

ADOBE BRIDGE CLUB
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JUNE 14, 2024

President Pam Krisak called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. via Zoom. David Pearlman served as Secretary.

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

New Director

Pam Krisak noted that John Farbarik had resigned his position as Director, and that per the Bylaws, the position had been offered to Anita Froehlich, who was the leading vote getter not elected at the previous membership meeting. Anita had turned down the position, so Pam asked the Board to appoint Julie Carnes to the position. The Board did so unanimously.

Minutes

President Krisak noted that draft minutes of the meeting of May 10 had been circulated before the meeting.

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

Financial Statements

Ram discussed the financials that he had previously distributed to the Board. Table count for May was down from April due to snowbirds leaving, but the club still showed a profit for the month. Income from the online games in the Duncan alliance has been holding steady during the year, varying between \$1,000 and \$1,400 per month. Income from the Southeast Carolina alliance is steady but minimal, at about \$100 per month.

Expenses have been steady from month to month, but insurance bills totaling approximately \$5,000 will be coming due soon. Ram is shopping to see if this number can be reduced.

Ram noted that there were a considerable number of special games during the past few months, and that the higher ACBL table fees were not matched by any increase in tables, except for the StaC games, which draw NLMs in search of silver points. Penny will investigate whether it makes sense for the club to participate in the Instant Matchpoints game. The rest of the upcoming special games will be offered.

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

Club Management

Penny asked the Board to decide whether players who are asked to fill in at a game should be charged table fees. The Board decided that it would be at the discretion of the player filling in.

Penny also asked the Board to decide how to manage slow play. The Board decided that if a pair has been warned during the game and subsequently a board needs to remain unplayed at their table, the slow pair will receive an average minus and the other pair an average plus. If a board cannot be played without a warning having been given previously, it will be recorded as a no play.

Penny reported that players have expressed an interest in changing the format of the fourth Friday team game to Eight is Enough. The board decided to do this beginning with the July 26th game. Pam and Debbie will work on a way to help people find teammates.

Penny noted that the club's Longest Day schedule on June 20 will be as follows: coffee at 9:00, an 18 board game at 9:30, then lunch provided by the club, a regular game at 12:30, and a 12 board game at 4:30.

Education Committee

Penny has been talking to Dan Branscum (spelling?) but has not gotten a firm commitment from him about teaching.

Hospitality Committee

Julie Carnes will take over as Chair of the committee.

Strategic Planning Committee

The committee will attempt to hold a meeting with all the Directors in August.

Facilities and Maintenance Committee

Barry is taking the lead on the painting project, with help from Sunny Bal.

New Business

Pam Krisak announced that future regular Board meetings would be held on the second Friday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Main Hall, with a Zoom option for those unable to attend in person.

David suggested that he undertake a Bylaws review project, with any Board recommended changes to be presented to the membership at the next membership meeting. The Board concurred.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

David J. Pearlman
Secretary