

ADOBE BRIDGE CLUB
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
APRIL 12, 2024

President Pam Krisak called the meeting to order at 9:35 via Zoom. David Pearlman served as Secretary.

Directors Pam Krisak, Ram Sundaresan, Barry Abrahams, Penny Storry, David Pearlman, Cayce Blanchard, Pat Klein, and John Farbarik attended. Director Debbie Keller did not attend.

Adobe member Brad Leach also attended.

Minutes

President Krisak noted that draft minutes of the meeting of March 8 had been circulated before the meeting. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Financial Statements

Ram Sundaresan reported that the March financial results were good. Face to face revenue continues to increase, offsetting a continuing decrease in revenue from online games.

Two minor sources of revenue have been discontinued. Barb Rosenthal is no longer conducting online Play and Learn games, and ACBL has discontinued the online Support Your Club games.

Ram will continue to invest funds in a US Treasury fund, as it is still yielding more than the 4% rate the club is paying on the mortgage. He expects the club to be able to fully pay off the mortgage about mid-2025.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the financials were unanimously accepted as presented.

Club Management

Penny Storry has been hired as Lead Director/Club Manager. She reported on various issues related to the club's supervision of directors, including parameters for game setup.

Penny reported that she had contacted ACBL to see if there was any way to make equitable adjustments to scores to even out the effects of a non-competitive pair on the rest of the field and was told that there is not.

Brad Leach reported that he has reinstalled the software that identifies unlikely results, which has helped to reduce the number of uncorrected scoring errors.

John Farbarik reported on discussions with Sierra Vista concerning a possible two session Unit championship game at Adobe on a Sunday this summer. He will ask them for a date or dates that would yield the best attendance from their players. He noted that the Unit has already agreed to let Adobe host the game using a Unit sanction but will not provide any financial support.

Ram noted that the Saturday 749er game is struggling with table count. The Board decided to raise the limit to 999 starting the final Saturday in April, and to continue with that limit through the summer.

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Education

Pam Krisak noted that there are no new classes in the pipeline.

Pat Klein will contact the Tucson Parks and Recreation Department regarding Senior bridge games run at Udall Center, for possible collaboration with Adobe. She also reported on ACBL's education grant program. She will do more research to see if the club might want to apply for any grants. She noted that any grants will be conditioned on a 50% match from the club, which could be either cash or in-kind.

Facilities and Maintenance

John Farbarik led a discussion on possible projects, noting that not all can be accomplished with the funds available. The Board decided to move forward on two fronts: advertising the Casita for rental and painting the exterior of the building and the fence. Once quotes for the painting are in place the Board will take a vote to authorize the expenditure.

Membership and Publicity

Cayce Blanchard and Ram reported on the fundraising campaign. Total contributions have reached \$43,000, and there are members who have indicated they will contribute later in the year, so the fundraising campaign will remain open. Cayce will draft another communication to the membership with updated information.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

David J. Pearlman
Secretary