Unit 124 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Approved Mar 3, 2021

Attendance: Potter Orr, Pam Campbell, Steve Moese, Mike Burns, Steve Messenger, Tom Mess, Brenda Mehalko, John Williams, Michelle Barker, Lewis Temples

Next Board Meeting Wednesday March 3, 2021 4:30 – 6:00 PM

Called to order 4:43 PM by President Orr.

Minutes from last meeting approved as written.

Presidents Report – Potter reported he visited the CBC and all is well.

Meeting Schedule - Wednesdays at 4:30 PM - March 3, May 5, July 7, Sept 8, Dec 8 2021

Committees – Potter is still working committees. Steve mentioned the relevance of having an I/N committee or merging that responsibility with Education or Membership.

Mike Burns asked about the unit member directory. Potter discussed how he manages the unit member directory online. Email Potter if we know of any people who should be deleted. Potter maintains the Directory with additional names even if they have moved to their winter homes. We do not adjust for snowbirds. We keep past members who have lapsed.

Treasurer Report

Pam reported no unexpected changes and reviewed the balances in the cash account.

Potter – Talked with CPA Paul Gaffney – referred Potter to a Law firm in NKy. IRS forgave the entire penalty for \$4400 and accumulated interest. They also refunded the late fee (\$79).

Directors & CBC Manager – Isaac not interested in taking the role. He directed Monday Night, Tuesday and Wednesday AM, and Friday Morning. Pam was interested in Friday and Wednesday. Bob Letourneau, Potter, Tom Mess, John Williams, and Debbie Wiest are certified directors. Mike Burns signed up for the April director's class. Michell mentioned that her husband might be interested in night games.

Brenda Mehalko mentioned Cordell's recent class in NKy – there were many people who qualified and might be interested in running a game.

Steve suggested that we divvy up the CBC Manager role and have the sanction holders handle the work. Potter and Pam agreed that that could be done. Potter asked for a written job description. We will all check our files for what was written. Pam had a 12/15/2019 message from Steve on NAP/GNT Coordination that might help locate the write-up. Potter opined that a CBC manager is not an easy position to fill.

Membership Trends - Potter brought up the QUIP Report and the membership losses we have faced. How to staunch the bleeding – hand-on teaching of BBO? Melanie Onen converted the Cavendish Game to BBO with some hand-holding. Not intuitive, players not friendly. Hard for people to engage Mnemonics, etc. Time pressure is a negative for BBO novices. Tom Mess and Mike Burns to work on making this happen. Potter will make a list.

Steve discussed the need to keep the 0-300 members motivated, integrated and interested. Pam reports 8 tables from the 0-50 game. Targeting the 0-50 group has been a big success. Potter opined that beginners could play a 12-board casual game. BBO is not now allowing free games. Potter is not sure a free game is much of a problem. The idea is to finish in 2 hours or less.

Steve mentioned the D9-99er game as a possibility to maintain interest in bridge for our 99er players. Michelle mentioned using the training table on BBO and zoom as a way to help people get comfortable with BBO.

Pam mentioned the Zoom and BBO experience with AJ. Also some videos from The Villages website on using BBO.

Steve reported that Bridgewebs says a single site for the CBC is feasible. We will begin 1 or 2 months before we restart face-to-face bridge. Steve has not met with the CBC sanction holders yet (premature).

Pam reports all sanctions from Isaac have transferred to her to be held until others express interest in those games.

Potter will tell Steve what and when to post a notice of available games for sanction holder ownership to the website.

The meeting adjourned at 5:36 PM.

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