

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

July 13, 2020

Present:

Jerry Harrington, Karen Fillis, Jeri Tribo, Jeanne Dawley, Ed Rawlinson, Joe Ramirez, John Hilbig, Beth Gale, Rich Lampman, and Roxi Raaf.

Absent:

Jon Tramer

Guests:

Laurie Levin and Steve Simpson

Jerry Harrington called the meeting to order at the Fiesta Bridge Club at 2:05. Social distancing was observed and masks were worn. The minutes for June 10 and the treasurer's report were approved and will be posted on-line.

Karen Fillis reported that more money was donated for Support SA Bridge. The total is now \$5,597. Laurie expressed her appreciation for the donations.

Jerry Harrington reported that he sold some stock (Credit Swiss AG Nassau) that was not doing well and reinvested in another stock that already increased in value. Jerry would prefer to turn over this job to someone else. Discussion followed. At the next meeting, Jerry will present to the Board the risks and profiles for several ETF's (Exchange Traded Funds) for consideration.

Jeanne Dawley reported that membership dropped, probably those that do not play on-line. Our current membership is at 562 down from 587.

Mentor-Mentee Chair, Roxi Raaf, suggested that the Board consider offering reimbursement for BBO games when Mentors plays with their Mentees. She listed the following parameters:

1. Must play in a Unit/Midtex-Alliance game
2. Number of free plays still limited to 12 per year and will pick up with their current number for the year.
3. Must contact/email (Roxi Raaf) with the date, name of game, and time prior to their play for verification.
4. Mentors and Mentee must each pay for their own game.

5. Roxi will keep track of the number of plays per month per M/M and submit to the Treasurer for reimbursement.
6. M/M pairs will be limited to 3 games per month for Mentor reimbursement unless more is needed to meet yearly quota due to illness, etc., extenuating circumstances.
7. Program will be in effect retroactively from June 2020, so if a M/M pair played together from June 1,2020, that play will be eligible for reimbursement from the Unit.
8. For M/M program, not for Tiered Mentoring.
9. Mentors may let the games with their Mentees accumulate before reporting them to the M/M Chair for reimbursement so that the Treasurer, Karen Fillis, does not have to write such small checks.

Ed Rawlinson moved to adopt the above parameters for the M/M program on BBO. Karen Fillis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Roxi Raaf stated that she will email all Mentors and Mentees to inform them of the program.

Due to the Covid 19 virus, all Unit games for the year have been canceled.

Joe Ramirez reported that he sent a PNO (Pianola) email blast to 399 499ers to promote the virtual games in the Mid TX Alliance on BBO.

Ed Rawlinson will compose the "Winning Finesse" to list the candidates for the Board and their bios. Also, he will include the awards for members and promote the virtual clubs on BBO.

Election Chair, Joe Ramirez, reported that he received 27 nominations for the Board after he sent out a PNO. With assistance from Roxi Raaf and Debbie Schweiss, they divided the list and called the prospective candidates. Only 5 of the 27 decided to run. They are Bob Craig, Lisa Talcot, Maria Cartensen, Rosemary Kelley, and Ed Rawlinson.

Laurie Levin reported that the sale of the Center, where the Club is located, fell through, and the owners are willing to renew her lease. She does not know how much they will want and is concerned about whether ACBL will allow her to have

in-house games and sectionals to make it financially feasible. She will report back to the Board next meeting.

Jerry Harrington will contact the Omni, where we have a contract for the 2021 Regional, to discuss what leeway we have if we cannot have the tournament or if the turn-out is poor. ACBL will assist if we have contractual problems.

The next meeting will be held on August 10,2020, at 2:00 at Fiesta Bridge Club.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeri Tribo,
Secretary