

Attendance: John Altman, Pam Campbell, Tom Mess, Steve Moese, Bert Luken, John Williams, Michelle Barker, Lewis Temples (via phone), A.J. Stephani, and Gary Herrington.

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM by President Moese.

Appointment of New Trustees

- By motion by Moese and seconded by John Williams, Bert Luken was nominated to replace Rob Lail as Trustee with his term ending in 2024 and Gary Herrington was nominated to replace Luken as Trustee with Luken's prior term expiring in 2022.
- This motion was adopted unanimously.

Minutes Adopted

The minutes from last Board meeting (March 3, 2022) and the minutes for the Special Board meeting (April 7, 2022) were adopted without objection.

Flying Pig Regional Update

A.J. Stephani updated the Board on the upcoming Flying Pig Regional. The Regional will start on June 12 (Sunday) at noon and continue through June 17 (Friday) at the Delta Hotel by Marriott at 11320 Chester Rd. A.J. reviewed the state of face-to-face bridge around the country. The Gatlinburg Regional was at 40% of pre-Covid attendance. Detroit's Regional was at 35%. Regionals are averaging about 43%. A.J. would consider a 50% attendance at the Flying Pig as a success.

There will be no hospitality suite at the 2022 Flying Pig, but all participants will receive a free t-shirt while supplies last. Participants are required to show proof of vaccination, unless they have provided prior proof of vaccination for playing at the Cincinnati Bridge Center.

A.J. wants to have approximately 16 gift baskets available to participants via a raffle. Participants will receive free raffle tickets. A.J. asked the Trustees to contribute either new items or cash to support the gift baskets. If new items are contributed, it can be delivered to either the Cincinnati Bridge Center or to A.J.'s home.

A.J. also mentioned that Regionals are going cashless.

The Board thanked A.J. for being the Regional Tournament Chair for several years. Arun Goyal will be the new Flying Pig Regional Tournament Chair in 2023.

Rent Increase

President Moese mentioned that the CBA has a policy that after 2 years, if there is a decrease in attendance at the Cincinnati Bridge Center, the Board needs to consider taking action to correct the decrease. The CBC needs approximately 400 tables per month to break even. It is currently average 225 to 250 tables per month. Moese proposed the following motion, which was seconded by Pam Campbell:

The Board consider the loss of attendance for the 2 year period from May 2021 to May 2023 to determine what, if any, action needs to be taken.

This motion was adopted unanimously.

There was internal discussion about whether charging the CBC Game directors a higher table fee as well as balancing the financial risks between and CBA and the CBC Sublessees (Sanctioned Game Directors) and using a Club Membership/Discount card. John Altman and Tom Mess agreed to prepare a proposal on the use of a Club Membership/Discount card and how it would work with or without a higher table fee.

Membership Committee Report

John Williams gave a brief report on Membership. Come and Play (CAP) continues to run, provided there is at least 1 full table. Supervised Play on Saturdays continues to have several tables most weeks. Mentor Mentee has been on hold, but John is considering Saturday afternoons, Sundays, or every other Thursday (when there is no scheduled 8 is Enough game) as possible Mentor/Mentee games.

Steve Moese mentioned that the ACBL has started an initiative to offer local support to new players. Blakely Meyers is the National ACBL contact. Tom Mess prepared a summary of Unit 124's approach to new players, which will be forward to Blakely soon.

Education Committee Report

Tom Mess gave a brief report on Education. The OLLI classes continue to be popular. Generally, the Bridge 101, 102, and 103 courses have had 19-24 students enrolled. (The OLLI classes have a cap of 24 students.) Larry Newman runs the OLLI classes either at the CBC or online, depending on COVID concerns. CAP and Supervised Play continue even with decreased participation.

Spooktacular Sectional

The Spooktacular Sectional has traditionally been run towards the end of October. In 2021, the entry fee was \$10/person. Upon motion by Tom Mess and seconded by Pam Campbell, it was moved that the entry fee for the Spooktacular Sectional for 2022 will be \$12/person. The Board agreed unanimously with this motion.

Old Business

There have been no signed CBC subleases for 2022. Tom Mess will send an email to the Sublessees asking them to confirm via email that the 2021 CBC subleases for 2022 will remain the same except that dates have been changed to reflect the term is from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

There was a brief discussion of possible replacements for Treasurer, Secretary, Education Chair, Finance Chair, and Webmaster due to Trustees coming off the Board.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:25AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Mess
Unit 124 Secretary