

CHARLOTTE BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
CBA BOARD MEETING MAY 4, 2022
MINUTES

Present via Zoom: Jack McMahon, Rich Welc, Pam Barry, Mark McBeth, Debbie Enna, Gainor Eisenlohr, Chris O'Connor, Janet Case, Veronica Barnes

Financials: Chris has taken over the reins from Marilyn Goodrich who has retired. The Board thanks Marilyn for her many years of service to the CBA. Chris presented the numbers for April which show a \$3,000 profit from the Sectional Tournament. Apart from the Sectional there is a slightly positive net cash flow for the month. This isn't accurate, however, because several checks haven't yet cleared. The cash is actually down slightly for April. Debbie pointed out, and all agree, that the financial statement is difficult to interpret and gives an incomplete picture of revenue and expenses. It needs to be more detailed going forward so Board members will understand the details and trends of our cash flow situation. Debbie and Janet offered to help Chris develop a more useful reporting format.

Update to NC Secretary of State: Wells Fargo has declined to allow Chris to write checks on our account because he isn't listed on the 1973 CBA Articles of Incorporation. Apparently, the bank is under increased scrutiny to comply with various regulatory requirements so is cracking down on technicalities. Debbie made a motion that Board members give approval to take whatever actions are necessary with Wells Fargo and the NC Secretary of State to allow Chris to write checks. This needs to be done quickly. All members present approved the motion.

Barbara Heller: Ms. Heller, candidate for District 6 Regional Director, was introduced and spent several minutes describing her qualifications and philosophy with an emphasis on addressing the return to face-to-face bridge, identifying and dealing with cheating, and fostering open communication between her and her potential constituency.

Partnerships: Veronica shared that partnership software does not appear to be a practical option. She volunteered to send a weekly email to a list of interested individuals which would name those looking for partners for games that week. Janet strongly disagreed that this would be effective, saying that partnership matching needs to be done on a personal one-on-one basis by someone who knows the personalities and playing styles of the individuals. Janet has been doing this for years and believes it's the only way to avoid a mismatch.

Spring Sectional Recap: Mark reported that the Spring Sectional was a success although participation was down from the last Sectional in 2019. The director, Marie, was very complimentary. Mark reported on the number of tables for 2019 versus 2022. Participation on the Open side was down 40% whereas it was down over 74% on the Limited side. This difference is obviously statistically significant and is consistent with the participation we see at club games. Gainor reported that the food setup worked well. There were no complaints re. being charged for lunch and this simplified approach went smoothly. She will work with Pam Rosen to ensure that the August tournament will be equally successful. Jack added his thanks to all those who helped make the tournament a success.

Jean Davis Library Contribution: Jean Davis has graciously donated many years of accumulated teaching materials to the club. Gainor asked for suggestions as to how they might best be used. Len suggested that they be put in the classroom so that bridge teachers would have access to them as they develop lesson plans. All agreed.

Directory Security: Currently, the member directory on the CBA website is open to the public and may present an invasion of privacy/security issue. Jack will talk to Paula Brewer about the possibility of having the directory password protected to prevent unauthorized access.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 1, at 4 pm via Zoom

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