

Cincinnati Bridge Association Board Meeting

January 6, 2019

Present: Nalin Mehta, Steve Moese, Steve Messinger Peter Outcalt, Pam Campbell, John Meinking, John Williams, Potter Orr. Absent: Tom Mess

Meeting called to order at 1 PM by Board President Nalin Mehta

To start the meeting Pres. Mehta asked each board member to give a short bio.

Minutes of the previous meeting in December 2018 were approved unanimously.

Copies of the conflict of interest policy for board members were collected from those who had not previously turned them in. Only Tom Mess (out of town at the moment) is not submitted a signed copy of the policy.

Discussion was held of the Pianola service that the unit has been using for the past year. While the service is useful for its ability to send broadcast emails to our members, not every club manager is currently using the serviced to post their club results. The board was inclined to renew a unit wide service for next year, but Mike Lipp will be asked to get a definitive price quote for us before final decision is made. The board gave its preliminary approval to an expenditure of up to \$1000. Steve Moese will again contact the Anderson and Northern Kentucky bridge clubs to ask them to use the service as well.

Board committees were reviewed.

Executive committee: Pres. Mehta, VP Orr, Tom Mess, Pam Campbell, Steve Moese and Steve Messinger

Operations committee: vice president Orr, Pam Campbell, John Meinking, Debbie Cummings, Mike Lipp and Debbie Wiest.

Membership committee: Steve Messinger, Pete Outcalt, Sharon Kreitzer, Jim Barrett, Carol Scovic, Salty Roark and Dan Copenhafer. Board advisor for this committee will be Steve Moese.

Education committee: Larry Newman, John Meinking, Jane Duncan, Sharon Kreitzer and Amy Gerowitz. Board advisor for this committee will be Potter Orr.

A copy of the budget for the education committee submitted by Larry Newman was reviewed by the board. On a motion made by Steve Moese and seconded by John Meinking the budget was passed with the \$1500 line item for unanticipated expenses removed. Performance of the budget will be reviewed at a six-month interval (July, 2019).

A second education item was discussed. On a motion made by Pam Campbell and seconded by John Williams the board approved paying up to \$1700 to sponsor an ACBL Best Practices session at the June Flying Pig Regional. This session is designed to teach and certify bridge teachers. The tuition will be set at \$100 for each participant and that money used to offset the expense of the seminar.

Changes to compensation were deferred to a future meeting and will not be implemented until next year (2020). Steve Moese agreed to assemble all of the current compensation being paid which will

include free plays at regional and sectional tournaments. The target date for approving changes in compensation is October 31, 2019.

There was discussion about the need to submit a proposal to the district board for what Cincinnati would propose as a fee for hosting the district GNT finals in 2020 and beyond. While the number \$1400 was discussed, no actual decision made. Potter agreed to get historical cost data from the District.

The unit currently has a little bit more than \$13,000 in a savings account that has been unused for some time. On motion made by John Meinking and seconded by Pete Outcalt the board agreed to move \$15,000 (from savings and then rounded off) to our program of fixed income investments.

Pam Campbell presented suggestions for changes to the format of the holiday party. Since that does not occur until next December, further discussion was deferred to a future meeting.

Dates for board meetings for the rest of the year were tentatively set as follows:

- Thursday, February 21 4:30 PM
- Friday, April 5 3 PM
- Friday, June 21 3 PM
- Friday, September 6 3 PM
- Tuesday, November 12 4:30 PM followed by annual membership meeting
- Wednesday, December 11 6 PM (dinner meeting)

Ideas submitted for action during the year:

- Work harder on a "play nice" campaign for the bridge center. Bill Higgins and Amy Fisher have agreed to help with this.
- Develop youth bridge programs throughout the area.
- Increase participation of minority bridge players.
- Boost the playing frequency of our members with 0 to 300 points.
- Establish a trust/building fund with the ultimate goal of purchasing a building to serve as a bridge center.

Submitted Respectfully
Potter Orr, Vice President