

**Unit 124 Cincinnati Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes – Thursday March 3, 2022**

Present - Bert Luken, John Williams, Stephen Moese, Pam Campbell, Lewis Temples, John Altman Jr., Michelle Barker, Rob Lail

Absent with cause: Tom Mess

The Board approved the minutes from the January 2022 Meeting.

MOTION: Steve Moese moved that the current Covid protocol for the CBC be approved. Seconded by John Williams. The motion **passed** unanimously.

President's Report

The table counts in January and February of 2022 were dramatically lower than expected. This was due to the latest Covid 19 outbreak and poor weather. The hope is that the table count will increase starting in March.

The Springdale Community Bridge Club held a game at the Cincinnati Bridge Center (CBC) on February 18, 2022. The hope was that they would play their games at the CBC permanently, and sign a lease with the Cincinnati Bridge Association (CBA). The Springdale Community Bridge Club did not express an interest in doing so. However, Robert Lail stated that they are still in negotiations with the Springdale Community Center. The Springdale Community Bridge Club might be interested in playing their games at the CBC if the negotiations with the Springdale Center are not successful.

The Blue Ash bridge club has decided to hold a non-sanctioned game at the CBC on Fridays. The Blue Ash bridge club has agreed to pay \$12 per table. Steve Moese will sign a lease with Bob Letourneau for the 2022 calendar year. They will be required to pay \$15 per table if they decide to use the Bridge Mates. However, in order for them to use the Bridge Mates, a way must be found to run/record two games at once. Later in the meeting there was an extensive discussion about whether the CBA should advertise the Blue Ash bridge game. The final decision was deferred until the May Board of Directors meeting.

The Granovetter Online Charity Game will take place on March 6th, 2021.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report for 2021 was not ready at the time of the Board Meeting. Therefore, a special Board Meeting will be held in April to discuss the Treasurer's report.

The investment report was presented by John Meinking. The portfolio has a fair-market-value of \$185,000. All of the assets are invested in Preferred Stock except for \$17,000. The portfolio is receiving about \$9,000 per year from dividends. John suggests that we wait until after the Flying Pig Regional to determine if any more of the \$17,000 be invested in preferred stock.

The Membership Committee Report and Education Report

The Membership Committee Report and Education Report were not ready at the time of the Board Meeting. Both reports will be discussed at the May Board of Directors meeting. John

Williams made a motion, unanimously approved by the Board of Directors, that the mask requirement for the "Come and Play" sessions be eliminated.

New Business

The Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs winners will be honored on Saturday, May 7th. A bridge game at 1:00 will follow the celebration. Pam Campbell will be in charge of ordering medallions for the Mini-McKenney award winners. Bert Luken will be in charge of ordering lunch for the pre-game celebration.

Both Pam and Steve are planning for this to be the last year on the Board. Not only will new board members need to be recruited, but replacements will also need to be found for the other duties they perform for the club. Pam is currently the Treasurer for the club. Steve is currently in charge of the club's website and newsletters.

John Williams will present information about the Mentor program at the May Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will also discuss in May whether the vaccination requirement for the CBC will be eliminated.

MOTION: John Williams moved that the Board allow players to play at Come and Play without having to wear a mask. Robert Lail seconded the motion. The motion **passed** unanimously.

AJ Stephani could not attend the meeting. The Flying Pig Regional will take place in June. Assuming that the table count for the tournament is 50% of the table count in 2019, A.J. Stephani estimates that the profit from the regional will be modest. Much depends on what staffing the ACBL will require.

Old Business

The leases between the sanction holders and the CBA for 2022 have not been signed. Steve said that he hoped that the leases will be signed in March.

The Bridge Center card was discussed. The intention of the card is to raise revenue for the CBA, while offering a \$1 discount for purchasers of the card for the games at the CBC. The idea of a \$1 discount is complicated by the fact that the CBA has no authority over the sanction holders to determine what amount they charge bridge players to play in their games. There was also a discussion of how the card would be implemented by the sanction holders. Both John and Pam expressed a concern that the sanction holders would be responsible for administering the cards while also paying increased rent to the CBA.

A further discussion of the Bridge center card, and the rent that is charged to the sanction holders, will be the first item of discussion at the May Board of Directors meeting.

The next Board Meeting is a Special Meeting to review Unit Financial Statements at 6 PM on Thursday April 7, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bert Luken