

**CHARLOTTE BRIDGE ASSOCIATION**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 5, 2023**

**In Attendance via Zoom:** Jack McMahon, Rich Welc, Debbie Enna, Gainor Eisenlohr, Cathy Miller, Chris O'Connor, Greg LeBlanc, Susan Lee, David Heymann, Janet Case, Veronica Barnes

**Welcome to New Members:** Jack introduced the three new Board members: Greg LeBlanc, Susan Lee, and Dave Heymann. Welcome and congratulations proffered by all present as well as expressions of gratitude to outgoing Board members for all their hard work over the past few years.

**Financials:** Chris reported. In summary this has “not been a terrific year” financially. Rent of \$36,000 and maintenance/fees of \$25,000-\$30,000 aren't covered with revenue from face-to-face and consortium games. Consequently, we've had to withdraw nearly \$47,000 from our Investment Account this year to pay our bills. Debbie believes we need to acknowledge we're operating at a deficit and seriously address finding a long-term fiscally responsible solution. Chris agreed: “We need to consider how to run the club differently on an ongoing basis.”

Debbie noted that we ended with a net negative of \$909 from the Longest Day campaign. Chris shared that we haven't yet received the agreed-to payment for half of the lunch expenses. Cathy noted that in spite of our loss the event itself was highly successful; we were among the very top fund-raisers in the country. Jack suggested that going forward we should at least break even.

In response to a question from Susan, Chris gave some background on the Investment account which we've had for around 15 years since selling our prior location. Debbie added that there is an Investment committee which oversees the account.

**Election of New President:** Jack nominated Greg to succeed him as Board President. All present heartily approved. Congratulations from all to Greg and gratitude for his willingness to accept a most challenging position. All other officers and committee assignments will remain as they were.

**Player Development:** Jack and Colleen are committed to working on player development and welcoming of newcomers. In addition, Pam Barry, beloved immediate past president who was not able to attend the meeting, asked that the following be added to the minutes:

Pam Barry's Wednesday invitational game continues to be a big success. Jan 4th had 15 tables with 6 new players for the first time since Covid. Later in the day start time, shorter game, Low key atmosphere and fun continues to be the feedback Pam is getting on why people are attending. This invitational game was originally started for her students but now that the students are comfortable, Pam will be inviting 5 to 10 new people each week."

**Functional Assignments:** Greg believes that a lot of the work involved in running the club can and should be handled by non-board members. Some may need to be "voluntold". He plans to put a sign-up sheet at the club asking for volunteers for specific tasks and responsibilities.

**Jerry Helms Seminar:** Gainor will have a telcon with Jerry to work out details for a proposed seminar. Janet explained that Jerry sets his fee and we decide how much to charge participants.

**Mahjong Sublease:** Per Jack, agreement is in place for Thursdays beginning in February at the rate of \$60/week.

**Board Meeting Schedule Change:** At Greg's suggestion our monthly Board meetings going forward will be held on the first Thursday of the month at 4:30 pm via Zoom. Agreement from all present.

**Adjourn**