

Adobe Bridge Center
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2020

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

In attendance were board members: Barry Abrahams, Pam Krisak, Joan Merrill, Julie O'Neill, Claudette Perier, Pauline Pettinato, Eric Swanson and Sundaresan Ram. Also attending was Lee Erdman, Club Manager. Others attending were Adobe members Laraine Brokaw, Marjorie Jones and Betsy O'Dell.

Pam Krisak was appointed to serve as recording secretary for this session.

Acceptance of August 18, 2020 minutes was moved by Ram and seconded. The motion passed.

NLM Matters – Jeanne Sholl was introduced to the Board. It was moved by Claudette Perier to appoint Jeanne Sholl as the Non-Life Master Representative and voting board member. The motion passed.

Manager's Report – Lee Erdman

- BBO table count remains stable over several weeks. A new Friday afternoon Play and Learn for 99er players is starting September 18, 2020. The game will be run by Barbara Rosenthal. The existing Play and Learn Games held Tuesday and Saturday morning are averaging 3.5 tables.
- Lee again addressed engaging more regular Adobe players to play on-line. A discussion ensued as to who has been contacted and success in encouraging online play. Lee would like to see more Adobe players in our virtual games. The new limited point game held last month on Monday morning did not have enough players to hold the game. Pauline Pettinato and Julie O'Neill will look into recruiting 499 to 1100 point players. Barry will provide them with contact information using Adobe's ACBL Score system. The Monday PM 299er game will no longer run due to reduced attendance. The game was run in parallel with the regular Open game.
- Lee addressed the Tucson Charity Bridge Club and Northwest Bridge Club bundling their games providing higher point awards for Open players.
- Special games – Ram and Lee will follow-up on running a special game for Adobe players with incentives to play. The next Mentor game will be held on Wednesday October 21. ACBL/BBO has still not made online Swiss team play available.
- Pigeon problem on roof – The amount of pigeons roosting on the roof continues to cause problems. Bids were received. Partial remediation has been commenced. Lee will continue to look for other solutions to reduce the cost of the remaining effort.
- Irrigation cost – Irrigation costs continue to be higher than expected due to frequent leaks. Barry recommended replacing the controller with one that detects leaks. Claudette suggested we turn off the controller for now. Barry will recruit expert assistance in evaluating the watering needs of existing plantings.
- Electricity bill appears to be high even with the thermostat set at 88 degrees. The water meter will be changed to a smaller configuration to reduce monthly charges.

Committee Reports

Conduct and Ethics: No new issues.

Education: Ram Sundaresan and Barry Abrahams – Classes continue to be a good source of revenue.

Elections: Four board positions are open for the election. The nominating committee was headed by Barbie Corbett. Candidates for the 4 positions are Barry Abrahams (incumbent), Marjorie Jones, Betsy O'Dell and Sundaresan Ram (incumbent).

August 2020 Financials

Ram Sundaresan, Treasurer, reported that the club continues to be financially stable. Increasing table count is encouraged to cover special expenditures.

Jim Click raffle: Barry sent a blast to members reminding them about the Jim Click Raffle. More tickets have been sold.

New Business:

Annual Meeting and Election – Barry will send out an email announcing the virtual election and organizing a virtual Annual club meeting.

Adjournment: Eric Swanson moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 PM. The motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Krisak
Acting Secretary