

CENTRAL CAROLINA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION UNIT 169

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 11, 2020

Members Present: Tom Skaar, Judy Hellen, Debbie Monroe, Tim Stecker, Cindy Wright, Kathy Tomlinson, Dixie Culver, Kathryn Morris & John Lamanna.

Members Absent: Carol Elkin-Bachl, Ron Matamoros, Jim Bean, Skip Wilson, Claudia Hale.

Also Present: Rich Peffer

Tom Skaar called the meeting to order at 11:04 as most of the board members were helping to set up the room, make coffee and get the food on the tables.

- 1) Dixie explained the minutes had been sent out for approval early and all adjustments had been made. She asked that they take a moment to look again for any adjustments. Kathy Tomlinson corrected the spelling of her name. Tim Stecker made a motion Approval of Minutes from November 23, 2019 meeting. Kathy Tomlinson seconded and all approved.

- 2 A) Dixie discussed the F/S indicating a current yearly loss of \$412. Debbie asked about the unit game attendance which Dixie said we are not currently track due to the amount being so similar the last 3 years. The unit game will have an increase in cost due to the additional special games added this year. Dixie asked for Cindy's expertise in the matter and they concluded most games are just an additional \$1 per table, there are a few games which will be an additional \$5-\$8. They felt an average of the special games would be a good budget cost number. The amount of \$108 to 408 is most likely the additional increase in game cost for this fiscal year. Our current loss of \$412 is mostly due to just having the Christmas Party and

State of the Unit Review. Cindy Wright asked how the event went since she could not attend. Tom Skaar and Debbie both expressed the food was good there was plenty of food and people seemed to enjoy everything. Dixie went on to explain she opted for delivery which was late. The delivery lady had no sense of urgency at first. She then understood there was almost 100 people ready to eat and helped to get everything set up. The caterer was contacted at 10:00 a.m. and said the delivery was on its way. Dixie was not sure what happened for the delay. There was plenty of food leftover and the members were given the opportunity to take home a plate for dinner. They seemed to enjoy this option. Cindy explained that she has each year cut back on the food and we still have too much.

Dixie indicated the power point presentation seems to be a good approach for the members and it reduces the amount of time we present and discuss the unit review. Members seemed to like the visual presentation.

Dixie went on to Budget for NLMR and asked Cindy if there were any corrections or changes. Cindy explained that last year's final numbers are the best she has to project for this year and it would be expected a small decrease in attendance. Dixie agreed and offered to make any changes or updates as Cindy or Ron noticed ASAP.

B) Cindy was asked about her needs for the NLMR logistics. She indicated she is not a good delegator and could use lots of assistance with set up, clean up. Tom agreed to handle all logistics regarding table delivery. Rich Peffer agreed to prepare stickers for the tables to help get them to and from the correct place. Judy Hellen agreed to make a few phone calls to assist in hiring a janitorial person which we pay \$10 per hour. Cindy mentioned this person needs to be at the facility after the tournament to help vacuum as she was doing this late last year and it get very exhausting. Cindy has ordered the stickers and Dixie sent payment, Claudia ordered the bags/registration gifts and they are with Cindy. Cindy was concerned about the prizes and having a prize room and prize chairperson. Cindy was unsure about the prizes needed for the tournament. The board all agreed to do cash prizes this year. Cindy indicated \$2 bills and prizes for overall winners seem appropriate. Dixie agreed to get the prize \$'s and has the breakdown

for the sectional side and asked for clarification on the NLMR Prize distributions. Cindy was going to ask Claudia.

Cindy would like to get the Costco sandwiches and was concerned with them wrapping the sandwiches for us due to the enormous amount of time it took last year. Kathy Tomlinson advised Cindy that Costco will not be wrapping the sandwiches. Cindy will double check with Claudia and decide how to handle the sandwich situation. Cindy will be doing her hot dog lunch the first day and will ask for food donations from members for snacks etc.

John Lamanna will purchase the 2 - liter drinks to include: Coke, Coke Zero, Diet Coke, a few sprite, a few caffeine free options and Diet Dr Pepper. Cindy will let John know when there are sales to help keep the cost low. John will start with purchasing 300-400 2 - liter bottles.

C)Membership update (Dixie)

7 new members, 3 reinstated, 4 transfers out, 1 deceased

D)No future Salisbury Tournament, Martinsville & Burlington declined
Looking into using the HPU facility to have the "Triad Sectional" Tom mentioned one of the biggest problems might be finding a person to chair the tournament. Debbie agreed to co-chair the tournament if we decide to move forward as long as she has a co-chair.

3 A) Tom addressed the board to clarify the question Gloria raised about having conflicting games with Martinsville is a non-issue. Dixie mentioned she spoke to Gloria after Gloria and there could possibly be one or 2 games that could cause a potential conflict due to the fact, they are only a unit game and not a club game. She will work with Tom and Skip if this becomes an issue.

b) Rich Peffer wanted to announce the discontinuance of the Wednesday evening game at Lewis Recreation Center due to a change in closing time from 10:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. There were many times it was difficult to finish by 10:00 and to start at 5:30 would not be practical for people who work. Rich will be moving the game to River Landing in Kernersville.

Jeanette Snipes has a Thursday game each week and Diana Crew a resident and bridge member was instrumental in getting the game started. Rich was told to charge \$5 for the game and he has agreed. They do not charge for the facility. He has reached out to Jeanette for advice and to make sure they are working together to accomplish the same goals.

Old Business

- 4 A) Member Proposed New Format Unit Game (Tom, Jim, Ron). This was postponed until the next meeting.

B) Status of Regional's Cindy has approached the Educational Center at the Fairgrounds in WS and the amount they gave her was \$20,000 with no charge for parking and \$15,000 charging for parking. Cindy does not want to charge for parking. She is going to meet with the gentleman who has the authority to change the cost and ask for a better price. She compared the cost per square foot that is charged by Gatlinburg and others. If she can work on it through this methodology the amount should be 1/3 of the cost projected or less. Cindy checked with hotels and is looking at \$79-\$99 in WS which is much better than anything quoted by Khoury in GSO.

C) Status Update on 11/8/20 Bridge Cruise by Kathy Tomlinson is that we have 7 ½ - 8 tables at this time and Claudia will give a better update at the next meeting.

D) Dixie indicated she was having trouble getting the Non-Life Member Player of the Year Trophy from last year's recipient Ron Caudle who passed away suddenly. She reached out to a friend of his in Salisbury who reached out to his daughter. It seems like the county or courts has his apartment sealed and they are unable to get into it to get the trophy. His daughter did remember seeing the trophy and has agreed to give it to us when she has access to enter. If it isn't available in time, we can order another trophy.

E) Dixie also indicated difficulty in ordering the Mini McKinney medals and has sent at least 2 messages through the Baron Barclay website and left 2 or more voice mails. She asked that if anyone is in contact with them to please ask about the medals and/or just order them and we will reimburse

them. She was concerned because last year they had already been received and didn't want this year's recipients not to have them as they do sell out.

F) Debbie is ordering the new Player of the Year Trophy. Tim Stecker has been tracking the progress of this award all year. A discussion about the requirements ended in the group agreeing to increase the number of unit games you must play in to be eligible for this award to 9 unit games.

G) Kathy Tomlinson mentioned she received information from Claudia that Pianola is not up and running yet, resulting in us not be charged at this time.

E) Kathy Tomlinson brought up a letter that was received from a gentleman who was upset about the manner, in which ACBL was not allowing a certain formatting at a tournament which reduced the amount of points awarded. None of the members were knowledgeable enough and decided we would check with Ron Matamros to get his perspective since it contained allot of legal terminology.