

CENTRAL CAROLINA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
September 21, 2019

Members Present: Ron Matamoros, Tom Skaar, Jim Bean, Cindy Wright, Brenda Garzia, Tim Stecker, Claudia Hale, Kathryn Morris, John Lamanna,

Members absent: Judy Hellen, Carol Elkins-Bachl, Dixie Culver, Debbie Monroe, Kathryn Tomlinson

Also present: Bob Hale, Don Folger, Rich Peffer

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

Item 1: The July minutes were presented for approval, moved by Jim Bean, seconded by Claudia, all approved.

New Business:

item 2a was a review of our financials, tax return status, and new accounting system. Ron reported we were in good shape financially and the W.S. tournament made a profit of about \$1500 above budget. The treasurer's report was included in the meeting agenda and details can be found therein.

Item 2b was an update of membership. Ron reported 10 new members in July, 16 in August, and 9 in September.

Ron also noted that the rental for the WS sectional will not be going up next year. Cindy talked to the site and noted that HP does not charge anything, and if W-S wants to increase the rent there are other options. W-S agreed to keep rent the same as this year.

Item 2c was a report on the new sanctioned game to be held at the GSO country club starting Wed. Oct. 6. It is believed that Peter J. Boyd-Bowman will be directing but it has not been confirmed as of the meeting. This game will be open only to members and guests of the country club. There was some discussion as to whether or not this will impact Mary's Wednesday game as some of her players are members of the country club. General consensus was that it would not. There is apparently a sizeable social bridge game at the country club already and this game may bring more new members once they get introduced to the duplicate format.

Item 2d involved the relocation of the Martinsville club from district 6 to district 7. A motion was made by Cindy, seconded by Jim to invite them to join. All approved.

Item 2e was the request for our unit to consider a full regional to be held in 2022 or 2023. There was good discussion on the pro's and con's. One consideration is that a vote to accept by the current board would bind a future board whose members are unknown. Cindy and Claudia talked about previous research they had done about possible locations. General consensus is that it should be held at a hotel and there are limited facilities with enough meeting room space. It was moved by Tim, seconded by Claudia, that more information from the ACBL was needed before making a

decision. Some of the questions were: location: who would the financial risk- unit or district?; time of year; number of sessions per day- regionals usually have 3; who would chair; how much space is needed; how many hotel rooms. Possible locations suggested were Kouhry Convention Center (though they were not interested last time), the new HP University hotel/convention center. Jim Bean will contact Raleigh to get information re their regionals.

Item 2f is a proposed bridge cruise for unit 169 members only. Claudia presented some possible dates, and cruise line options, and possible departure ports. It was agreed that Claudia would do a survey of the members through an email blast, and also survey members at the club games to determine potential member interest. 7-8 days appeared to have the most support since the first and last days of a cruise are boarding and debarking.

Item 2g was a request from Gloria to the board about reserving seats at unit games. One unit member arrives early so he can get a NS seat and is told that the NS C tables are already reserved. He has been very vocal about his unhappiness. There was discussion about why the tables were already reserved if people were not yet at the game. Concerns were raised about who would tables be reserved for-anyone who asked, those with mobility issues? Claudia moved, Tim seconded to direct Gloria to hold one NS C table for Ron Caudle. Approved.

Item 2h was a proposal by Rich Peffer that the flat bidding boxes be made available for use at the Lewis Center for club games and the red boxes be moved to the Guilford College United Methodist Church site to be used by the club games there. He would take responsibility for maintaining them and labeling them re ownership. There was sentiment both for and against the proposal. Favoring was that they are currently only used once a month and it would help the clubs. Against is current policy about equipment use that was presented by Bob Hale. It was unclear in that policy if the bidding boxes could be used or not by the clubs. Claudia moved, and Jim seconded, to defer action until Rich can talk to the other directors about their interest in this proposal. Approved.

Item 2i was a request from Peter Boyd Bowman Sr. for \$1600 regarding old bridge mates. Ron suggested postponing this item since Dixie had done a lot of research and was not present. But Bob Hale had a detailed history of this prepared, and Don Folger was also familiar with what had transpired, so the request was discussed. In essence Peter had voluntarily agreed to reduce the fee he was being paid in 2013/2014 by \$50 per unit game to help the unit acquire the bridge mates. There is no record of any agreement that this money was to be repaid in the future. The consensus of the board was that the request was unreasonable. Claudia moved to reject the request, Jim seconded. Cindy and Brenda opposed, all others for. Motion carried.

Item 2j. Tom presented the proposed unit game schedule for 2020. It was noted that all games where members play free (Mentor/Mentee, Alzheimers, Christmas party) are scheduled for GSO to reduce cost to unit. Schedule was accepted as presented and Tom will contact Lewis Center and Georgia Taylor with the requested dates.

Item 2k was an update on the HP sectional/NLM regional. Everything is set re hotels, flyers, location, etc.

Item 2l was logistics of moving tables from WS to Salisbury for their tournament. Salisbury will bring a truck to Georgia Taylor on Wednesday evening or Thursday morning and Ron will help them load tables into their vehicle with tables to be returned Monday morning after end of sectional. Item 3a was the status of Gloria's unit game director agreement. We are waiting for Gloria to sign the agreement. There was some concern about how complaints would be addressed locally but since the ACBL is doing away with recorders at the club and unit level this is no longer an issue.

Item 3b was status of unit game attendance. Average was 17.2 last year and 17.1 YTD but one game was cancelled so that would affect the number.

Jim moved, Brenda seconded to adjourn at 12:40. All approved.