

Lake County Duplicate Bridge Clubs, Inc.

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MEETING MINUTES FOR 4/21/2021

The meeting, held at the club facility, was called to order by President John Carusone at 10:00 am. Present were President John Carusone, Linda Holloway, and Jerry Robie. Secretary Peggy Keene was excused. Several observers were also present.

Review and approval of the minutes for the March 17, 2021 meeting were tabled because some of the board members had not received copies of the minutes to review prior to this meeting.

Our Accountant, Lindley d'Ouille provided a financial status report. As of March 31, 2021, the company's total equity is \$124,156.15. This includes Fixed Assets (Building and Furnishings) of \$108,084.47 and Current Assets of \$16,071.68. Net Loss for the year 2021 is \$1,334.19. Regarding March, 2021 Profit and Loss, Net Ordinary Income was \$1,139.27. Total Donations to the club in March, were \$1,750.00, offsetting the unavoidable expenses even with the facility as closed down as possible.

The Board thanks Lindley for her outstanding efforts in working with our utility suppliers to reduce costs to a minimum and for regularly coming to the club to check on things and taking care of what needs to be addressed. As an example, because of a water stain on the ceiling, Lindley brought in the roofing contractor. He said that the roof is intact. An independent inspector, who was hired to determine whether recent roof improvements could result in a reduction in our property insurance assessment, confirmed the integrity of the roof. The inspector also created a report that will very likely result in a significant reduction in our property insurance assessment. Lindley will submit this report to our insurance company. (Regarding the ceiling stain, a couple of people felt that was there before the roof was installed; it was just not as apparent.)

Because of openings on the board, Linda Holloway and Peggy Keene were asked to propose replacement board members. At this meeting, Linda Holloway presented Virginia Parker and Diane Vonasek. Per our bylaws, the board approved Virginia and Diane as being appointed to the board. The President thanked Linda, and Peggy for their excellent efforts and welcomed Diane and Virginia to the board. Diane agreed to be Vice-President and Virginia agreed to assume the role of Treasurer.

There was some discussion regarding the terms of office for the specific board members. Virginia and Diane are replacing members whose term ends in January, of 2022. Linda thought her term was also ending at the end of this year, but was unsure. John thought his term ended at the end of 2022. Jerry has no idea. John has asked Peggy Keene to review prior minutes to determine the term limits and is awaiting a reply.

John Carusone and Jerry Robie have been unsuccessful so far in finding replacement candidates for our Club Manager position. The specific requirements of and duties of the Club Manager position were discussed. Essentially, the Club Manager is responsible with all communications with ACBL and all arrangements specific to running bridge games. Joan Mager, an observer at the meeting, volunteered to talk to a person who might be interested in the position.

There was also some discussion about possibly appointing (hiring?) a Facilities Manager. The board is responsible for controlling and maintaining the building and it was felt that, perhaps, a specific individual should be identified for this function.

All other Old Business (Name tags; Deceased member plaques; other?) were tabled – to be reconsidered when the pandemic subsides.

There was much discussion about how and when to reopen the club. The consensus is still that the October time-frame looks probable. However, Jerry Robie grudgingly agreed to look at the incremental costs to the board of starting sooner.

Consideration of protocols for this reopening (masks; vaccination requirements; temperature measurements; sanitizing the tables, bidding boxes, and cards; and snacks and drink considerations) were discussed, but no decisions were made. Discussion of DeLand Bridge Club and North Orlando Bridge Club stated requirements and actual implementations were discussed. Further discussion and decisions on the protocols will be considered as reopening time nears.

The board agreed to allow up to three informal, casual games a week – essentially shuffle-and-deal bridge with no ACBL involvement. To cover the increased expenses of opening and using the building, each participant in these casual games are asked to contribute \$5 for each time that they play. The participants are required to clean the facility after they use it.

There is already a casual game at the club on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm. Lindley d'Ouille agreed to be the focal point for requests for these games. Anyone

contacting Lindley will be advised that players are not guaranteed and that the organizer of the game should be sure to bring at least four players (including themselves) with them. Arrangements to open the building will be made on a case-by-case basis. John Carusone will prepare a notice regarding this and Jerry Robie will distribute the notice to our emailing list.

John clarified for the meeting attendees that persons who paid their 2020 dues are carried over to 2021. There was some discussion about 2022 dues amounts and collection, but resolution was tabled at this time.

The next meeting will be on May 12, 2021, starting at 10:00 am.

President John Carusone adjourned the meeting at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted by Jerry Robie