

ACBL UNIT 112 BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

VIRTUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MARCH 27, 2021 @ 9:00 AM

Present: Doug Bradley, Jim Carroll, Richard Hurd, Kathy Landon, Diana Laurent, Jerry Manioci, Mark McDermott, Mary Miller, Joyce Monroe, Jim Patton, Mary Kay Quiggle, Eileen Schuchman, Pat Stadelmaier, Sharon Steinberg, Sandy Stockton, Kristen Sullivan, Bruce Toder, and Betty Youmans. Absent: Ornit Grossman, Mike Mihevc, and Bob Simard.

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 by President Betty Youmans.

Minutes of November 14, 2020 were approved (Jerry, Doug). Jim P. submitted a list of the Unit Members by County. The number of members is based on how many members in each area.

Treasurer's Report: Mark said our financial position is about the same as the financials he sent out in January. We are maybe up about \$100. He said he will mail copies of the reports to the Secretary that she can send out to the Board. **Motion to accept Treasurer's Report (Jerry, Mary). Unanimously approved.**

Announcements: Betty thanked Jim P. for setting up the meeting. Also, thanked Doug for his efforts on the website. Betty announced the Unit 112 Board Members who won the 2020 Ace of Clubs, Mini-McKenney and Online Masterpoints races: Ornit Grossman – Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs; Rick Hurd – Mini McKenney; Jim Carroll – Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs; Kristen Sullivan – Online Masterpoint; Sandy Stockton – Online Masterpoint; and Jerry Manioci – Online Masterpoint.

Sectional Update: Jim P. said the sectional scheduled for October 2 & 3, 2021 at Webster Recreational Center can be cancelled up to two weeks before. If face to face isn't going by that time, we will have to cancel. Mary said that as to the Waterloo Sectional, they are not taking reservations yet. Mary said she has been teaching a group of students who have very few master points and wondered if we had a separate section for them that maybe we could get them to play. Jim said the NAP Finals will be scheduled at the same time as the sectional. Regional scheduled for Rochester this year has been cancelled but they are planning for one in Syracuse August 8-14, 2022. Betty and Jim are Co-Chairing it and will need a lot of help.

District 4 Board of Directors: Betty said she contacted the District 4 representatives from our area and the following are willing to stay on: Pat, Betty, Jerry and Jim. However, that leaves one vacancy. Anyone interested, please let Betty know. There are only two meetings a year. Also, Betty asked if anyone had any interesting articles to send them to her for the District 4 Newsletter.

Old Business: Betty, Eileen and Jerry have been contacting new people listed on the In and Out Report and welcoming them to the Unit.

Bridge Lessons:

Rich said they have two new members since Covid; 15 or 20 advanced beginners.

Elmira is trying to get some mentorships going.

Rochester – no formal classes but Roger Woodin and Sally Hill are teaching a number of students. They probably have 4-5 students each.

Mary said she is teaching online more than she wants to; 8 classes a week with 10-12 in a class consisting of new and advanced beginners. She said she would never go back to teaching in person. ACBL offers a teacher certification program; cost is \$150 but if you complete the course you end up getting \$100 in credit. Mary said without teachers and bringing in new students and players she is not sure what the long term prognosis is.

Much discussion ensued in regard to the need for more teachers and directors. Rich said they have two certified directors and a dozen people certified to do online bridge.

Mary Kay said they will have problems with directors when they can go back to face-to-face bridge.

Betty asked Rich if someone from his group would be willing to help other districts.

Mary proposed getting information out to members about the need for teachers and directors. Jim C. took the Director course – cost was \$25.00 online through ACBL.

A survey was sent out to clubs in Unit 112. Most of the feedback was interest in what was going on in other areas. Manlius is the only one resuming face-to-face bridge. Jerry said people should have both shots before returning. Jim P. said they are going to require that you have shots. Mary asked will the ACBL allow face-to-face and virtual clubs at the same time. Bruce said they are still working on that; especially in regard to the number of people. The ACBL will send out a tool kit on how to play on BBO. There are 500 members who have chosen not to play online. A question was raised as to a mentorship program and whether we want to encourage more online bridge. Mary feels that is not a good time to do this. In the past year 25% have earned no master points.

Jim P. thinks online zoom meetings are more efficient than face-to-face meetings and we should continue with these. Mark said he would like to see a face-to-face meeting once a year. Jim said the Fall meeting will be held on zoom and we can then assess the situation.

Mary said we need to update the by-laws. Jim P. said he would be responsible for taking a look at them.

The next meeting will be by zoom on **September 25 at 9:00 AM.**

Mary thanked Jim for doing the zoom meeting and welcomed Mary Kay back.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. **Motion approved. (Mary, Jerry)**

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Stockton
Secretary, Unit 112