

## CHARLOTTE BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

### CBA BOARD MEETING

January 5, 2022

**Present (zoom):** Pam Barry, Jack McMahon, Debbie Enna, Mark McBeth, Veronica Barnes, Rich Welc, Gainor Eisenlohr, Chris O'Connor, Cathy Miller, Eva Stokkebye, Janet and Len Case, Marilyn Goodrich

#### Treasurer's Report:

At year end we had \$11,339 in cash, \$36,000 in the Money Market Acct., and \$1,057,318 in investments (which had a gain of \$120,000 over the course of 2021). All together a total loss of just under \$20,000 for the year.

#### Election of new officers:

Jack McMahon president (election program: driving people back to playing at the club).

Rich Welc vice president

Veronica Barnes secretary

Marilyn Goodrich still treasurer, (till June), now a good time to incorporate an assistant treasurer (Chris O'Connor volunteered), and Janet Case is already working closely with Marilyn.

Mark McBeth continues as responsible for the facilities, mainly supplies and cleaning, and Rich Welc is happy to continue dealing with the county, security, fire inspections and the phone co.

Pam Barry and Veronica Barnes will work on partnerships, incl. formulating a plan to automate / update the system in some way. They invited anyone interested to sign up as a backup for people looking for partners to play at the club

Susan Wade has agreed to stay on in charge of email blasts, as Doris Klobuchar is having problems with Mail Chimp. (We hope the Martha Eubanks will continue to help with elections, surveys, etc.)

Len Case is the electronic coordinator.

We still need someone to take on the job of club librarian, and we still need directors in the club.

Rich will update manuals specifying responsibilities etc. including new ones in connection with our taking over ownership of the games. Jack showed us the Club Managers' Handbook from ACBL, which has a lot of useful information.

Special events:

We still need to find people to run special events. Lisa Pharr is no longer running the Longest Day. Veronica stressed that it entails a lot of work to be successful (2021 our club came in with the 4<sup>th</sup> best result in the country!), at least 4 committed persons worked on it last year.

Pam will ask if Sandra Grey is interested, and try to find someone before next meeting. (Jack suggested checking Colleen's list of possible interested helpers).

The Awards Day has now been cancelled two years, there are a lot of awards to give out and celebrate, (it used to be held in the first week of April), this issue was tabled for a later meeting.

Debbie is still in charge of the Over/Under games. We are not having one in January, and as this is only possible in F2F games we have to put these on hold for a few months.

Online consortium:

Pam is encouraged by it, Chris pointed out it is well run, has a lot of players, both in the open and 750 side (about 165 pairs in all in the last game). We still have not received the first report, and we need at least 50 players a day. Pam stressed the need to educate our members that they need to play in our games both online and in the club. The Consortium games give more points (also counting towards the Ace of Club and Mini McKinney awards) than the regular BBO games. The online Silver Linings week is separate from the F2F STAC game at the

club. This will be in March, and will award black, red, silver and gold points, and hopefully attract players back to the club.

Some players have not been able to find our club games on BBO, it's on the website, Jack suggested sending out an email spelling it out, but we agreed that we should be careful about overdoing it with the emails.

Increasing players at the club:

Rich suggested that each of us call 10 people to invite them back to the club, Jack pointed out that non-board members could / should do this as well.

The mask mandate is a great inhibitor, but with a countywide positivity rate of 27% we are a long way off from the 5% or less needed for the county to relax this mandate.

Pam made it clear that we need to keep going, even if we're just breaking even, as it would be too confusing to stop and restart in person playing after each new variant of the virus is discovered. Jack agreed that consistency is important, we have to keep the doors open, but we might have to cut the Saturday games.

We have a whole drawer of free game vouchers and the players still are not showing up, these especially go to the players in the limited games. The marketing committee is to look at this issue.

Committee reports:

Pam finally received the signed copy of the lease from the county.

The flag outside needs to be replaced (by the county).

We discussed the possibility of subleasing the space. We were not able to do this before when we had the space rent free, but with the new lease the county has no problem with it. There have been requests from a quilting group and the League of Women Voters. A board member would have to sponsor these meetings, and there is the issue of insurance coverage. We certainly need the revenue, so depending on the amount it could be worth looking into.

Judy Brown:

Pam said the friends of Judy Brown agreed to a (one time) Bridge Wiz game in her honor and to use the \$200 for prizes and books for the kids playing. Pam will be in charge of this arrangement through the ACBL Educational Foundation (probably early March).

Finally from the new president:

Jack thanked Pam for her great services throughout a tough year, which she handled really well. He also encouraged us to find help from friends outside the board, to use skills from other members.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, February 2 at 4 pm.

(By Zoom or in person tbd.)