

**New Hampshire Bridge Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, June 12, 2021
MINUTES**

The 2021 Spring Meeting of the New Hampshire Bridge Association was held via Zoom due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. The meeting was called to order by president, David Lawrence, at 9:33 a.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
Absent: Ron Ouellet, Sarah Widhu.

Secretary's Report – Sharon Kace

- Lucia Carlisle moved that the minutes of the April 24, 2021 meeting, sent previously to Board members, be accepted. Jane Verdrager seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Lucia Carlisle

- Lucia sent the 5/31/21 financial report to the Board members prior to the meeting. Lucia stated that income receipts were from the online BBO games played by our members and guests through April 2021.
- Bill Kennedy moved that the treasurer's report be accepted as submitted. Alice Eberhardt seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Lucia also sent to the Board members a statistical state-wide virtual games report through April 2021; excluded Sunday and Thursday morning games. Purpose of this report was to show the breakeven point. As it stands now it is nine (9) full tables; with a Director's fee of \$75 it would be seven (7) full tables. Discussion followed regarding possibilities without a decision.

David said that Bow, Nashua and Grantham could continue a virtual game with a separate number and Director. Lucia stated that Larr Cheetam would be glad to assist any club that wants to establish an online game. Derry plans to try an experiment. Bow is considering. John would be happy to cooperate with other clubs. Discussion followed regarding ACBL rules regarding club openings.

Discussion re: NH Food Bank Charity

NHBA received a letter of appreciation from the NH Food Bank for our contribution. Lucia reported that our contribution through April, 2021 was \$2430; May projection is \$560 for a total of \$2990. Lucia requested approval of rounding this amount for a total donation of \$3000 and to end this NHBA program effective May 31, 2021. Unanimously approved. Lucia to contact Larr Cheetham to cancel NH Food Bank online program immediately.

The Board members expressed many thanks to Sarah Widhu for the suggestion of this exceptional charity program during this difficult Covid-19 pandemic.

Membership Report

Alice reported that membership is steady with very little change.

Sadly there have been four (4) deaths in our membership: Pat Benton, Dave Gordon, Hanan Lushkov and Dot Shulte. Obituary information should be sent to Ross Huntington for "In Memoriam" on the NHBA website.

Tournaments Discussion

Warwick Regional tournament will run; requirement states that a vaccine card is necessary to participate. Peter Marcus (ACBL), has stated that rules are relaxing. Meeting and tournament dates: 8/31 - 9/5/21

The Sectional in Grantham, September 25-26, 2021 will probably be held as most NH clubs will be open by mid-August. Jane will re-apply for the

September tournament; however, will pre-plan before approval. After discussion, it was decided to include “proof of vaccination required” on the flyer.

Marilyn Wells and Peter Marcus need to be notified about tournament plans:

- August tournament has been cancelled,
- Grantham - September 25-26
- State Tournament - October 23-24
- Elks, Dover - November 13-14

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Lucia stated that David Metcalf has agreed to be Director. Jane agreed to go over plans for the menu with Lucia.

Sectional Tournament - November 13-14.

This tournament is scheduled to be held at the Elks Club in Dover; however, David will look into the Portsmouth Senior Center.

Unit Games

Ross Huntington to contact ACBL to investigate what is allowed and how to proceed. He will cc the members of the Board.

Miscellaneous

David will be out-of-town 8/31 - 9/22/21; John Pieper may be able to cover for David at the District Meeting in Warwick. After discussion it was decided that David will ask vice president, Bill Kennedy, to attend for the NHBA.

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Next meeting: Monday night, August 30, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. This meeting will be primarily to discuss tournament issues.

Meeting Adjournment

Ross Huntington made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m. Lucia seconded this motion. Accepted unanimously.