

ACBL UNIT 112 BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
VIRTUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
September 24, 2022 @ 9:00 AM

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

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

Minutes of April 2, 2022 - Approved (Kathy/Jim).

Treasurer's Report: Mark submitted the 2022 Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the first six months. He said we are in great shape. Biggest expense was free plays. **Motion to accept Treasurer's Reports-Approved (Mary, Joyce)**

Old Business:

Face-to-face Bridge: Overall, the clubs are slowly coming back. Jim sent out a chart showing what clubs are having f2f bridge. Betty said the Mohawk Valley Bridge Assn. had 5 tables.

Sectionals: Next one is October 1 & 2 at Gates Recreation. At the sectional in Henrietta in July there were 80 tables which was 80% of three years ago. The sectional made over \$900. Mary said the sectional scheduled for Waterloo this year was cancelled because they lost their venue. An IN sectional was held in Rochester and they did very well. Jim said there are 4 sectionals scheduled in 2023 – 3 in Rochester and 1 in Waterloo/Seneca Falls. The same is scheduled so far for 2024. Rich asked Pat if they would like to hold one and she said hopefully in 2023. Bruce said it is important to remember that we cannot have 2 sectionals in the same month and we can only have 5 sectionals in a year. He said you can have a downgraded sectional by using a local director. In that case, expenses are a lot less. Mary said if another area wants a sectional then Rochester should give up one of theirs. If any area wants to have a sectional, they should notify Bruce. A question was raised as to whether 2 downgraded sectionals could be held. Bruce said he will ask but doesn't think so.

Education: Mary said the District approved reimbursing players who completed the ACBL teaching course at the Providence Nationals. She said that Tara and Nicholas took the Teacher's course and just started their first class with 5 students. Mary said if you take the director's course you could be reimbursed. So far she thinks only one person has been reimbursed.

Subsidizing the Director's Course: Betty said it was put in the District 4 Spot. A suggestion was made that Jim could use mass mailing to send an e-mail encouraging people to take the director's course. After some discussion, Mary made a motion that the Unit would reimburse those who successfully completed the Teacher's Course and Certification.

Pat seconded it. Jim made an **Amended Motion** that if the District doesn't subsidize it the Unit will. Kathy seconded it.

Dan Boye – Pat said she felt the Unit should honor Dan Boye for achieving Grand Life Master. Several suggestions were made: One was that we have a day in honor of Dan at the Regional and make a presentation at that time. Betty will check with Dan if he would be interested.

New Business:

Election of Officers: Pat and Mary submitted the slate of officers for 2023: Betty, President, Jim-Vice President; Sandy-Secretary, Mark-Treasurer, and Richard-Member at Large. **Motion approved.**

Regional: Scheduled for August 7-13, 2023. Betty introduced Phil Geibel who will be Co-chairing the Regional with her. Betty said they looked at different venues. One was Del Lago Casino which would be willing to host us. The price would be \$3500 for 7 days which is half the price that Liverpool charged for 5 days. However, the casino is not willing to give us any break on food prices. The game fees would be \$20 per session. The hotel room rate is \$129 for Sunday – Thursday; Friday and Saturday - \$209 per night. However, we would not have to guarantee a minimum number of rooms. Phil said he has checked web sites of colleges and universities and has come up empty. At the present time, Del Lago is the only site that comes within our budget. He feels even 560 tables at present would be optimistic.

Mary said she would err going toward a \$20 entry fee. The question was raised about having vouchers since there are not a lot of food places nearby. Mary said in the past the Canadians especially liked having lunch offered. Betty said the problem with vouchers is that some of the food places are run by Del Lago and others are private. Betty said the \$34 was for the lunch buffet. Rich said somebody should follow up on Mary's suggestion and check with Del Lago about a voucher.

Jim asked if anyone had checked the Riverside Convention Center. Betty said they had contacted them but had not heard from them. However, their price is the same as Del Lago for lunch.

Betty said we definitely will need volunteers. Mary has agreed to be the Newcomer Partnership Chairman and Dan Boye is going to Chair Partnerships.

A question was raised about having a tent at Del Lago. Betty said if there is a tent the cost would be \$5000 instead of \$3500. Phil said the ballroom has 3300 square feet and there is an additional 1500 square feet in the hallway which would accommodate about 59-60 tables. The tent would accommodate about 70 tables. However, Del Lago will not know whether the tent will be available until April.

Kathy asked if Turning Stone had been contacted. Betty said yes but they had not returned her call.

Tournament Name: Betty said we need to decide on a name for the tournament. She said most are named after a geographic area; such as Finger Lakes or Central New York. Joyce felt we should also name it after a region. Mary said no other tournament is named after an individual. Rich suggested we could have events named after different people who were important in our district.; such as Bert Garrell, Dan Boye and Henry Bethe. Kathy said in other states they usually name them after different geographic areas.

District Meeting: The meeting was held July 1st. We have a new NAP coordinator. The Flight A Finals are being held in Philadelphia; Flight B in Canandaigua, and Flight C in Rochester & Elmira. We need to encourage players to play in Flight B. If we don't get enough players, we will lose the opportunity to have it in the area. Jim will send an e-mail out to everybody who has qualified to play in the B finals.

Unit 112 Representatives on the District Board: The District meeting is December 4 in Spooky Nook. The following are representatives from our District: Betty, Lynn, Jim, Phil and Jerry.

Free Plays: Mary made a motion to not replace free plays if lost. Kathy seconded it.

Amended Motion: Free plays will not have an expiration date but because of the work involved will not be replaced if lost. **(Jim, Kathy)**

Next meeting: April 1, 2023 at 9:00 AM

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting **(Rich, Kathy)**

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Stockton, Secretary, Unit 112