
- Other options for increasing income were discussed later in the meeting (see Marketing Campaign under New Business).
- Marty made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. John seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Old Business:

April Tournament

- Linda commented that she did not believe it was feasible financially to run the tournament since turnout would be low and the expenses would not be offset by the revenue. Marty contacted ACBL and was informed that it is still possible to cancel the tournament.
- Bob made a motion that the April tournament be canceled. Cliff seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Club Directory 2022

- Marilyn Thomas has completed the initial draft of the 2022 directory and it is currently being edited by Dave Allen and Pat Allen. The directories will be available in February.
- There was discussion as to whether players who no longer reside in the Unit jurisdiction be included in the directory. It was noted that the directory is not meant to be a list of only current members and that it is useful to have the contact information of players outside the jurisdiction who occasionally frequent the center. Ellen made a motion that such players continue to be included in the directory. Bob seconded the motion. The motion passed.

New Business:

Sending List of Vaccinated Players to El Paso

- Patrick Haughey, President ACBL Board Unit 159, has requested a list of all vaccinated players from our Unit. He would like the list prior to the El Paso tournament.
- Due to privacy issues, Linda will email the Unit prior to sending the list so that any individual may request that his or her vaccination status not be submitted to El Paso. Marty made a motion to send the list (minus those who state otherwise) to El Paso. Bob seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- It was suggested that we get a current directory from the El Paso Unit to have on hand at the center.

Covid Booster Requirement

- Linda led a discussion on whether or not to require Covid booster shots. Ellen advised requiring boosters to protect the safety of all players. Bob pointed out that most of the Unit players are in the high-risk category due to age. He also mentioned that break-out cases of Covid could result in the center shutting down.
- Bob made a motion that by February 15, 2022, players must show either proof of a booster within the last 6 months or proof of (full) vaccination within the last 6 months. Marty seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Covid Protocols for Players

- Linda will send a Covid policy to the Unit. It will include a reminder that people not play bridge if they have had possible exposure to Covid. It will also ask players to inform either a board member or a director if they test positive to Covid within 5 days of having played at the center.

Bylaws

- Ellen pointed out that there are inconsistencies between the Unit Bylaws and actual practice. Her main issue concerned the nomination/election process of the Board of Directors and subsequent election of Corporation Officers. It was agreed that Ellen would write up her concerns and send to the board for review.

Marketing Campaign

- Marty shared Mary Zawacki's suggestion that we advertise the Bridge Club via the Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce. This item was tabled due to lack of time.

Next Board Meeting: TBD

Adjournment: Bob moved that we end the meeting. John seconded the motion and all agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 12:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Schneider
Secretary