

Attendance: Orr, Campbell, Mess, Temples, Moese, Mehalko, Barker

Guests: AJ Stephani, John Meinking

Absent: Williams

Zoom video conference meeting called to order at 7:05 PM

Minutes from September 14 and notes from the November 9, 2021 Membership Meeting were approved without objection.

Agenda

Board Election

Robert Lail, John Altman Jr., and John Williams were elected to the Unit 124 Board of Directors with Terms

MOTION: Moved by Tom Mess, to appoint Bert Luken to fill the remaining term of Mike Burns (ends 2022). ending Dec 2024. Seconded by Pam Campbell. Discussion whether we should consider candidates not elected from past years. The Board can consider any member in good standing. The motion passed 7-0.

Bert Luken is appointed to fill out the term for Mike Burns, who resigned.

Holiday Party

Discussion regarding Holiday Party. Upgraded Club Championship preferred for cost and results. Potter to ask Rob Lail to drum up attendance to Holiday Party. RSVP on the website via Google forms. AJ Stephani to prepare flyer. \$12 to \$15. Michelle Barker will check into box lunch options and get back with a recommendation.

MOTION: Steve Moese moved to postpone the Eber and Stuernagle Awards. Tom Mess seconded. Passed 7-0.

AJ Stephani

In-person clubs not doing well around the country. Smaller clubs doing better. Thanks to Pam for having In-person bridge work in Cincinnati. Louisville is struggling. CBC has 6 years left on the lease for the bridge center.

Proposal to raise some additional revenue to support the Unit. Gift cards for games at the bridge center. Start January 1, 2022, right after the year end STaC.

- 1) Increase table fees to \$10 per game, \$1 discount for members.
- 2) Start Selling memberships to the CBC. Suggest \$25 per year.

Steve mentioned that Cordell and the NKy Club has recently instituted club membership dues. AJ shared that Deschappelles members do this now.

The Board supports the sanction holders agreeing to do this as the Cincinnati Bridge Center, and will support use of the Unit name as CBA dba CBC for banking purposes to support the Square account. This promotion focuses on the CBC alone and is not Unit wide.

AJ will write up the specifics of the CBC membership proposal and price increase so that the Board can approve a defined proposal. Target – the December Board Meeting.

Steve mentioned the idea of running a monthly STaC during 2022 to drive attendance at clubs – the benefit is the attraction for District wide top awards.

John Meinking

The Unit Investments are making money. Investments for 2021, Book Value is up \$7K and Market Value up \$9K. \$196K Market Value. This is after the \$21K withdrawal. \$77K gain over the lifetime of the investment. Pam mentioned that the financials were reviewed in the Membership Meeting.

December meeting

December 15 Wednesday at Potter's House.

2022 Sublease

The Board agreed to go forward with current rent structure. Eliminate the \$13 per table rent option. Any change brought by the CBC membership proposal can be instituted with 30 days' notice. Potter and Tom will engage the sanction holders in advance of this change. Tom Mess to redraft the agreement with a cover letter for sharing in December.

Covid notification

What should the Unit do? What did NKy do? Pam mentioned the NKBC Website notice, and that she posted it on the CBC Site. NKBC notified all players from the Tuesday AM game individually. Steve mentioned that the Unit provided the CBC Sanction holders the web site and email ability to contact the players from a specific game if they were exposed to someone testing positive for Covid. The Board expects that the Sanction Holder will be responsible for notifying players if anyone tests positive. Steve M. will share links regarding CDC and Hamilton County Covid exposure requirements.

Michelle reported that box lunches will be \$9 or more. Pizza would be more cost effective, but requires someone to serve it to players. Costco Pizza, Subway sandwiches, and other ideas mentioned.

Next MEETING WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 15, 2021 at Potter Orr's House.

Submitted Respectfully,
Steve Moese, Secretary
Unit 124