

Asheville Bridge Room Board Meeting  
December 9, 2021  
Zoom conference call

**Members present:** Rob Rich, Elaine Colokathis, Paul Westervelt, Ed Euler, Nick Frost, Sylvia Cassel

**Members Absent:** Max Shaw, Doug Hibshman

**President Rob Rich** called the meeting to order at 9:30. He reminded the Board that we need to prepare for elections of Board members in 2022. Rob and Sylvia will review the terms of current members so we know which positions need to be filled by renewal or election.

**Secretary's Report** - Paul Westervelt made the motion to accept the minutes of the November 11, 2021 meeting and Rob Rich seconded it. The minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report** - financial reports were circulated to the Board members before the meeting. Net Income for November was - 436.43

Elaine will circulate a spread sheet for a new chart of accounts for next year.

**Membership Committee Report** - no report.

Several members who have not played regularly have been contacted to find out their feelings about playing face-to-face bridge. There still seems to be much concern about health issues and having to wear masks for 3 hours. Until masks are no longer required, there doesn't seem to be much we can do to encourage members to come more often.

Both Sylvia and Elaine noted that people seem to be happy to be called, which led to the thought that, once masks are not required, we organize a social event and invite members and former members and try regenerate interest in face-to-face bridge.

It was suggested that if we can know that when a member's ACBL membership renewal is up, we can call them and invite them to be more active in face-to-face play.

### **New Business**

**Partnership Desk** – The partnership desk has not been very successful so far. Paul will discuss with Jonathan and Russ what we might do to improve this.

Elaine reported that one system that works well for one club has a volunteer for each game day who will play with the person who needs a partner if no partner can be found.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00. The date of the next Zoom Board Meeting will be January 13, 2022 at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted, Sylvia Cassel