

Rhode Island Bridge Association, Inc.
Minutes
October 1, 2022

In attendance: Joe Brouillard, Charleen Christy, Megan Diorio, Maureen Fahey, Barry Gilbert, Julie Goulet, Meg Gousie, Sue Miguel, Cindy Mottle, Don Rankin, Stanley Williams, Marshall Williams

Absent: Bart Buffington

Call to Order: 10:01

President's Comments: Welcome to all and we will be voting to add two new board members.

Secretary's Report: Minutes resent with corrections with respect to investments and being attentive to not spending when the market is down. Move made to approve and seconded Minutes accepted with correction.

Board approval of new board members: Motion made, seconded and approved to add two new members. Joyce Haley, Chris Soares Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Specific numbers mentioned about assets and income from the ACBL. Expenses were for the storage unit and email software. Discussion of the investment at Fidelity. RIBA invested in the Puritan fund which is a fairly conservative fund. Loss due to market volatility but small loss. Motion made, seconded and approved as submitted

Old Business:

Elections/Annual Meeting

The Nominating committee's report is completed and Marshall suggests that approval of slate of new officers be made by email to the membership of RIBA, Marshall sent a draft of the letter to be sent to the membership to the board for approval. Some

discussion followed but consensus was that an email election would be fine. The email would include the treasurer report as well though approval of the treasurer's report is not necessary. There would need at least 25 members to respond to the email to make a forum to make the election necessary.

Some discussion of members who have not attended meetings due to technology and whether members that do not attend can continue on the board. Consensus by board members that ZOOM meetings are the way forward.

Sue asked if Joe's email system would allow folks to have yes/no questions and respond directly. Marshall put a copy of the email to RIBA members in the chat option of ZOOM so the board could respond immediately about the new board. The consensus was that the letter was appropriate. Marshall said he would speak to missing members about remaining on the board. Cindy said that directors in local clubs should mention the election at in-person games.

New Business:

Megan asked Joe to change the RIBA landing page on the website to eliminate suggestions that players play on-line. Maureen will check with Johnstown dates for 2023. Megan suggested that by-laws be updated and will find a word copy of the current by-laws.

Sue asked if anyone had pictures from the June sectional as she felt that pictures of people playing bridge and having fun would be a good thing on the landing page for the RIBA website.

Megan asked Joe who was going to take over the website. He discussed the software and felt that anyone with a little software background would go a long way to managing the web site. Megan said that she had some background in managing websites and would take over the website. Joe also sends out emails. Maureen mentioned that she has a lot of duties and some should be taken over including is tournament manager, membership manager, caddy master, scheduling tournaments and contact person for tournaments. Sue has thoughts about spreading out some jobs.

Joe said that he will get together with Chris and let her know all the details of what he does. Mureen said she will meet with Don to let him know what she does. At the next

board meeting on November 5th, the board will go over the list of duties done by current board members and who should take over what positions.

Question about the March tournament and if and when the next event should happen. Sue mentioned that in addition to scheduling issues with the district also problems with conflicts with the ACBL gold tournaments. ACBL seems more concerned with making money with the on-line regionals than worrying about sectionals. This year might be the year to have an April sectional as the district has canceled the April Regional.

Further discussion on sectional dates in November.

Schedule of Upcoming Board Meetings:

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Saturday Nov 5th

Meeting adjourned 10:41.