

CHARLOTTE BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting, April 5, 2017

Call to Order:

Susan Lohr, President, called the meeting to order. Members in attendance: Don Lassiter, Dave Weber, Bob Fraser, Colleen McMahon, Marta Heise, Jim Bender, and Lauren Campbell. Also in attendance: Janet Case, Marilyn Goodrich, and Rhea Caldwell.

Treasurer's Report/ Finance and Legal:

Marilyn Goodrich, Treasurer, reported that the club's finances are in good order. Revenue was down a little last month because of expenditures for Awards Day; however, expenses were in line with what was budgeted for the event. Moreover, the club will soon receive the \$1254.00 quarterly check from ACBL for its portion of membership fees.

Marilyn also noted that she has filed the club's tax return for 2016.

Don Lassiter contacted our insurance company regarding our current coverage and reported that coverage does not cover improvements the club has made, such as the installation of the sprinkler system, new carpeting, etc. Coverage is in line with a typical rental insurance policy.

Jim Bender submitted an updated inventory of the club's property: dealing machine, bridgemates, bidding boxes, printer, computer, etc. Marilyn volunteered to review this new inventory to ascertain whether the club's contents insurance is sufficient to cover the inventory.

Facilities:

Dave Weber reported that there has been a delay in replacing the tiles in the foyer. New dates will be scheduled for this replacement after the spring sectional.

In response to an email regarding locking the doors, Susan clarified that the inside door is locked once games have begun. When there are lessons at the same time as games, the teachers should ensure that the inside door is locked once the lessons begin.

Marilyn has delivered the outside tables and chairs that Lauren Campbell donated to the club, and this furniture is now on the patio. The area will be cleaned out once the weather is nice enough to begin using this space.

Tournaments:

Susan Lohr noted that everything is ready for the April 6 – 9 Spring Sectional. Day chairs and assistants are in place, food is ready, rooms are prepared, etc. The board expresses special thanks to Alice Folger who recruited volunteers for every aspect of all that is needed to run a

successful sectional. Susan noted that having sufficient volunteers makes all the difference in running a smooth and successful sectional. Alice's efforts are much appreciated!

More good news regarding Charlotte tournaments: Jim Bender and Colleen McMahon have volunteered to be the overall chairpersons for the fall sectional. As Janet Case noted in the meeting last month, our sectionals are an important opportunity for non-life-masters to gain silver points without travelling many miles away, and they have been well attended by this group. In addition, sectionals are always helpful financially to the club, so the board thanks Jim and Colleen for volunteering.

Communications:

Bob Fraser is updating the calendar for regularly scheduled games to include the new 0-20 games on Tuesday night and Friday afternoon. Bob also noted that Paula Brewer has added direct links to the calendar and a list of E-blasts to the news page.

Bob is beginning the process of updating the club directory. The board discussed ways to ensure that everyone who plays at the club and wishes to be in the directory is included with correct email and phone number information. Janet noted that there are people in the directory now who no longer play at the club for various reasons. She suggested dividing the task of ascertaining whether those currently listed wish to remain in the directory. Volunteers could each take a couple pages and call those names to ensure that the directory is accurate and up-to-date.

The process of updating the directory will continue throughout the summer. As in the past, current directories will be placed strategically in the club, and players should check out their names, making appropriate changes or placing a check by their names to indicate that their information is accurate. The goal is that the updated directory will be ready to be printed in the fall.

Player Development:

Colleen McMahon reported that the new 0-20 games are going well and that we have forty-four new players coming to the club. Volunteers are helping these players become accustomed to the rules and procedures of duplicate. The feedback from both new players and volunteers has been very positive.

Marta noted that she has ordered many new name badges in the past months; however, there are still many in the basket that have not been picked up. Anyone who has ordered a badge should check the basket by the director's desk to retrieve his/her name badge.

Events:

Awards Day was a lot of fun with beads, balloons, and flower prizes. The board congratulated Martha Harrington on all her work making the event such a success. Don Lassiter suggested that the board consider moving Awards Day from a Saturday to a day with a bigger game. The board will revisit this in a later meeting.

The club's next special event is The Longest Day, June 21st, in support of Alzheimer's research.

Old Business:

Jim Bender contacted Celia Johnson about the bidding boxes for sale but has not heard from her as yet.

New Business:

The board discussed ways to clean the cards in the boxes and noted that there are extra cards available to replace those that are in the worst condition.

Suggestion Box:

There were no suggestions from the suggestion box this month.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is Wednesday, May 3, 2017. Rhinehart will be giving an update on the club's investments.

Respectfully submitted,

Marta Heise, Secretary