

**New Hampshire Bridge Association
Annual Meeting
Draft Minutes
October 24, 2021**

The 2021 Annual Meeting of the New Hampshire Bridge Association was held via Zoom once again due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. The meeting was called to order by president, David Lawrence, at 11:08 a.m.

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

Secretary's Report – Sharon Kace

- Lucia Carlisle moved that the minutes of the Board of Director's September meeting be accepted as written and sent previously. Bill Kennedy seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Lucia Carlisle

- Lucia Carlisle discussed the details of the 9/30/21 financial report sent prior to the Annual Meeting. The NHBA presently has balance of \$ 24,106.74 with about 50% in a checking account and 50% in a money market account. Tournaments create the NHBA's major expenses. No tournaments were held for the second year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. No major tournament expenses created another profitable year.
- Lucia reported there will be some administrative costs for the state tournament that was held this weekend via Zoom but the NHBA had saved a considerable sum of money as no venue had to be rented and there was no banquet. The end-of-year (12/31/21) financial report will be similar to that of 2020.

- Comments regarding finances: 1) income from Great Bay Club decreased due to decline of players as in-person players increased; 2) donated \$3000 to NH Food Bank in April; this information was sent to ACBL for publication, to date we have not seen; Ross Huntington agreed to publicize this charitable donation on the NHBA website.
- Ross Huntington moved that the treasurer's report be accepted as submitted. John Pieper seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Membership Report – Alice Eberhardt

Membership total: 510. Minus 16 members is a seasonal decrease typical of this time of year.

Tournaments

The State Tournament scheduled to be held at the Dover Elks Club, November 13-14, 2021 has been cancelled due to the increase of Covid-19 cases in NH.

Whether to hold the tournament scheduled for April in the same location will be discussed/decided at the January meeting.

Election of Board Members and Officers

David Lawrence and Ross Huntington were nominated for another three (3) year term by member, Kathy Benjamin; seconded by Larr Cheetham. Passed unanimously.

Following officers were nominated by Jane Verdrager and seconded by John Pieper:

President - David Lawrence
Treasurer - Ronald Ouellet

Vice President - Will Kennedy
Secretary - Sharon Kace

Passed unanimously.

New Business

David Lawrence opened the meeting to any new business.

1) The NHBA tables and bidding boxes have been stored for many years in the barn owned by member, Dan McGuire. He sent an email to President Lawrence, requesting that these items be removed before this winter. Discussion followed this announcement. The President defined the following motion; seconded by Ross Huntington:

Rent a 5 x 5 foot, climate-controlled, centrally located storage space with a yearly rent not to exceed \$700.

Passed unanimously.

Lucia Carlisle and Larr Cheetham volunteered to handle this project.

2) Calendar on NHBA website

Larr Cheetham requested that a member of the Board accept the responsibility of updating the calendar. Requirements are the ability use a computer easily and also able to access this account. Ross Huntington volunteered to accept this responsibility. Larr and Ross will work together for several months to make the transition easy.

Larr requested that Dan McGuire be appropriately thanked for all his efforts on behalf of NHBA. Alice Eberhardt agreed to write a "thank you" letter, send to David Lawrence for signatures, have it framed and sent to Dan.

3) Notation: Lucia and Ron Ouellet will transition signatures and other appropriate information in order for Ron to be qualified to handle all obligations of the treasurer's position.

4) Rick Weinstein reported that the teaching aspect of NHBA is alive and well with three members (Larr Cheetham, Kathy Benjamin and Rick Weinstein) stepping up to be sure that the game we love continues with new players.

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Next Board of Directors Meeting: January 8, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Adjournment

Sharon Kace made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 a.m.
Bill Kennedy seconded this motion and it was accepted unanimously.