

Beverly Hills Bridge Club
Board Meeting Minutes
6/28/20

Members Present:

Marcia Fisher, Lee Hausner, Nancy Heck,
Susan Lava, Dawn Lee, Julianne O'Connor ,
Stephanie Campbell

Club Manager:

John Ramos

John's report:

- He talked to Silvana about the future of bridge. They believe no club play in 2020 is likely.
- New protocols will need to be established.
- We should plan to be online – not just entertaining our members. We need to figure out the next phase.
- Alliance is pretty happy with the results so far.
- ACBL may take club sanctions away through the end of the year (no sanctioned in-club games)
- Two purposes for BHBC board:
 1. Keeping in touch with our members.
 2. Education. He is investigating Shark Bridge, which he believes will revolutionize teaching. He hopes to offer official BHBC classes once we're indoctrinated. We need to think about advertising, etc.

We need to pool our ideas to encourage people to support BHBC, e.g., 99'ers can send blast email to others to ask people to play.

Nancy has also been investigating Shark Bridge:

1. Our teachers need to onboard to the site. It's free to them. They get an online space to develop their class and materials. Time on the web site is free but charge for the classes.
2. To teach classes using Shark Bridge, teachers (or the club) must purchase credits in advance. The cost is 1 credit per student per hour. The cost is \$1 per credit but if bought in bulk, it gets down to \$.83. The minimum purchase is 200 credits (\$200). There is a free trial period until 9/1/20.
3. Features of the system:
 - Multiple tables can play the same hand at the same time.
 - Teachers can make students always the dealer.
 - Teachers can scroll every table.
 - The program has no audio functions, but is compatible with zoom for audio.
 - There's a deal generator and a hand generator function, each of which is more flexible than BBO. Teachers can use these functions to create deal libraries for use in classes.

Students can join and use hands later – costs \$30 @ year. They can also play tournaments on Shark Bridge.

Teachers can play a hand correctly and show it to students later.

Lee, Marcia, and Julianne will discuss strategies for outreach.

John, Nancy, and Dawn will get recommendations to us on a fee structure.

The minutes of the 5/8/20 meeting were approved.

Susan gave the Treasurer's Report.

Next meeting is Sunday, 7/19, at 11:30AM.

Meeting adjourned.