

Rhode Island Bridge Association, Inc.

Minutes

March 6, 2021

In attendance: Linda Aherns, Bart Buffington, Joe Brouillard, Charleen Christy, Lois DeBlois Megan Diorio, Maureen Fahey, Barry Gilbert, Julie Goulet, Meg Gousie, Sue Miguel, Cindy Mottle, Don Rankin, Chris Soares, Stanley Williams, Marshall Williams

Absent:

Call to Order: Marshall called the meeting to order at 10: 17

President's Comments: Welcome to everyone we have a full board and we will make the meeting short so everyone can get to the Swiss team event.

Secretary's Report: Motion made and seconded to accept the minutes with the corrections noted.

Treasurer's Report: Joe shared the treasurer's report. There was very little activity just income from ACBL membership and the only expense was storage. There was a profit of \$396 for the first two months of the year. In the last fiscal year we made over 20% on our income. There was a motion made and seconded to approve the report which was accepted unanimously. The annual report was filed, and the 2020 990 tax return was filed with the IRS.

Reports:

In/Out report

In January we had 2 new members and 2 members transfer out. In February we had 1 new member, 4 new transfers and 1 deceased member Fred Rogier. As of March 1st we have 441 members.

Executive Board update.

Most of the district information was sent out in an ACBL wide email which covered when live bridge would return Curtis BARTON of the national scheduling committee has been working on the schedule but at this time we really don't know how many people will be signing up for games.

Old Business:

Nationals in Providence Great news that the NABC has been rescheduled to Providence for 2022. Initially the 2021 in Providence was cancelled. Fortunately for us, the NABC in Washington for 2022 was cancelled due to

the hotel in Washington having gone out of business. Providence was able to accommodate the desired dates for 2023. The official dates have not been announced at this time. The NABC committee is still in place and all participants are still involved.

March Tournament and Subsequent Tournaments

Peter Marcus has told Maureen that we can have tournaments after August 1. We are not sure if the Senior Center would be willing to accommodate us. They are reticent. We would have to consider limiting the numbers, screening, only going with reservations. Marshall is leaning toward cancelling as we are not sure what restrictions will be in place. Barry suggested we ask about vaccinations. We are not sure if we can do that legally. Some discussion followed about Covid. Concern about variations from other states. Consensus that we hold off another month or two before we cancel the tournament. Questions about masks, distancing etc still in the air. A lot of work will have to happen prior to having the tournament. Sue said if we have to worry about all the protocols it might be better to have a tournament when we can run the tournaments the way we did before. Marshall asked Sue what directors would want to come and direct tournaments. The first tournament back has to be spectacular so that folks will come back.

Below was mentioned in the meeting but was not presented. This is a list of all tournaments currently scheduled.

Jan 29-30, 2022	Johnston	RI	Info		25	145	Sectional	Open
Mar 19-20, 2022	Johnson	RI	Info		25	145	Sectional	Open
Jun 4-5, 2022	Johnston	RI	Info		25	145	Sectional	Open
Sep 17-18, 2022	Johnston	RI	Info		25	145	Sectional	Open

Jan 28-29, 2023	Johnston	RI	Info		25	145	Sectional	Open
Mar 25-26, 2023	Johnston	RI	Info		25	145	Sectional	Open
Jun 3-4, 2023	Johnston	RI	Info		25	145	Sectional	Open

Sep 23-24, 2023	Johnston	RI	Info		25	145	Sectional	Open
Jan 27-28, 2024	Johnston	RI	Info		25	145	Sectional	Open
Mar 23-24, 2024	Johnston	RI	Info		25	145	Sectional	Open
Jun 8-9, 2024	Johnston	RI	Info		25	145	Sectional	Open
Sep 21-22, 2024	Johnson	RI	Info		25	145	Sectional	Open

Newsletter

Cindy thanked Lois and Joe for her help in producing the newsletter. When she took over the job she looked at newsletters from all over New England. At this time we are the only unit producing a newsletter in New England. Lois said that Cindy is doing a great job. It is nice that we are reaching out.

New Business:

Open Committee Chairs: Hospitality, Tournaments will hold off on this until we can have tournaments.

Schedule of Upcoming Board Meetings:

- Future meetings will be held :
 May 8, 2021 10:15 Zoom Meeting
 August 14th 10:15 zoom meeting

Sue Miguel said that teams are beginning to sign up for the tournament. She brought up the longest day fundraiser. Marshall and Sue will make a plan and bring it up for the next meeting. Bob Garfinkel still plans to open up the club on June 1st. SUE says she will probably always have a virtual club and is currently thinking of only having in person three days a week probably beginning of August. The guidelines are to give the most options to the most people so people can play the way they want. Some discussion of guests versus regular members of virtual clubs. Some guidelines coming from ACBL on who can play at which virtual club.

Meeting ended at 10:52.