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Board of Directors' Minutes

Meeting Held April 12, 2021 via ZOOM

Call to Order:

The April 12, 2021 ZOOM meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm.

Those present were: Greg Frank, Alan Trippel, Phyllis Baltz, Deborah Christian, Annie Dethardt, Andy Cosby, Noel Stewart and Teri LaBove. Also present were Gene LaBove and Tom Martick. Martha McAlister was absent.

Approved:

- March 8, 2021 Board Minutes

Board Member Comments/Reports:

- Reports attached without additional comment: Marketing and Program Director.
- Teri noted that the Mentoring Program (2 levels) and Rich Higgin's Declarer classes are going well.
- Greg shared information from the recent District 10 board meeting. This included: ACBL reorganization to take effect in 2023, reduction of bonus master points for BBO virtual club games to cease and club reopening guidelines to come from ACBL (both in the near future), decline in District 10 membership by 10+% over the past year, District 10 Regional tournaments cancelled for 2021. Sectional may begin as soon as August.

Old Business:

- Noel commented on Martha McAlister's re-opening subcommittee report (attached). Discussion centered on the needs to help members feel safe, beginning steps with continued growth to follow, remaining financially viable and communicating news with the membership. The following motion was made, seconded and passed: "The VCC board will strive to reopen the club on June 14th." The following amendment was then made, seconded and passed: "The VCC board will strive to reopen the club on June 14th and proof of immunity is required for entry into the VCC." A copy of one's vaccination card or physician's letter will be provided to Gene LaBove, club manager in advance.
- The August Sectional will be discussed at a future board meeting.

New Business:

- The board asked that Andy propose a F2F and virtual game schedule within the next couple weeks with a goal of at least ten tables per session for F2F games.

Adjourned: Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Program Director Report

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u> YTD TABLES (Sanctioned)
JAN:	419	541.5
FEB:	396	517.5
MAR:	380	234.0

VCC/LRDBC Special event: A quick summary is that total tables over the four sessions went from 32.5 to 30.0 to 20.0 to 14.5 tables. Participation of the strongest players in each stratum was less than I had anticipated – so it was not at all a “championship” event.

I believe we gave it a “good try,” but I suggest we not pursue the idea further into our Spring program.

Respectfully,
Andy

Marketing Director Report

Spring Arts & Crafts Fair - we have booth 43. Linda Zaleski and Wally Johnson are representing duplicate bridge. I believe Jann Grace and Gary Brandt will be their representing Euchre. Pinochle declined to participate and Julie Hardardt has not responded to either of my emails. I had additional rack cards printed for \$115. and the booth cost is \$35. I will submit these for reimbursement.

Mary Jenkins does not think that Pinochle will resume when we return to F2F.

I have secured the cover of the Village Voice TV section for VCC the first week of October.

3rd newsletter going out this weekend.

Several mass emailings about our educational classes.

One member of my team, Ginna Domm resigned.

Have secured bios and promises to send bios from Baltz, Ballews, Bazemore, Morgan, Trippel, Frank, Zaleski, Noel, Trainers. Have reached out to several junior players to ask for their participation in Getting to Know you.

Respectfully Submitted,

Annie Dethardt

Report from Subcommittee on Reopening of the VCC

The Subcommittee on Reopening met via Zoom on March 24. In attendance were Annie Dethardt, Noel Stewart, Alan Trippel, Ginna DeThomas, Rick Wendricks, Mike Popkin, Mike Kreider, and myself.

Alan reviewed the data from the survey at that time. I recommended that the survey could be a guideline for the type of questions we needed to ask our members with person-to-person contact. I requested that the members of the Reopening Subcommittee contact 8-12 of their bridge partners and friends at the VCC to discuss reopening. All the members did a wonderful job, as I waited late in the process to begin making contact. I called 14 members, 8 of which had already been called.

All the above then reported back to me, with many including entire group in their email. Most sent emails, but a few just called me to report and chat more specifically about their results. I will let Alan's survey act as the empirical data with percentages, etc. Our one-on-one conversations support Alan's data and provide some additional anecdotal evidence of what our members want:

Required Vaccination- most members agreed with requiring anyone entering the VCC to be vaccinated. Some members told their friends that they were not getting vaccinated.

Masks- some members want masks, many members do not think masks will be necessary if all F2F players are vaccinated, and some members said they could not play for 3 hours in a mask. F2F and/or BBO- most members thought a combination of both would be fine. Quite a few members who were contacted had not played on BBO at all. They were enthusiastic about returning to F2F, and emphasized the social nature of the game.

Timing of return to F2F- members were all over the place on when to return: immediately, May, June, July, August, September. Quite a few acknowledged that they were not quite ready and would wait and see.

Meeting with Members- many said they would meet with the Board if the meeting was outdoors.

Table set up- most members want the tables spaced out; most want hand sanitizer at all tables.

The Subcommittee has no specific recommendations for the Board as the Subcommittee was tasked with gather opinions of our members. Each Board Member now has a better feel for what our players want and it is up to the Board to craft the return to F2F, based not upon their opinions but on the thoughts, opinions and desires of our members.

/s/ Martha Jett McAlister



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Board of Directors' Minutes

Meeting Held April 19, 2021 via ZOOM

Call to Order:

A special ZOOM board meeting was called to order at 4:02 PM, April 19, 2021.

Those present were: Greg Frank, Martha McAlister, Alan Trippel, Phyllis Baltz, Deborah Christian, Annie Dethardt, Andy Cosby, Noel Stewart and Teri LaBove. Also present was Gene LaBove.

New Business:

- **Discuss future site of VCC:**
The following motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously: The VCC will continue negotiations with the POA to move into the Balboa Club with the understanding that only one move of facility is to be made.

The board will meet as quickly as possible to take a tour of the Balboa Club facilities.

Greg appointed Alan, Gene and himself to an ad hoc committee to evaluate the venues and make a recommendation to the board no later than May 10, 2021.

- **Adjourned:** Meeting was adjourned at 4:54 p.m.