



**Memorandum of Discussion**  
**ACBL Unit 174 Board of Directors Meeting**  
**October 6th, 2020**  
**Zoom**

**Call to Order**

**Jack LaVigne**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm.

**Directors Present:** Joyce Gore, Lauri Laufman, Jack LaVigne, Greg May, Kathleen McDougall, Karen Nussbaum, Clif Rice, and Sheryl Thomas.

**Absent:** Kathleen Malcolmson

**Others Present:** Gary Hercules-Treasurer, Bill Riley and Nancy Strohmer.

**ACBL Up-Date**

**Paul Cuneo**

**Approval of Minutes**

**Joyce Gore**

The September Minutes were prepared and emailed to the Board.

**Motion** that the September 2020 Minutes be approved was made by Karen Nussbaum – Seconded by Kathleen McDougall. **Motion Carried**

The September Special Meeting Minutes were prepared and emailed to the Board.

**Motion** that the September 2020 Special Meeting Minutes be approved was made by Karen Nussbaum – Seconded by Greg May **Motion Carried**

**Treasurer's Report**

**Gary Hercules**

Gary reported the September Financial Report had been emailed and verified.

**Motion** to accept the September Financial Report was made by Kathleen McDougall \_ Seconded by Lauri Laufman. **Motion Carried**



## **Old Business**

### **Online Clubs**

Jack thanked everyone for their efforts on calling players not playing online. He said of the 167 he had called, he thought maybe 10% would start playing online. His feeling was he had spread goodwill and rekindled interest in playing bridge again. Discussion of calls was shared.

### **Nominating Committee**

Jack said he and Karen had met with the nominating committee. They shared Article 6 of the By Laws and Section 3 of the Procedures with them and asked if they would be able to get a slate of candidates by the beginning of November. They said this was not very likely but they would try. Chairman, Joe Quinn said they were having trouble finding qualified people who would agree to run.

### **Publicity Chair**

**Dave Becker**

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Club Connection**

**Kathleen Malcolmson**

#### **Charity**

**Nancy Strohmer**

Nancy reported they had received 13 (thirteen) nominations for the 2021 Charity of the Year, but in reality there were 8 (eight) charities to choose from as 5 (five) of the nominations were for the same charity. The deadline for nominations is October 15th. Nancy said Carol Winograd had once again agreed to assist with the selection. They will meet October 16th to make the selection.

### **Education**

**Kathy McDougall**

Kathy said the list for the selection of bridge teachers has been narrowed down to those who are willing to teach or are teaching online. She said some are exploring certification and others were focusing on certain levels they want to teach. She said maybe 3 or 4 teachers could be selected by the Board. Greg said they were looking for 3-4 teachers who would teach the beginning bridge players and refresher courses, some on BBO and some on SharkBridge. It was suggested these teachers could be subsidized by the board for courses on BBO. A discussion on Scholarship for Students was deferred to a later date.

**Motion** that the Board subsidizes up to \$500 of expenses for ABTA certified or completed Best Practices course teacher, to teach beginning bridge courses on BBO or SharkBridge for as many as 4 (four) instructors was made by Greg May – Seconded by Clif Rice

**Motion Carried**

### **IN**

**Kathy McDougall**

### **New Member Recruitment/Retention**

**Clif /Greg /Kathleen/Kathy**

Kathy displayed a chart of who and how we need to target new members. Best methods were word and mouth, community ads and Facebook. She said word and mouth was probably the best as she felt Homeowner Association Bulletins were not widely read. She said we can target 8 communities from one



publishing company for one month at a cost of approximately \$1000.00.

Nancy Strohmer said, in November the District will be offering “Learn Bridge in a Day” to all units, free to everyone who signs up, on a first come first serve basis. She said District 16 is subsidizing teaching the current teachers, who do not know how to teach online, how to teach online. This had filled up in 48 hours and Unit 174 is well represented.

Laurie informed them that last year they found there were several ways to get free postings as well as paid inserts in papers. She would share if interested.

**Member Communication**

**Jeanne Phelps**

**STaC**

**Karen Nussbaum**

**GNT**

**Kathleen McDougall**

**NAP**

**Greg May**

**Intermediate/Newcomer**

**Nancy Guthrie**

**Supplies**

**Clif Rice**

Clif said we probably needed to do the annual inventory in mid November. He and Greg would probably send out an email to the Board on how they want to approach this. Clif said the inventory serves two purposes. One is to judge how much paper supplies we have for the next tournament and the other is the actual physical inventory of the assets we have.

**Technology**

**Greg May**

Greg said we are now having our meetings on Zoom which has been purchased for a year. He said he had cancelled Go-To-Meeting and that Lauri had suggested getting with Daniel at Go-T0-Meeting to see if we could get a refund for the remainder of the contract. Lauri said she would be happy to do so.

**Awards**

**Sheryl Thomas**

Sheryl said there were 2 new Life Masters this month. Plaques for Mark Incerto and Carol Jenkinson.. have been mailed.

**New Business**

**April Sectional**

**LauriLaufman/Greg May**

Lauri said she and Greg plan to present their initial budget and schedule at the November board meeting. An initial meeting with Demeris Bar-B-Que had been held to get menu options and a cost estimate to cater the Sunday Annual Meeting lunch.



**By Laws/Procedure Manual**

**Lauri Laufman**

Lauri said the By Laws are now up in Box and thanked Jack for his help. The Procedure Manual is typically approved in December and if anyone sees something that needs to be corrected, please let Jack and her know so they can make the corrections.

**Board Meeting Dates for 2021**

**Karen Nussbaum**

Karen wanted to know how many months she needed to reserve at Tracy Gee Community Center for Board Meetings. It was discussed and decided she needed to request 9 months at Tracy Gee Community Center and 3 evenings at WestSide Bridge Academy.

**Club Manager Report**

**Bill Riley**

Bill said he has been trying to reach Greg Coles at ACBLbut his calls have not been returned. Bill said it was possible to run 0-20, 0-50 or other games through one of the Virtual Clubs on BBO. There was discussion on ways to let new players play for free and if and how this could be done. Greg said the lowest charge allowed on BBO is \$3.00.

**District Update**

**Lauri Laufman**

The **November Board Meeting** will be **Thursday, November 5th** at 1:00 pm on Zoom.

**Adjournment**

**Motion** to adjourn was made by Sheryl Thomas - Seconded by Karen Nussbaum

**Motion carried**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Gore

Unit 174 Secretary

