

Gainesville Bridge Club  
General Meeting  
July 9, 2020  
**Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00pm by Strat May, president. Twenty-nine members attended online. The meeting was recorded in Zoom.

**Announcements**

- The Longest Day – Mary Ann McIntyre and Joan Williams
  - A donation goal of \$10,000 was set for 2020 after the 2019 fund-raising efforts
  - Strategies for fund-raising were quickly updated due to the pandemic
  - Joan by herself helped raise \$5,754.35 through sales of face masks, 73 raffle tickets and a successful art auction – art that she created daily during our say-at-home orders
  - Online play at BBO raised \$349 during two games held June 20, 2020
  - 296 out of 300 raffle tickets were sold
  - **A GRAND TOTAL of \$10,583.79** was donated to Alzheimer's Association
  - Joan – I have a personal relation to Alzheimer's in my family so I was motivated to meet our goal. I did one painting a day, then posted my art on Facebook and created the auction. Raffle tickets are easy to sell if you call or send emails to your friends. Spending \$20 for a chance to win \$1000 Visa gift card sells itself.
- Strat May addressed the question on everyone's mind – when will we play in person? GBC will follow ACBL recommendations which include no directors can direct an in-person, sanctioned game until 2021. We will use BBO to play virtually until then.

**Treasurer Report** – Chandler Jones discussed and shared financial reports for the Gainesville Bridge Club and the 2020 Evelyn Kleinsasser tournament.

- 1) For the calendar year ending December 31, 2019, cash in the operating account was \$21,945. The profit for 2019 was \$1,507. In addition, there were donations of \$2500 in the Building Fund account.
- 2) For the six months ending June 30, 2020, cash in the operating account was \$26,307. The profit for the first six months is \$4,361. There has been an additional \$1,000 in donations to the Building Fund.
- 3) The Evelyn Kleinsasser tournament showed a profit of \$357. This was due primarily to donations of \$870 over and above the tournament fees. The balance in the tournament account is currently \$5,650.

Details of the income and expenses are in the financial reports posted on the GBC website.

**Committee Reports**

- Bylaws Committee – Joyce Thompson
  - Revision of the bylaws is underway
  - Purpose of revision is to simplify procedures for players who may have a problem that is not resolved by the game director
  - BBO has a national recorder for problems while we play online

- Publicity – Babette Brumback
  - Article for Gainesville Sun on The Longest Day
  - Advertising for Bridge Lessons online in the fall
- Tournament – Strat May
  - Gainesville Country Club is saving March 5-7, 2021 for the tournament
  - No cost for use of GCC has been set
  - Whether tournament will be held is still unknown due to the pandemic
  - Eric – the ACBL has scheduled our tournament for 2021
- Social – Joan Williams
  - Let Joan know if people are ill or need help
  - Joan can send cards to people
- Education – Dimitri Bourlikov
 

Joyce Thompson reports on the online lessons:

  - Mary Ann delivers the lessons on Monday afternoons for 16-20 people by zoom
    - Mary Ann researches and prepares the lessons & materials
    - They are free since March 30, but participants donate, as they see fit, to GBC
  - Mary White, Delores O'Connell, Joyce Thompson and sometimes Christine Stinson provide follow-up sessions during the week to answer questions in groups of 4 or 5. We play hands on a shared document (awkward). Mary Ann prepares materials for these Q&A sessions.
  - Everyone raves about the lessons. They have been very successful. Participants keep their skills fresh and use the new tools during play on BBO.
  - Lessons in the fall will cost money – lessons will be for the Gainesville community in an effort to build club membership
  - Are the lesson participants GBC members? (All are members except 2)
- Development and Strategic Planning – Mary Ann McIntyre
  - Can't do anything while we are isolated
  - Coordinating with Karla (Membership)

#### New Business – Strat May

- The nominating committee:
  - Janice Ladd - Chair
  - Judy Kavanaugh
  - Jack Mecholsky

Their job is to choose the Slate of Officers for 2021 and nominate replacement board members for those rotating off their positions. Voting on these nominations will be in October, 2020.

- Payment of GBC BBO directors
  - This issue requires a membership vote
  - The GBC is currently making money
  - The treasurer calculated a percentage of income paid to the directors prior to virtual games
  - Board recommends paying directors
  - Chandler – we have not paid directors since March. Mary Ann does not want money. She wishes to donate her time back to the club.

- Number of games in 2019/compensation for Eric directing those games = 36%
  - BBO collects the money for virtual games, gives ACBL their cut and electronically deposits the rest to the GBC bank account
  - In May – \$1700 collected from online Club games times 36% = \$612 for May
  - The GBC (plus Gatorbridge and OHDC) makes additional money from SYC games
- Payment of partial rent to UUF
    - Board proposes that GBC continue to pay ½ rent
    - The Fellowship is still storing our bridge supplies, they may need money, they have provided us a good deal for many years
    - We are making money and this amount will not damage GBC cash flow
    - Ron Schoenau – major expense of Fellowship is HVAC, half might be too much
    - Kathy Jones – \$425 per month would be half rent
    - Phyllis Shepard – in favor of payment to Fellowship and to Eric
    - Jon Shuster – both payments to UUF and Eric make tons of sense, stand us in good stead when we return to face-to-face bridge
  - Membership will vote on both questions by Google Forms “survey”
    - Jack Mecholsky – recommends more choices on the survey
    - Survey will be sent following the meeting
  - Next General Membership meeting will be in late October, 2020 by Strat May

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm by Strat May, President

The Secretary apologizes for lapses in following Roberts Rules of Order and for neglecting to call on people who may have wanted to contribute but were not recognized. On the other hand, attendance was very good compared to face-to-face general membership meetings. Please contact the board or any member with questions, comments or future suggestions.