

ACBL UNIT 112 BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

VIRTUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 25, 2021

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

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

Minutes of March 27, 2021 were approved (Kristen /Mary).

Treasurer's Report: Mark submitted the Statement of Assets and Liabilities dated June 30, 2021. **Motion to accept Treasurer's Report was approved (Kathy /Joyce)**

Announcements: Betty thanked Jim for putting together the packet for the Board meeting. She also thanked Doug for keeping up on the website.

Human Interest Stories: If anyone has any human interest stories for the District 4 Spot to send them to Betty.

Old Business: Jim said that face-to-face (F2F) bridge is only about 1/3 of what it was. In our Unit he figures 200 people are not playing out of 1,000.

Teaching: Mary said we have very little teaching going on in our Unit. She informed us of two programs the ACBL has for new players. One program is called Intro to Bridge and consists of 10 – 90 min. lessons and features hands on learning. The cost is \$50. One group just finished their third 10-week session. She said people are loving online lessons. 65% want to continue online lessons. The second program is BridgeWhiz. This is a bridge class for kids. This is a free online course designed to teach children in grades 4 through 12 the essentials of bridge. Starts in October and runs through May. 1400 students are already signed up. Kristen's daughter is going to take the online course. Mark said he loves teaching basic bridge. He has two classes of 22 people at one of the country clubs. Mary said she will survey her students to see if any want to take lessons from Mark.

By-Laws: Jim said the by-laws need to be changed to reflect the fact that the Board cannot hold meetings at Sectional Tournaments. After much discussion, the Board voted to approve the following changes:

ARTICLE IX: MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS - Section 1. The Board of Directors shall hold regular meetings for the purpose of conducting all necessary business. The first meeting of the year is the "Annual Meeting" where the board receives the annual financial report of the treasurer, to check the forthcoming tournament schedule, and to conduct all necessary business that may properly come before the meeting. **Section 2.** The Board of Directors shall hold regular meetings for the purpose of conducting all necessary business that may properly come before the meeting.

ARTICLE VII. MEETINGS OF MEMBERS *(Note: The first two paragraphs under Section 1 will remain the same. The following paragraph will be added:)*

If there is no Unit-sponsored tournament in the first four months of the year, the Unit Officers will submit a written report to the members on any topics that otherwise would have been covered. If a vote is needed, it will be conducted electronically or postponed until the next F2F meeting.

Motion to change the by-laws approved. (Jim/Sharon)

Regional – August 2022: The regional is still scheduled. Jim and Betty will be chairing it. Betty said lots of volunteers are needed and to contact her if you are willing to help. Jim will contact the hotel. Nationwide there are no regionals until December.

ACBL Liability Insurance Form: Mark says this form has to be filed with the ACBL. Thinks it can be done electronically. Bruce agreed to inform the tournament chair of the need for liability insurance. Mary said we can put a link on our website to access the form from the ACBL website.

Awards: Mark said we give free plays and awards (pendant or lapel pin) to players who achieve Silver and Gold Life Master. He proposed adding another option – a \$50 gift certificate to Baron/Barclay. Mark made a motion to give individuals an option. Kathy seconded it. Much discussion was held on the awards. A vote was taken to accept Mark's motion of giving a pendant, lapel pin or \$50 gift certificate. 9 members approved; 3 did not. Motion carried. A question was raised as to how many free plays are cashed in. Mark said he thinks it's about 50%. Mary said the report for free plays should be amended before we do a sectional again. Kathy said she had already amended that part of the form.

The next meeting will be held at the sectional on **March 26, 2022 at 9:00 AM.**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting **(Jim/Mary).**

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Stockton, Secretary, Unit 112