

CENTRAL CAROLINA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION UNIT 169

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 22, 2019

Members Present: Tom Skaar, Judy Hellen, Carol Elkins-Bachl, Debbie Monroe, Tim Stecker, Jim Bean, Cindy Wright, Kathryn Tomlinson, Claudia Hale, Dixie Culver, Ron Matamoros

Members Absent: John Lamanna, Kathryn Morris

Also Present: Judy Geally

Ron opened the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

The September 21st minutes were presented for approval, motion to approve made by Tom Skaar, seconded by Jim Bean, all approved.

New Business:

Dixie Culver presented the financials ending October 31, 2019. She explained the format of the new reporting and the necessity of making the switch to an accounting software-based system was due to the increased amount of financial activity for the unit. She went on to explain the other new change to the cash basis system of accounting due to being compliant with tax reporting. Indicating, we can use the new accounting system to show both the accrual based previous way of financial preparation and the current cash basis. This will allow us to more accurately compared to previous years. The new Profit & Loss Statement shows each Tournament along with the Unit Game activity with each being subtotalled and the Unit Operating Expenses all in one report instead of separate reports. Included in the board packet financials was a Profit & Loss based on the previous accrual-based system for comparison. We have \$41,410.52 total cash, cd and savings. The Salisbury Tournament had a profit of \$256.48. GSO Unit game had a profit of \$206.61, WS Unit game a loss of \$76.68 for a total YTD profit of \$4,252.63.

Dixie Culver also gave a Membership update of 24 new members, 2 transfer in, 2 transfers out, 2 deceased. The increase is mainly due to the new sanctioned game with Peter Boyd-Bowman (director) at Greensboro Country Club which we hope will help grown membership and make the new players in that game more comfortable in playing in other duplicate games in our unit. Dixie also announced another new game directed by Peter Boyd-Bowman which is Friday 12:30 Friends Meeting House \$10 lunch included.

Ron Matamoros explained the ACBL Email System Notice. Pianola's new policy as of 1/1/20 charging Units for email blasts. Claudia explained that she has calculated the cost and recommends purchasing enough Pianola Units (due to the discounted amount for larger purchases) to last 2 years. This amount of \$500 was motioned by Kathryn Tomlinson and seconded by Debbie Monroe, all approved.

Ron Matamoros announced the ACBL approved the addition of Danville to our unit. Skip (Drew Wilson) from Danville, VA becoming a board member as of January 1, 2020.

Carol Elkins-Bachl discussed the wishes of the Salisbury players not wanting to continue the tournament in 2020. Due to their membership aging and seeing health concerns among members, they do not have the manpower to run the tournament in the future. Claudia mentioned how hard Myrnie has worked over the years in running the tournament and the board is very thankful for her contributions.

Debbie/Ron continued the discussion regarding how to fill the void of this tournament. Tim Stecker was asked if Burlington was a possibility and he indicated it had been discussed and was not at all a possibility. Debbie suggested approaching Skip about starting a new tournament in Danville the second week in October. Ron agreed to broach the subject with Skip.

Ron Matamoros explained Susan Williford's Proposal for New Type/Format Unit Game. Once a year those attending the unit game would be matched randomly with another player, you would play a standard convention card. You would come as a pair to make sure there is an even number of players and then the director switches all the players. Several members have played this format in the past and it was very fun and different. The subject was brought up about certain players who are not very friendly, or accommodating could ruin the fun of the game. It was suggested that we have a sign up for this game and if anyone of concern signs up, they will need to be made aware of the concern and asked to be on their best behavior. Tim Stecker recommended having the game on April Fools Day or in close to April 1st. Tom/Gloria will investigate a possible date to schedule this event.

Old Business:

Ron Matamoros updated the board that he now had the newly signed director agreement from Gloria Halstead.

Debbie Monroe asked Brenda to step out of the room for a moment in order to discuss her upcoming resignation, how we will fill such a huge void and what we can do to show our appreciation. The amount of time Brenda spent preparing food for each unit game was mentioned as being most of Friday before the unit game. Also, she and Elaine has been providing this service for a "unit free play" for 4 years. A discussion continued about giving them a gift. After much discussion, a motion was made by Debbie to give Brenda \$200 and Elaine \$100 both in Visa Gift Cards to be used for anything they like. Jim seconded and all approved. Dixie will purchase the gift cards and they will be presented at the Unit Christmas Party. Claudia will send out email blast to try and get a new "Brenda" and for January Debbie will handle GSO and Ron will handle WS.

The question was raised about the amount to charge for the Christmas Party and who was helping. K&W will be ordered in the same fashion as last year, along with desserts from Costco. Claudia will send a blast about signing up for the game emailing Brenda and the cost being \$5 to cover some of the food cost. Tim made a motion, Jim seconded and all approved.

Cindy updated the board on the NLMR. Kelly who had helped in the kitchen had given notice that she would no longer be assisting earlier this year contacted Cindy and would now be available. Unfortunately, Cindy has already filled the position. Debbie indicated we have only one more meeting prior to the tournament and asked Dixie to provide budget information to Cindy to make any adjustments prior to the next meeting. Ron and Cindy have the kitchen staff, Ron has people to help with the chairs and pads and will place the order. Cindy needs registration gifts, stickers and prizes. Also,

Cindy discussed possible time changes which they had in Gatlinburg allowing you more opportunity to play knock outs even when you are knocked out. Cindy indicated \$'s would be best for prizes. Ron will contact High Point University to confirm dates etc. Ron has table movers. Cindy will provide a hot dog lunch on Thursday. She has talked to Costco about possibly wrapping the sandwiches due to the time it took Cindy, Claudia and Kelly last year, not to mention storage space. Cindy has secured Jerry Helm's as the speaker again. Ron will check with ACBL regarding the gold point reward and call Pete Mislis.

Claudia updated the board on the 11/8/20 Bridge Cruise. She has 40 people signed up at this time with a couple of others interested. She gave flyers to all the directors and wanted everyone to know you can go on the cruise and not play bridge allowing for spouses who do not play to still attend the cruise. Skip has signed the agreement to direct on the cruise.

Claudia thanked Judy Hellen for her dedication and hard work on the website.

Claudia/Tom/Cindy have been researching possible sites for the 2020 Summer Regional the District has asked our unit to run. They met with the Sheraton (Khoury Convention Center) and Grandover Resort and Conference Center (also a Khoury Property). After meeting with both Claudia indicated Grandover is not a possibility due to cost and expected numbers just to have box lunches which are almost \$20. The Sheraton is possible, it also has difficulty due to needing more precise numbers of attendees which is impossible to estimate for a first-time tournament. It was also discussed that the year/month of the Regional is still unknown. This makes it very difficult for the hotels to give us pricing. The new High Point Convention Center is not open yet and intended for high end donors. Ron asked other units for the time and people needed to run a regional and it seems as if this might not be a fit for our unit.

Ron adjourned the meeting at 12:16 p.m.