

**Adobe Bridge Center  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
November 10, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 PM via Zoom. Barry Abrahams presiding.

Attending - Board Members: Barry Abrahams, Pam Krisak, Joan Merrill, Pauline Pettinato, Joan Merrill, Jeanne Sholl, Sundaresan Ram and Eric Swanson. Board Members Absent: Julie O'Neill and Claudette Perier. Club members: Shelley Edson, Marj Jones and Betsy O'Dell

Eric Swanson moved to approve the October 20, 2020 Minutes as emailed to the board. The motion was Adopted.

**Manager's Report:** Lee Erdman submitted his resignation to Barry Abrahams effective immediately. Eric Swanson will take on the Club Manager responsibility at this time. Eric Swanson will contact ACBL to officially notify them of his official status.

**Financial Report** –Sundaresan Ram

Adobe's Alliance, which started October 1, 2020 is having positive financial results. However, Ram reported that Adobe players who bring in guests are straining the guest policy set by ACBL. Ram has written to the Open players who are bringing in guests. He is also pursuing, with ACBL the poaching representative, to have Tucson beginning players, who have joined after the shut-down, to properly qualify as Adobe members. Ram and Eric Swanson will further pursue this issue.

Raffle and donations to offset reduced game fees will be encouraged in email blasts and the annual meeting.

PPP Loan Forgiveness status. Adobe is in process of applying for loan forgiveness. This may take some time due to governmental changes in the application.

**NLM Matters** – Jeanne Sholl

Jeanne has been in contact with a motivated novice player, Judy Kidder, who would like to see more support for lower level games. Jeanne will form a committee to investigate what game and education offerings Adobe might offer to retain and encourage newer players particularly those who have started playing online.

**Pigeon Problem** – Barry Abrahams reported that mitigation efforts may have resolved the issue. Fishing line was installed to interrupt the flight path.

**Irrigation Status** – Barry Abrahams reported he conducted a thorough walk-thru with the prior owner and a landscaper reviewing the entire irrigation system. Barry will take on the project of prioritizing and recommending the required extensive repairs for the system to function properly.

**Committee Reports**

Conduct and Ethics – Joan Merrill: No issues to report.

Education –Sundaresan Ram: Doug Couchman is teaching more advanced topics on Tuesday morning and continues to run the advanced Play and Learns. Barbara Rosenthal continues classes on Mondays and a Beginner Class on Saturdays as well as a Friday Play and Learn

## **Website – Shelley Edson**

- Shelley will work to enhance posted BBO instructions.
- A brief survey conducted showed that 30+% use cell phones to access so Shelley will continue to improve cell phone readability and access when viewing the site.
- Facebook – Shelley is recommending we set up an Adobe Facebook page using it as a marketing tool. We need to find someone to volunteer to manage it. Barry suggested sending the request in an email blast and asking for volunteers at the Annual meeting.

## **Annual Meeting – Nov 12**

- Barry outlined what will be discussed at the meeting.
- The meeting will be held via Zoom and start at 4PM.
- Ram will address donations
- 2021 Plans – Priority is a safe environment.
- Virtual Election – An explanation will be given at the annual meeting. The virtual election will be held Dec 1 – 7. Barry will handle sending an email ballot to all qualified members.
- Ram asked to add the reasons we joined the Duncan Alliance. Barry will explain.
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## **New Business**

Opening the Club for Play - Pauline Pettinato was approached by 12 players who want the club open for Face to Face play. A board discussion ensued. It was concluded that the cost and risk to the club are too high for the board to support opening. Both ACBL and local health officials are discouraging this type of gathering.

Unit Bylaws Change – Barry Abrahams wanted the board to be certain to review the proposed Unit 356 bylaw changes to be presented at the Unit Annual meeting to be held November 22 at noon. He encouraged all board members to attend the Unit meeting.

Eric moved to adjourn at 5:14 pm. The motion was seconded and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Krisak  
Adobe Board Secretary