

Minutes, RIBA Association Zoom meeting December 28, 2022

Meeting was called to order promptly at 6:45 P. M. by Sue Miguel.

Members present: Charleen Christy, Julie Goulet, Meg Gousie, Steve Linder, Sue Miguel, Megan Mihara, Cindy Mottle, and Chris Soares.
Absent: Bart Buffington, Barry Gilbert, Joyce Haley

Don Rankin moved approval of the minutes of the last meeting as distributed. Motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's report. Chris Soares reported that she has completed the paper work to transfer the Citizens account from Joe Brouillard to her. The account balance is \$2344.37. The Fidelity account has not yet been transferred. The only activity was a debit of \$96.00 for storage fee.

Sue Miguel asked about frequency of meetings and also whether they should be on line, F2F, or hybrid. The consensus was that they should be on Zoom on Saturdays at 11 AM and at 6-week intervals.

Sue Miguel reported that we are authorized to have STAC tournament using club games January 23 to 29. She suggested that we invite Central Massachusetts Bridge Association to join us and the board approved.

Sue also reported that there has been major staff turnover at the ACBL. One controversy is the establishment of entry express, where players can buy entries before a tournament. This is a major expense for ACBL.

Sue also reported that the ACBL is not requiring an ACBL tournament director for sectionals with sessions of fewer than 25 tables.

Charleen, tournament committee chair, reported that she will be meeting with Maureen Fahey on Thursday, January 5, at 7:00 via zoom. Maureen

will provide information on the procedures for setting up sectionals. The January and March sectionals have been cancelled but that the June sectional will be a go. Other committee members are Lois DeBlois and Bart Buffington.

Julie Goulet, membership chair, reported that 2 members have transferred out and 2 new members have joined RIBA. She also noted with sadness the deaths of David Regenstein and Paul Delcioppio. Julie suggested having instructional sessions for newer members. Barry had suggested a survey about what would help. Cards are suggested to acknowledge advancement through the ranks. Laura Yentsch is also on this committee.

Cindy Mottle, Bylaws chair, reported that the committee will be meeting January 14. Members are Steve Linder, Paula Najarian, and Don. One important change is to make the bylaws reflect the recently changed terms of service. Cindy asked all board members to suggest other changes as appropriate.

Megan reported that she will be meeting with Joe Brouillard to learn how to make changes in the website/

Meeting was adjourned at 7:33 by call of the chair.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Rankin