

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

Also: Isaac Stephani, Ani Pandit, Deb Cummings, Cordell Coy, Jodie Kiefer

Call to Order by Video conference 5:50 PM after technical difficulties. Switched to Zoom.
March 5 and March 14 minutes adopted

SANCTION HOLDER CONSENSUS – REOPEN FACE TO FACE BRIDGE:

- 1) Standards for reopening face to face bridge – follow authority regulations and guidelines
 - a. **Member Survey** Key Findings:
 - i. 11% ready to play now
 - ii. 30% ready to play with social distance PPE in place
 - iii. Majority want much lower risk (vaccine, all clear from authorities)

Mixed feelings and unclear what to do. Ohio Consumer Retail Services & Entertainment Rules apply.
<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/responsible/Consumer-Retail-Services.pdf>

Troubling requirements from OHIO:

Hand sanitizers might not be available.

Staggered entry of customers and guests – how can we do that?

Maximum capacity – 12 -15 Tables max

Talk to Hamilton County Board of Health to review whatever plans we choose to implement

Review guidelines for casinos (game tables).

Must ensure minimum of 6 feet between people – if not possible install barriers.

Consider problems with restrooms – flushing adds aerosols to the air. Will be a problem for us.

Should we require masks at the bridge center.

Who will enforce these requirements?

Why not put the requirements in the waiver that we ask all players to sign?

Consider not allowing people to bring their own food.

No need to discontinue coffee. Can people get water at the sink.

Face masks are not required but recommended by Government – we should require masks.

Corflute vs. plexiglass. Costs are 10x higher for plexiglass than for corflute. Expense for uncertain need seems high. \$8-26 per table for corflute and over \$100 per table for plexiglass.

There has been progress in the data about Ohio's epidemic so perhaps we should consider waiting until September 1.

Is the CBA going to assume the costs of reopening for the Sanction Holders? It is premature to say until we know for certain when the games will reopen. In general the Unit will assume some of the costs but the sanction holders will have to take on some of the work – sanitizing surfaces after every session is unlikely affordable if done by a service.

Casinos can inform us how they are using cards – We can keep cards out of play for a few days so viruses are not alive.

Are we going to have enough people show up for the game to run in the first place? Sanction holders should be in contact with their members to see whether they are interested in face to face bridge.

Concern about air circulation in the room – can the landlord help improve it to offer HEPA system? Unlikely.

Need a working paper – what needs to happen for the CBC to be ready to open again for face to face bridge? Tom and Isaac to follow up.

Reservations might be necessary where maximum capacity might be exceeded (Friday and Monday). Online reservation system is a possibility. No agreement as people tend to avoid technology. Unlikely people will return in droves at first, so maxing out the facility is not a proven issue.

Likely not have online games at the same time as a face to face game. We know attendance at the Bridge center will be lower – there are people who don't want to play face to face right now.

b. **Proposal:** Partial Reopening under social distance/PPE requirements

i. **OH:** Agree to standard practices:

1. 4-way table screens, corflute <https://ibb.co/b1Jzkfw> \$8+ / table
2. Hand wash/sanitize after every hand,
3. face masks,
4. Occupancy limit 25% (12-15 tables placed with one table between in every direction),
5. no snacks/food,
6. frequent sanitization of surfaces
7. Sanitize site after every session.
8. Extra costs
9. Legal liabilities – for both SHs and Unit. Use Waivers.

Signing waivers has legal standing. While lawsuits are always possible, appropriate signage and a clear waver should all but eliminate liability risk. Legal expenses could overwhelm us.

Pam asked Tom to address the proposal to compensate Larry Newman for Zoom costs and for work on OLLI training. The Board agreed unanimously to pay for 1 year of Zoom for Larry Newman and allow him to take the \$35 available from the ACBL for training new students online. We thank Larry for keeping new people coming to bridge.

EXECUTIVE SESSION -- CBC Rent

We do not expect a rent abatement from our landlord. RSB advises we not pursue.

End executive Sessions

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM.

Next Meeting Thursday July 16, 2020 -- 4:30 PM