

Main Bridge Association

Board Of Directors Meeting
May 20, 2021

Attendees: Dorothy Kelleher, Roland Miller, Dan Morgenstern, Jack Mahoney, Kate Hewitt, Roger Guerin, Allen McRae and Pat Damon

Roland called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM. He thanked all those in attendance and stated that the next MBA meeting will be held on June 17, 2021, at 6 PM.

The primary purpose for this meeting is to discuss the sectional tournament schedule moving forward. In that there is a 45 minute time limit for my zoom account I hope the majority of the time can be spent on this matter.

Treasurer

Kate Hewitt has served with distinction as our treasurer for many years. She has requested to step down from this position. A number of board members spoke, thanking Kate for her outstanding work.

Motion made by Dottie seconded by Jack to accept with regret resignation of Kate Hewitt as treasurer of MBA. Unanimously approved.

Motion made by Allen seconded by Dan to appoint Stephen Kolkhorst to the position of treasurer of MBA. Unanimously approved.

Nominating Committee

Roland indicated that he would be appointing the nominating committee, in compliance with the bylaws, to present the membership of recommended slate of officers and representatives at the organization's annual meeting. (Usually held in conjunction with the State Championship.) Roland committed to contact existing reps to determine if they wish to continue to serve. He noted that a couple of resignation emails have been received. A complete report will be given at the meeting of June 17. He asked for

volunteers and Allen, Jack and Dottie indicated a willingness to serve. Appointments will be made according to the bylaw provisions.

Sectional Tournament Schedule

Roland indicated that the central question he hopes to concentrate on was whether or not to move forward with the planned August sectional in Portland. State of Maine health and gathering guidelines are changing and are expected to change more next week. The ACBL has issued guidelines for sanctioning sectional tournaments. Roland noted that planning must move forward under our current set of guidelines.

Various board members spoke to these issues expressing concerns about spacing, wearing mask all day and the required appointment of a "Event Safety Coordinator" to ensure compliance with all guidelines including vaccination certificates.

Members were asked to indicate if they felt comfortable moving forward with the August tournament by a raising their hand. Two members were in favor of moving forward with August and the other six have reservations.

Roland stated because this is a fluid situation we will revisit this decision at the June 17, 2021 meeting. Dottie and Pat noted that we will have a lot more feedback once face-to-face play is started at the club level. Roland encouraged all directors to talk to as many people as possible regarding this matter. Roland noted he is concerned about attendance at the initial tournaments and the potential financial impact if "people don't show up".

Other Business

Roland reminded the board that at the March 7, 2020 meeting the MBA voted a two dollar increase for session fees at sectional tournaments. Allen requested that this item be placed on the June 17 agenda for reconsideration. His concern was not creating any disincentives for players to support our tournaments.

Roland indicated that the following items will be included with the June 17 agenda package:

- 1) minutes of the March 7, 2020 MBA meeting

- 2) minutes of the May 20, 2021 MBA meeting
- 3) treasures report covering March 2020 to April 15, 2021
- 4) list of officers and Board of Directors currently serving
- 5) 2\$ increase per session
- 6) the proposed 2022 tournament schedule

Adjournment

The meeting ended abruptly when our zoom time ran out.

Respectfully submitted,

Rollie Miller

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