

## Annual Meeting Minutes - ACBL Unit 380

Date: December 12, 2020

Place: "Zoom"

### **Julie Reiser delivered the following President's Report**

Welcome and thanks to everyone for joining our virtual annual meeting.

This year started out like any other with regular bridge games six days a week and every other Sunday. Bridge lessons were being provided by Cliff Denton and Roy Falck on Wednesdays. Bill Carrell provided two lessons on the ARCH method for declarer play, and Peg Waller provided a lesson on defensive signaling. By early March, plans were underway for the upcoming Intermediate/Novice tournament. Then the pandemic hit, and everything came to an abrupt halt and the Belton Bridge Center was officially closed on March 17.

Thinking that the bridge center would re-open within a few months, the Board decided to take advantage of the closure by getting the interior painted. It was a big job and the bridge center looks great. Thanks go to Stephanie Morgan for coordinating that project (more on that later). The Board had several other projects in mind, especially with regard to the exterior of the building, but it started to become obvious that the bridge center would be closed a lot longer than anticipated, which meant we would not be receiving any income for some time and we should hold off on spending. We had obtained several quotes on re-doing the roof, but then decided that for now a thorough patching of the roof would have to suffice. Thank-you Molly Evetts for coordinating that project.

Since in-person bridge is not possible at this time, several of our members have taken to playing bridge on line. When the pandemic struck and bridge centers across the nation closed, ACBL moved quickly to set up a system of "virtual clubs", which provides an opportunity to play bridge in smaller groups. Linda Spengler has pooled her club with the Duke City Bridge Club in Albuquerque, and Dave Allen has pooled his club with the Phoenix Rising/Alto Lakes group out of Oregon and Ruidoso, New Mexico. Barbara Housenecht has decided she no longer wants to run her club and Rob Van Ekeren has elected to take it over. He has pooled his club with the Duncan Bridge Center in Palm Desert California.

During the year we've had some membership changes to the Board. Jean Wiborg resigned early in the year and Bob Kimball agreed to serve in her place. This was timely because all Board meetings needed to be held remotely and Bob was familiar with the Zoom platform. Later, Stephanie Morgan moved out of town and Susan Michelson filled her position. More recently, Pat Calhoun resigned from the Board and Billie Edington filled her position. Billie is one of the original founders of the Belton Bridge Center, and I am pleased she will be on Board as we enter into 2021 with all the uncertainties that the new year will bring.

During this past year Peg Kenny, our excellent treasurer, has been taking care of the bridge center accounts, paying the bills, and keeping the Board aware of our financial situation. At this time I would like to ask Peg to provide the treasurer's report.

### **Peg Kenney delivered the Treasurer's Report**

"The BBC Certificate of Deposit matured on Thursday, December 10th. The balance was transferred to the money market account as agreed to at the last board meeting. The interest rate had been 2.05%. The current available rate is .05%. Our current cash position includes Checking of \$5,230 and Money Market of \$19,115. Of the total cash (\$24,345), \$4,835 is restricted as Memoriam Donations. These funds are not available for day to day operating expenses. Of the \$4,835, \$2,150 was donated this past year. Monthly expenses during club closure are approximately \$800 including utilities, property insurance and property taxes."

Thank-you Peg!

Dave Gose also deserves our thanks for keeping the Bridge Center in good repair. We've had a couple instances of vandalism and he took care of the repairs. Dave, Larry Gioannini, and Cliff Denton have been keeping a watch on the Bridge Center, pulling weeds, etc. and I'm sure other tasks as well of which I am unaware. A special thanks also needs to go out to Alison Mann. Alison has served on the Board for the past four years and her administrative skills have been quite an asset. We've all seen her don her apron and tackle the food service and clean-up every time we've had a party. Alison has completed her term of service on the Board, but that doesn't mean she will stop working for the Bridge Center. In fact, she is currently working with Marilyn Thomas on the Unit Directory. Alison would like to give us an update on the Unit Directory.

