

Gainesville Bridge Club
General Membership Meeting
Oct. 14, 2021

Called to order at: 6:45pm by Mary Ann McIntyre; Strat May participating by phone
14 members attending

Announcements:

- Strat May, president thanked the former officers and “retiring” board members for their years of service to the Gainesville Bridge Club.
 - Strat May, president, 3 years
 - Christine Stinson, vice president, 2 years
 - Chandler Jones, treasurer, 3 years
 - Joyce Thompson, secretary, 3 years
 - Judy (Kavanaugh) Foxwell, board member, 2 years
 - Dimitri Bourilkov, replacement board member, 6 months
 - Continuing board members for 2022 are Marilyn Froscher, Elizabeth Paul and Malay Ghosh
- The issue of return to **Live Bridge** at UUF was discussed
 - Mary Ann McIntyre explained that UUF (Unitarian Universalist Fellowship) has a task force using the Covid Act Now – US Covid Risk and Vaccine Tracker.
 - Alachua County is still in the high risk numbers for Covid infections so UUF is waiting for more information before opening the rooms that we use for bridge.
- **Treasurer Report** was presented by Chandler Jones – treasurer
 - Chandler Jones shared the treasurer’s current club financial information (with comparative financial results) on the zoom screen
 - Majority of income for 2021 has come from BBO virtual games
 - Bridge lessons have, also, provided a significant income for 2021
 - If you would like a copy of this financial report, please email Chandler at fcjones45@gmail.com

New Business

- New officer and Board Member election
 - The recommendations of the 2021 Nominating Committee was presented by Carlos Maeztu

President – Mary Ann McIntyre

Vice President – Dimitri Bourilkov

Secretary – Geraldine Nichols

Treasurer – Corliss Gibbons

New Board members – Stratford May, Joyce Thompson

Per the GBC bylaws, a majority vote shall elect the Officers and Board of Directors. The current Board of Directors will break ties. A majority vote is 25 members for 2021.

- GBC will be accepting online credit card payment for bridge classes per Mary Ann McIntyre
 - Online classes were successful in 2020 & 2021. Online classes will be initiated soon using Shark Bridge
 - Classes will probably be grouped and paid for in 4 week segments for beginners
 - More advanced lessons may be organized differently pending student needs
 - A practice game continues on Monday afternoon
 - Research into online payments revealed PayPal as the most economical and simplest application to use for online credit card payments.
 - Classes offered will be Beginning Bridge and Beginning Bridge using 2/1
 - In the future, we may be able to use online payment for membership
 - Institute for Learning in Retirement (ILR) at Oak Hammock offers many enrichment opportunities for residents. Maybe Mary White and Beth Paul can get the organizers to let us talk to them about bridge lessons.

Discussions:

- BBO games will continue for GBC on:
 - Monday at 7pm,
 - Wednesday at 1:15pm
 - Thursday at 1:15pm
 - Friday 299er game at 1:15pm
- Players should make every effort to play in their local games online.
- Face to Face bridge for GBC is on hold until our venue (UUF) is ready to reopen.
- Gatorbridge continues on Tuesdays F2F at 12:50pm
- DBOH (formerly Thursday evening Town Club) has not reopened for F2F bridge

Date and Time of Next Meeting- TBD in January, 2022

Adjournment 7:26pm by Strat May