

**New Hampshire Bridge Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, August 30, 2021
MINUTES**

The 2021 Summer Meeting of the New Hampshire Bridge Association was held via Zoom due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. Technical difficulties caused a late start; meeting was called to order by president, David Lawrence, at 7:22 p.m.

Members of the Board of Directors in attendance were:
Lucia Carlisle, Alice Eberhardt, Ross Huntington, Sharon Kace,
Bill Kennedy, David Lawrence, John Pieper, Jane Verdrager, Sarah Widhu

Absent: Ron Ouellet

The President, David Lawrence, stated that he had drafted a statewide letter that he would edit with comments/changes from this meeting prior to sending.

Secretary's Report – Sharon Kace

- John Pieper moved that the minutes of the June 12, 2021 meeting, sent previously to Board members, be accepted. Alice Eberhardt seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Lucia Carlisle

- Lucia sent the year-end BBO report on August 18, 2021 and an updated financial report to the Board members prior to the meeting. Lucia stated that as of this date there was a profit of \$2930; when final activity (refund from Grantham) is complete, she will send a 2021 final report.
- Bill Kennedy moved that the treasurer's report be accepted as submitted. Alice Eberhardt seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Membership Report

Alice Eberhardt reported that membership is steady with minor change. Total report sent previously to Board members.

Club Games

David reported that Jim Felch is closing the in-person Bow games permanently due to poor attendance and increased costs. He is selling all equipment.

John Pieper stated that his club has 5 - 6 tables since in-person opening; he is satisfied with attendance. All attendees are required and have provided proof of vaccination.

Sarah Widhu stated that her club averages 5 - 5 1/2 tables; her club also requires proof of vaccination.

Bill Kennedy reported that the Monday afternoon in-person games at the Derry club averages 6 - 7 tables. Friday games will remain online per member preference. He also noted that the Derry Club cannot charge a fee per regulations of the Marion Gerrish Community Center where games are held; they instead ask for an optional \$4 donation.

The Grantham Club will not open in September, possibly October per Jane Verdrager.

Notation: All in-person above club games require proof of vaccination.

During the lengthy discussion of the pros and cons of in-person versus online, it was noted that the online process is already in place as it was used in 2020. It was voted unanimously to hold the State Tournament online.

Contact will be made with Jim Felch to request the use of his VAC number for the NHBA State Tournament.

Voted unanimously for this tournament:

Fees: \$ 10.00/session per player
 \$ 200.00/session - Director, David Metcalf

Lucia will speak with both Jim Felch and David Metcalf to confirm above requests plus have them arrange to speak with each other.

Ross Huntington and John to investigate how to proceed to get bonus points.

It was requested that Ron Ouellet make arrangements to order all the appropriate awards. These awards should be same as last year with the year being the only change on the inscription.

Leroy Lake committee will be meeting soon but is still accepting nominations.

Sectional Tournament - November 13-14, 2021

Tournament is still scheduled to be in-person at the Elks Club, Dover, NH. Jane Verdrager to proceed with the flyer.

New Business

Lucia asked Jane to contact Eastman to be sure they are notified of cancellation.

John Pieper discussed online games:

- Jim Felch, Tuesday games average 8 tables
Thursday and Saturday games have low table average
- John is checking with other clubs to possibly blend his club with theirs
- other NH clubs may join
- one Carolina club with 27 double games, will also share revenue

John will send details to everyone.

Lucia questioned what will happen when other clubs become competition. Lengthy discussion of face-to-face versus online plus rights and timing. Question: who has precedence ... face-to-face or whoever has the necessary tables to keep it going and/or profitable?

Board of Directors Nominations

Terms ending: Ross Huntington and David Lawrence
This discussion will continue at next meeting.

Next meeting: Tuesday night, September 28 , 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

- to discuss State Tournament last minute issues.

Jane requested that a reminder notice be sent the 'day of the meeting.'

Meeting Adjournment

Ross Huntington made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m.; Lucia seconded this motion. Accepted unanimously.