

CHARLOTTE BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting, February 1, 2017

Call to Order:

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

Treasurer's Report/ Finance and Legal:

Marilyn reported that the club was on target with the 2016 budget. Don Lassiter moved to approve the 2017 budget, and the motion carried. Marilyn also reported a \$34,200 earnings on investments.

Don moved and the Board approved extending the current proprietors' leases through 12/31/17.

Facilities:

Dave Weber reported that he is waiting for Owens, the county contractor, to get back to him on several issues:

- Fixing/replacing several tiles in the foyer.
- Replacing the yellowish lights in the break room.
- Replacing outside lights that have burned out.
- Ensuring that all inside lights go off as scheduled.

He has a plumber on call to repair the urinal in the men's bathroom.

Colleen McMahon has assembled a team who will meet to clean the club bridgemates on February 16, and she is working with Marion Buckman to find volunteers to sanitize the bidding boxes. Dave Sutherlin noted that proprietors had ordered new playing cards from Baron & Barclay in August. Dave spoke to someone at B&B, and she assured him that the cards would be sent by Friday, February 3.

Tournaments:

The board commended Lauren Campbell on the success of the NLM tournament in January. Attendance was exceptionally high, and the tournament netted close to \$2200. It also brought in a record number of new players. Janet Case reported that there were nineteen tables of players with 0-100 masterpoints. Lauren noted, and the board agreed, that January was a better month than June for this tournament since members are more likely to be on vacation or attending graduations in June.

Susan Lohr is chairing the April Sectional, and she noted that we need a chairman for the fall sectional which is scheduled for September.

Communications:

Dave Weber will be working with Paula Brewer (CBA's website programmer). If anyone wants to make a change or addition to the Club directory, he/she should contact Dave. Dave also suggested asking directors to write announcements and include graphics on the web page.

Bob Fraser outlined several suggestions regarding communications:

- Create a possible link from CBA website to ACBL Partners' Desk
- Add Dave Weber's E-Blasts to website alongside Janet's newsletter via a new page that would replace Phantom Fotos.
- Move the Board minutes from the calendar to the BOD page.
- Create a link to local teachers on the web site.
- Encourage members to link a photo to the CBA directory.

The Board discussed these suggestions and agreed that it was a good thing to consider new ideas. No specific motions were made at this time.

Bob also noted that CBA is in compliance with ACBL privacy protocol.

Jim Bender suggested creating an "ask a director" feature on the website by which members could learn more about etiquette, procedures, and rules of the game.

Player Development:

Pam Berry and Lisa Pharr are hosting an Introduction to Duplicate Bridge Night on February 23. This night is designed to encourage social bridge players to learn duplicate and to participate in games at the club. A free-play will be given to those who attend the session.

The board discussed offering special games for players new to duplicate, such as games that consist of 12 – 15 boards. The board discussed waiving rent for the shorter games, the need to find directors and to provide compensation for the director, and the importance of ensuring that such games do not cause issues with parking or timely start of regular games scheduled at the club. It was suggested that the board could designate two dates in March – one during the day, one in the evening – if it was decided to go ahead with offering the special games.

Events:

Martha Harrington is heading preparations for Awards Day, which is scheduled for March 11. Lauren Campbell and Marta Heise will assist Martha with planning this event. It was noted that Bill Sutton is currently accepting nominees for the recipient of the 2016 Goodwill Award.

Martha is also chairing the club's Longest Day event in support of research toward a cure for Alzheimer's Disease. Martha suggested a silent auction as an addition to the other incentives planned to raise money for this cause. The board agreed that this was an excellent idea. Janet informed the board that Jerry Helms has agreed to give up his Wednesday afternoon game for the June 21st. event, asking only that he did not have to pay rent for that day. In addition, Jerry is offering a free play with him as a lottery prize.

Game Support:

Lauren Campbell agreed to inform members about the upcoming GNT (Grand National Teams) events in April/May and the NAP (North American Pairs) events in June, July, and August.

Old Business:

Jim Bender and Marta Heise noted that players are still asking questions about why the leads are not included in the bridgemates when the vote was in favor of including the leads. Don Lassiter reaffirmed that this issue was never up to the Board, but rather, it was the decision of the proprietors. The vote was taken to inform the

proprietors of the members' wishes. If players wish to voice further concerns, they must take these concerns to the proprietors.

New Business:

Don Lassiter moved to approve use of the facility for Bingo for the Blind on April 21. The motion carried.

The board agreed to pay the fee for the Director Exam (\$20.00) and for taking the Director Course for members studying to become directors.

Suggestion Box:

- In response to a concern regarding non-members using the restrooms, the board will reinstate the No Public Restrooms sign,
- In a response to a request for a picnic table outside the side door for those wishing to eat their lunch outside, Lauren Campbell offered to donate a wrought iron table and chairs for this purpose.
- In response to a complaint about the condition of the restrooms, Dave will contact the cleaning service and register that members are not satisfied with what is currently being done.
- Janet Case reminded the Board that we still need someone to take over printing free play slips to NLMs who have achieved a new level. Marilyn Goodrich agreed to take on this responsibility.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is Wednesday, March 1, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Marta Heise, Secretary