

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

President Pam Krisak called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. in the Main Hall. David Pearlman served as Secretary.

Directors Pam Krisak, Barry Abrahams, David Pearlman, Cayce Blanchard, and Pat Klein attended in person. Directors Penny Storry, Ram Sundaresan, Debbie Keller and Julie Carnes attended. Each of the directors was able to hear the others at all times.

Minutes

President Krisak noted that draft minutes of the meeting of June 14 had been circulated before the meeting.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Financial Statements

Ram reported that the club had positive cash flow in June despite the usual summer decrease in table count. The revenue from the Duncan Alliance continues to contribute significantly to the club's operating income. Ram noted that ACBL fee increases have raised expenses by about \$300 per month.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the financial statements were accepted as presented.

Club Management

Penny reported there were no major issues in June. There were a couple of slow play situations, and Penny has requested that game directors document these each time they occur. She noted there are still times that directors do not upload the correct hand records for a game. She will continue to train people on how to do this correctly.

Penny expects the new PC to be in operation by the end of July.

Game Calendar for July Through September

Pam Krisak noted that there are numerous special games available for sanction during the period. Ram noted that each one costs the club more in fees than regular club games. The Board acknowledged that when combined with the increase in fees the club pays to ACBL the issue of raising fees for players would need to be considered.

Education Committee

Pam Krisak reported that two new series, one for beginning players and one on defense, would be starting during the second week of September. Barbara Rosenthal will teach both. Dan Branscum's anticipated class did not attract enough people to begin, but it did attract one enthusiastic new player, and Dan is working with them one on one.

Unit Liaison

David Pearlman reported that the Unit is considering whether to sponsor any Grand National Teams qualifying games. Pam Krisak noted that the club will schedule some. David will report this to Jack Shoemaker, Unit 356 President.

David also reported that the Unit is looking for someone to serve as District GNT Coordinator. David has been asked to consider taking the position and will learn more about what it entails before deciding.

Hospitality Committee

Julie Carnes reported that things have been going well, with game directors taking on an increased amount of work, particularly in setting out food and handling after game cleanup items.

Facilities and Maintenance Committee

Barry Abrahams reported that the painting project and door repairs to the Main Hall will cost approximately \$18,000. He will contact the contractor so that work can begin as soon as is practical.

Barry also reported that a new icemaker with the ability to store ice indefinitely could be purchased for approximately \$350, which would eliminate the need for bags of ice to continue to be brought in. After discussion, and upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved the purchase.

New Business

Penny Storry reported on her research into transitioning the to a cashless operation. Some practical questions were raised by the Board. Penny will prepare a report for the Board to consider the issue more fully.

Pam Krisak led a discussion on the possible use of having robot pairs fill out half tables. Penny noted that other locals clubs are doing this. It would require purchasing a couple of inexpensive tablets and training for directors and players, with total cost expected to be under

\$300. After discussion, the Board was unanimous in expressing its approval for this to move forward. Penny will purchase the tablets.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

David J. Pearlman
Secretary