

Cincinnati Bridge Association Board Meeting

17 November 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Moese at 5:03.

Attendance: John Williams, Steve Moese, Bert Luken Gary Harrington, Pam Campbell (via phone). Lew Temples and John Altman Jr. arrived at 5:30. The meeting was joined by newly elected board members - Jim Barrett and John Meinking. The newly elected Board Members will be installed on the Board in December.

September minutes: John Williams made a motion to accept the September minutes, it was seconded by Bert Luken. The motion passed unanimously.

Regional Director Election - A.J. Stephani has resigned at the Regional Director for Region 7. Only Board members can vote. The Board members will be contacted electronically by the ACBL. Both AJ and Steve Moese enthusiastically support Larry Sealy to be the new director for Region 7.

Facility updates - several upgrades to our facilities have been made. The parking lot lights are now operational. The entry-way has been cleaned of algae and mold. The HVAC upgrades have been completed. The paper towels holders in the restrooms have been upgraded.

NAP - the North American Pairs tournament was a success. Thanks go to tournament chair Bert Luken and the hospitality team of Terry Barrett, Stephanie Jones and Cecilia Kloecker. Several people specifically mentioned how much they appreciated the work that the Hospitality team did. Also, there was the largest turn-out of Flight C players in memory. This was primarily due to the efforts of Cecilia Kloecker. The tournament netted the Cincinnati Bridge Association (CBA) \$700. The District has asked the CBA to host the NAP tournament on a permanent basis.

Spooktacular - The Spooktacular netted the Cincinnati Bridge Association \$740 in rental income. In addition, Terry Barrett donated the food and supplies for hospitality to the CBA. The Board sincerely thanks Terry for her generosity.

Treasurer's Report - The Cincinnati Bridge Center (CBC) has averaged 167 tables a month for its sanctioned games in 2022. This is 233 tables below the break-even point of 400 tables. This results in an average monthly loss of \$3,500. The loss is somewhat mitigated by other sources of income, such as the Flying Pig Regional, donations, and a non-sanctioned game played in the CBC on Fridays. The loss for 2022 is estimated to be around \$21,000 for 2022.

John Williams motioned to accept the Treasurer's report: Bert Luken seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Rent Increase

The Chair made a motion to increase the table-rent \$4 from \$15 to \$19 per table beginning on January 1, 2023. The motion was seconded by Bert Luken.

A discussion followed the motion with Gary Harrington stating that he found no support for an increase in costs that bridge players would have to pay per game. However, John Meinking took a survey (not sanctioned by the Board) earlier in the day that included questions about raising the fee per game. Of

the 46 people who responded, 38 did not object to the increase in the fee per game. The Chairperson stated that he believed that a \$4 increase in the table-rent was the minimum increase that should be made. The Chairperson pointed out that the \$4 increase will only decrease the monthly loss by approximately \$655. He stated that an argument could be made for a much larger increase in the table-rent, however he felt that a larger increase might lead to "sticker shock". It is hoped that increased attendance to the CBC in 2023 will mitigate the monthly losses.

As per the constitution, sanction holders John Altman Jr. and Pam Campbell refrained from voting on the motion. The other five board members approved the motion unanimously.

Sublease

Steve stated that he would instruct board secretary, Tom Mess, to change the sublease to reflect the increased table-rent. No other changes to the subleases were necessary. Subleases for 2023 are to be signed in December 2022.

Holiday Game

The Holiday game will take place on Saturday, December 17th. The lunch will take place at noon. The game will take place at 1:00 p.m. Pam Campbell will be the Chair of the game, Bert Luken and Lew Temples volunteered to help.

Awards

Nominations were solicited for the Jerry Sternaugle award and the Patty Eber award. Jane Duncan was nominated for the Jerry Sternaugle award. A.J. Stefani and Robert Lail were nominated for the Patti Eber award. Nominations close December 7, 2022.

Steve Moese also announced that a new award would be created to recognize extraordinary service to the Unit - the "President's Award". Steve proposed, and no one objected, that the initial recipient would be Pam Campbell.

December Meeting

The December meeting is planned for December 17th. The location to be determined. The Board members will be responsible for paying for the food. The meeting will take place from 6:00 to 9:00.

Vaccination status at the CBC

Steve Moese proposed to delay any discussion on changing the vaccination policy at the CBC until 2023. The motion passed 6 to 1, with Pam Campbell casting the dissenting vote.

Submitted Respectfully,

Bert Luken