

**ADOBE BRIDGE CLUB**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**MAY 10, 2024**

President Pam Krisak called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m. in the Main Hall. David Pearlman served as Secretary.

Directors Pam Krisak, Ram Sundaresan, Barry Abrahams, David Pearlman, Cayce Blanchard, Pat Klein, and John Farbarik attended in person. Director Penny Storry attended via phone, with each of the directors able to hear each other at all times. Director Debbie Keller did not attend.

Also present were Barbara Rosenthal and Dev Delucia.

**Minutes**

President Krisak noted that draft minutes of the meeting of April 26 had been circulated before the meeting. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved unanimously.

**Financial Statements**

Ram noted that April financial statements had been provided in advance of the meeting. He reported on table counts in 2023 and 2024, which show roughly a 25% increase year over year. He also reported on the amounts in the various reserve categories, and in the club's checking account. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the financial statements were accepted as presented.

**Annual Federal Tax Filing**

Barry Abrahams noted that a preliminary copy of the club's Form 990 had been circulated to the members, and comments had been incorporated in a revised version. The board expressed satisfaction with the revisions, and Barry said the filing would be made on or before May 15.

**Club Management**

Penny Storry reported that the 2024 calendar had been updated on the club's website, and that minor fixes to the website had been implemented. Ram reported that ACBL may have overcharged the club for table fees. Penny said she would be meeting with ACBL later in the day to resolve the issue, and to clarify when and how many special games the club is allowed to hold.

### **Education Committee**

At their request, Barbara Rosenthal and Pat Klein were appointed to the Education Committee by President Krisak, with the board ratifying the appointments.

Ram announced that the pregame Wednesday lessons would be discontinued until at least the end of the summer, as most of the presenters would be unavailable until September. Ram suggested it might make more sense for him simply to go back to doing online classes. He said he would donate any fees he received to the club, as he has in the past.

Barbara announced that she would resume teaching classes in the fall, after she returns from her summer travels. Pat Klein will assist her with administrative tasks, such as obtaining emails from the beginning players, many of whom are not yet ACBL members.

Ram reported on his efforts to take advantage of the ACBL's Education Foundation support program but has so far been unable to produce a group of six students, the minimum needed to gain materials and financial support from ACBL.

### **Hospitality Committee**

Cayce Blanchard noted that the committee does not have a chair, and that she will ask Julie Carnes if she would take on that role.

### **Fundraising Committee**

Cayce Blanchard reported that the fundraising drive had gathered \$45,000 from members.

### **Strategic Planning Committee**

The board discussed how to integrate decisions on maintenance projects with a long term plan for the club. President Krisak, with the consent of the Board, added Pat Klein to the Strategic Planning Committee, and directed it to work on a five year plan. The committee will hold a meeting with Ram as facilitator to begin to scope and shape the discussion.

### **Membership and Publicity Committee**

Ram reported that he would give Cayce Blanchard contact information for Mitch Towner. Mitch is a bridge player who has been teaching bridge to some of his MBA students, half a dozen of whom attended the most recent Tucson sectional.

### **Facilities and Maintenance Committee**

John reported on the meeting with Himaya that took place on May 9. He noted that with respect to the value of the casita, he and Himaya had very divergent views. Barry Abrahams noted that there is no need to rush into anything, as the club is quite solvent.

The board decided to move forward with the painting project for which funds had been authorized at the previous meeting.

### **Old Business**

Pat Klein reported that Tucson Parks and Recreation has been receptive to the idea of getting players from their social games to play also at Adobe and might even bus them at least once.

She also asked if the club would host the bridge event in the 2025 Tucson Senior Olympics. After discussion, the board agreed to host.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

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David J. Pearlman  
Secretary