

Cincinnati Bridge Association Board of Trustees (Directors)
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 13, 2012

Board President A.J. Stephani called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Present were: Cordell Coy, Patrick Hoffman, Gayle Keaney, Barb Levinson, Ron Manne, Mike Purcell, A.J. Stephani. Members Absent: Mary Clifton, Potter Orr.

The February minutes were approved. On December 20-21, 2011, there was an email vote taken to change the fee structure to the current \$7 player fee, \$15/table sanction holder rent, and repealing the change in director fees and continuing splitting the additional parking fees with. This email vote unanimously passed, and the language of the vote has been filed as a separate meeting (12/21/2011).

The board agreed to review progress in the following three areas at each meeting during 2012 as these are our three (longer term) priorities.

- membership care and recruitment - no additional progress was reported at this meeting.
- lease and location - AJ, Bob Brown, Bob Fisk, and Cordell looked at two properties both on Reading road. One is the Viox building behind us, and the other the old Frisch's just south of Ronald Regan highway. The Viox space is expensive and isn't ideal as the space is split between two floors. The Frisch's building is cheaper, but has some location concerns. Both would need extensive remodeling work. Additionally, AJ was contacted by Arun Goyal regarding the possible use of space in a strip mall near route 42 and Hauck. This location was not viewed. The board supported the committee's activity, and agreed that a move could be considered if the right location were identified. The committee will continue it's investigation.
- sanction holder relationship and communication - Ron reported that directorgrams have been reinstated. These brief email notes may provide a way to keep the directors in the loop with day-to-day issues that arise. There was discussion as to what crossover there was for these with Mike Lipp's responsibility. Ron, Mike, and Potter will sort this out.

Gayle provided the treasurer's report. It was a year/year report for January and February 2011 and 2012. The bottom line is the fee changes are helping and we're doing a better job of managing expenses so far. The report was accepted.

Cordell reported that we need to finalize arrangements for cleaning and lunch for the STAC super Tuesday, but everything else appears ready. For the regional, we are working on details. Potter is working to provide \$3 coupons to the concession stand instead of cash prizes for section tops. He will take flyers to Memphis, and Cordell will take the banner and attempt to get it displayed. Barb, Stephani, and Gayle need to meet and discuss preparatory steps for the sectional.

ACBL president Sharon Anderson will be spending some of her time at the Cincinnati regional. Potter is making room arrangements for her. She would like meet over dinner some members of the unit. Gayle will research an appropriate venue. Can we hold a raffle with the prize to be her partner at an event? Would she be interested in having dinner with the board one evening and the sanction holders another?

At the time the board agreed to repeal the new sanction holder rent structure, it also decided to keep the same financial agreement regarding the rent for the extra parking. Apparently this portion of the decision was not properly communicated to Deschappelles. Gayle agreed to contact Sandy and explain the board's rationale.

Bill Higgins provided a note to AJ requesting \$500 funding from the unit (with matching district funds) for his team's participation in the upcoming GNTs. AJ moved, seconded by Ron that the funds be provided to both Bill's team (open flight) and to the Altman's team (flight C). The motion passed.

Barb volunteered to lead the mentor/mentee program again this year.

Ron copier purchase/lease information from Donnellon McCarthy. This company provides large corporations in Cincinnati with professional copier services. The board took note of the information, but took no action.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Cordell Coy
Recording Secretary