

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

JUNE 16, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: 4:00 via Video Conferencing Call

NOTE OF MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Matthews Club President), Sally Gauthier (Secretary), Charlie Showalter (Vice President), Gordon Pfeiffer, Nancy Turner, Nancy Jaffe, Dave Hudson, Harry Freedman.

Other club members present: Paul Matheson (Club Liaison to the Unit), Alex Boone (Club Manager, Mike Lotti (Club Treasurer), Rick Gauthier (Head Director), Jim Dick (Applicant to replace Head Director), Carol Ketterer (Mentor / Mentee Coordinator) and Janet Matthews (BBO administrator for the Club).

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Accepted without discussion.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The club's finances are very healthy and we now have over \$56500 in net assets at the end of May. Although only half of the regular club players are playing on BBO, the Club is netting a good amount from those games. The Club had a net income of \$6610 for the month of May. We only charge \$3 per game which we believe to be the minimum permitted to be charged (Bob will find out). The Longest Day event for Alzheimers is coming up this Saturday and we can give more money to the charity than what we earn. Mike will send us his filing with the IRS for us to review and sign off on or request clarifications. We need a policy of how long the Club must hold onto receipts and other important papers.

REPORT ON BBO VIRTUAL CLUBS PLATFORM: Janet Matthews thanked us for the \$1200 gift we gave her for doing all of the work singlehandedly to allow us to play bridge online on the BBO platform. Our club is second in attendance on BBO to the Honors Club in New York City. There are some allied clubs which makes this platform more feasible for the smaller clubs. Mondays are our highest attended games and Sundays are the least attended, just like when we have live games. Janet is currently working on trying to start team games for July.

REPLACEMENT FOR CLUB WEBMASTER: The applicants are Deb Brunhoeler, Julio Galvez and Marvin Welles. Janet Matthews is currently the backup for this position. The website should be a focal point of our club, it is a very important source of information. Janet reports that she does not do much in this position except the

director schedule. Perhaps she can step down as the backup for the webmaster position and we can pick a primary and a backup from this pool of applicants. Bob Matthews will try to set up interviews for next Tuesday.

REPLACEMENT FOR CLUB HEAD DIRECTOR: We have only one applicant and fortunately he is a very qualified one. His name is Jim Dick and he is a national tournament director who has just moved to The Villages. He was voted in by The Board without dissension and Rick Gauthier said that he will coordinate the changeover with Jim. They will work together until Jim is comfortable and will start once the club reopens.

THOUGHTS ON REOPENING...POSSIBLE SCENARIOS: We could not reopen now even if we wanted to. At this point the ACBL is going ahead with planned tournaments. It was suggested that we might want to buy cleaning supplies as some are currently available. It was suggested that we might play in a room on the BBO platform with our own computers. Gordon suggested that the education department could offer a class on how to play on BBO to get people more comfortable with it. Only about 50% of our members is playing on BBO as of now.

MENTOR/MENTEE PROGRAM: Carol Ketterer is our new coordinator for this, having taken over from Jon Williams who has implemented and run this programs for many years. She has already matched 8 new pairs. There has been a good turnout for the games and she is planning to have these games twice a month. Carol suggested that mentors not have to pay for their games since they are already donating their time. Carol also said that she felt that mentees should give back in kind as they progress. There is a new low point game which has just started.

PLANS FOR BOARD ELECTIONS IN THE FALL IF WE ARE NOT BACK IN NORMAL MODE: Three people will be leaving The Board in January and the election will have to be held in late fall. We probably should have someone with extensive computer knowledge do this. Bob will speak with Rich Seidman.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Introduction of Jim Dick, new Head Director, to the Board via Zoom. There has been an allegation of cheaters in The Villages club on BBO. Bob Matthews will have Jay Whipple look into this. Bob has also written a letter directly to the source of the allegations. There are algorithms in the system to catch people.

Bob Matthews suggested that we send charity contributions to each of Jay Whipple's two favorite charities, St. Jude's and the ACBL Education Foundation, because of his extraordinary work in helping us establish the BBO platform which we now enjoy. Carol Ketterer also mentioned that with the Longest Day programs coming on Saturday that our club should contribute additional funds to the Alzheimer's charity which is the recipient of the funds raised from the games on that day. The Board agreed to fund \$1000 to each of the above mentioned charities (Alzheimer's, St. Jude's and Education Foundation of ACBL).

Meeting ended at 5:20.

Next meeting July 21, 2020 at 4:00 pm, venue to be determined.

Sincerely,

Sally Gauthier, Secretary of the Board