### **Alison Mann delivered a report on the Directories**

"Thank you to Marilyn Thomas who has put the 2021 Directory together. Alison will send out a last call for birthdays and any changes people want to their information. Because of quantity discounts, there have been too many directories published for the number of people who take them, so we will get quotes from several printers to see if we can cut cost and volume. Rob Van Eckren asked about having the directory PDF available to members so it can be stored on their computers. Alison will ask Marilyn about that. After the new officers of the Board are elected, the Directory will be ready for printing."

Thank-you Alison and Marilyn!

Every year at our annual meeting the Unit President announces the person receiving the Volunteer of the Year award. This year the Board has selected Stephanie Morgan. As mentioned before, Stephanie coordinated the building interior painting project. She and her husband Dave spent many hours getting everything ready for the painters, including removing all items attached to the walls and then putting it all back up again.

She and Dave also repaired several of the ceiling tiles that had sustained water damage. Stephanie completely organized the closet too; it looks amazing! Normally, the Volunteer of the Year receives six months of free unit games. Since Stephanie has moved out of town, the Board decided to try to entice her to come back for a visit by offering her free bridge at any game or tournament during 2021.

And now to the final business to be done at our annual meeting each year, that is, the nominations for the 2021 Board positions. This year Alison Mann, Molly Evetts and Peg Kenny are leaving the Board. We thank them for their service. The committee assigned with the task of recruiting new members to serve on next year's Board are Billie Edington, Larry Gioannini, and Michael Heald. The nominations from this committee are: Glynis Racine, Marty Poel, and Cliff Denton. Are there any nominations from the floor? If not, all in favor of the nominees, please raise your hand.

[The nomination slate was approved.]

### **The floor was open for comments**

Molly: attaboy to Julie for her great work as President during this tough year  
- working with ACBL and BBO and communicating with us about the games  
- Kept Unit 380 afloat

Harvey G: Even with the vaccine, F2F bridge will not be open for a long time. How much does it cost to keep the building open. Harvey recommended that members consider making contributions in the future, when the time comes.

Peg (in response to Harvey): Utilities, insurance, property tax, minor repairs = \$800/month. We have \$19,000 in the operating acct. If the roof has to be fixed, in the future, we'll have to address that.

Marty: spoke to Dave Gose, who is opposed to donations. This is a different situation.

Alison: The memorial fund could also be used for the roof (capital)

Rob V: Agrees with the use of the memorial fund. Also, we have extra assets.

Ellen S: When the vaccine is available and when Belton opens, will the board have a policy regarding how we would proceed?

Marty: We will listen to the health care professionals.

Julie: We will base decisions on CDC and ACBL. We must see how things unfold.

Robert F: This month's Bridge Bulletin has a 2 page article on testing.

Katy F: wanted to take a moment of silence for those we lost this year.

Julie: Lou Henson  
George McCoy  
Susan Oates  
Elissa Poel  
Sharon Wooden  
Sue Parker

The meeting was adjourned at: 10:51am

A short meeting was held on December 16, 2020 to elect officers. The minutes are attached to this document.

**The next Board meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, January 27th at 10AM, and will be held via "zoom".** All club members are welcome.

Submitted by Susan Michelson

Belton Bridge Center - Board Meeting

December 16, 2020

Convened via Zoom

Members Present: Julia Reiser, Bob Kimball, Billie Edington, Glynis Racine , Cliff Denton, Susan Michelson

Guest Present: Peg Kenny

The meeting was called to order at 3:45

Peg described the role of the Treasurer

Election of Officers:

The group nominated Bob Kimball for Treasurer. Vote:Unanimous

The group nominated Billie for President. Vote:Unanimous

The group nominated Susan Michelson for Secretary. Vote:Unanimous

The Group nominated Marty Poel for Vice-President. Vote:Unanimous

Discussion:

Billie challenged the group to think of ways to keep more members involved during the pandemic closure. Suggestions included encouraging more online play and perhaps offering classes via Zoom.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Kimball