

**Subject: Emergency Board Meeting**

**14 MAR 2020**

There will be an emergency board meeting on Saturday March 14th at 10:00 am at the CBC to discuss jointly with Sanction holders when to close CBC and endorse a statement about health practices and food at CBC.

Nalin Mehta

**Attendance:** Nalin Mehta, Potter Orr, Pam Campbell, Steve Moese, Mike Burns, Steve Messenger, Tom Mess (Phone), Brenda Mehalko, John Williams

**CBC Sanction Holders:** Isaac Stephani, Pam Campbell, Ani Pandit (Phone post meeting)

**Agenda**

Review bylaws on emergency board meetings:

“Special meetings of the Board of Trustees may be called by the President, or if he/she is absent or unable to act, by the Vice President or upon request of three Board members. **Notice of such special meetings must be communicated to each Board member at least forty-eight (48) hours before the proposed meeting. An agenda for the meeting shall be provided and discussion limited to the purpose for which the meeting was convened.**”

Approve start of this meeting 24 minutes before the 48 hour requirement. Change the clock to 10:24 AM. Started at 10:30 AM by Board Clock.

**Motion:** (Steve Moese) for Executive Session with Board Members and Sanction Holders Only. Seconded by Nalin Mehta. Passed unanimously.

When to close CBC

CBA Tuesday Game – Cancel for the time being.

**Motion:** (Steve Moese) to cancel the CBA Tuesday Night Pairs game indefinitely by John Williamson seconded by Potter Orr. Approved Unanimously.

Education classes at CBC – UC canceled OLLI classes at campus. Ed Committee voted 5-1 to shut down. Discontinue CaP? 5-0 shout down for 3 weeks. If continue classes, 1 willing to teach, 1 neutral, 4 against. Discontinue 101-102 for balance of winter term. Jan 28/30 10 weeks. Offer 30% refund or reschedule the classes. Ed Committee to write note offering choices.

**Motion:** (Tom Mess) Cancel remaining Bridge 101 and 102, and discontinue CaP for 3 weeks. John Williams seconds. Passed unanimously.

Supervised Play at CBC – Let’s ask the attendees. Attendees want to keep supervised play going ( no nays).

Sanction Holder Preferences –

Continue the game and let players tell sanction holders what they want to do. Between 8-11 tables for Sat PM.

Very clear that there are people who want to come and play bridge.

**Motion:** (Tom Mess) Suspend Supervised Play Mar 21 & 28 seconded by Steve Messenger. Passed 5-3-1.

Pam has decided to cancel the April 4 Supervised Play game.

Consensus statement about health practices and food at CBC:

Steve will craft the cancellation message to put here.

"To all our Members who play at the Cincinnati Bridge Center:

Sanction holders and the Unit Board of Directors care deeply about practicing good hygiene at the CBC during all bridge events in the wake of the covid-19 epidemic. We are going to enforce the following practices at all games while the risk of virus transmission remains high. Even with these precautions, transmission might not be eliminated. So together we jointly require your compliance to the following:

1. If you are symptomatic (fever, dry cough) or if you have knowingly been exposed to a covid-19 carrier - stay home and isolate yourself. Do not come to the CBC to play bridge until you are certain you carry no infection.
2. Cough and sneeze into tissues or your elbow - virus is transmitted by droplets of mucous. Do not cough into your hands or into the air.
3. Wash your hands before touching surfaces. Use hand sanitizer if washing is inconvenient. Do not touch your face.
4. Do not bring food to the table during play. Drinks are ok, if you take responsibility for your drink holder. Eating lunch at the table during a lunch break is ok as long as the table is cleared before play resumes.
5. Do not shake hands or touch each other - practice social distance.

Players with symptoms must leave the CBC immediately. Players who violate other good hygiene procedures will be subject to penalty under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge.

**LAW 91 PENALIZE OR SUSPEND**

A. Director's Powers In performing his duty to maintain order and discipline, the Director is empowered to assess disciplinary penalties in points or to suspend a player or contestant for the current session or any part thereof. The Director's decision under this clause is final (see Law 93B3).

B. Right to Disqualify. The Director is empowered to disqualify a player or contestant for cause, subject to approval by the Tournament Organizer.

The sanction holder reserves the right to ban any player for cause. Sanction holders may discontinue snack/food service at their discretion."

To comply with Ohio Law we are limiting occupancy to 24 tables for any one session (100 people total). Players could be turned away.

Isaac: Cancel Monday Evening for 3 games.

Ani decided to suspend Wednesday Evening Pairs until April 8.

Directors will remove bidding boxes and bridge mates from unused tables.

Pam and Isaac to discuss options with the cleaning service. The Board Executive Committee will decide based on the proposal.

The Board asks the sanction holders to make the above announcement to players before every game.

Teachers will make their own decisions about their private classes handled at the club.

The Board thanks the sanction holders for their collaboration on this issue, and intend to continue meeting jointly in the future.

With no more work on the agenda, the Board adjourned at 11:54 AM Board Time.

Submitted Respectfully,

Steve Moese