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Rhode Island Bridge Association, Inc.

Minutes

August 14, 2021

In attendance: Joe Brouillard, Charleen Christy, Lois Deblois, Maureen Fahey, Barry Gilbert, Julie Goulet, Meg Gousie, Don Rankin, Chris Soares, Stanley Williams, Marshall Williams

Guest Sue Miguel

Absent: Cindy Mottle, Megan Diorio, Bart Buffington

Call to Order: Call to Order at 10:19

President's Comments: Hello everyone, nice to see face to face games back at Bob's, Sue's and Narragansett. Not as many folks playing as before. Marshall has moved to South Carolina. ACBL said he can remain president but can no longer be in the unit. Joe suggested staying in the unit as he can even though he lives in Massachusetts, but Marshall can not. Chris said it has to do with the percentage of games played in Rhode Island versus the state in which you live. The move to South Carolina for Marshall was faster than he thought.

Secretary's Report: Motion made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Revised report sent out to members. No income for this period and expenses were for the storage units and payment to the state for our annual filing. Motion made, seconded and approved to accept the treasurer's report.

Reports:

In/Out report As of July 31st, had membership of 472. 4 new members, 3 transfers in, 3 transfers out and 1 deceased, Ray Cieslak.

Executive Board update. Warwick Regional was cancelled and there is a meeting coming up next week about the cost to the district for the cancellation. No news yet about the Mansfield tournament in November.

With the respect to the Nationals next July, ACBL is still playing to have the NABC's. So planning is still ongoing.

Old Business:

Gala - we can tentatively have a game in person but with all the precautions we would need to take for a one game it might be better to do a gala on-line. We could have an extra points game, perhaps some kind of colored points. On the other hand people are happy to play against people we have not seen all year. In order not to compete with existing games, have it later Saturday afternoon with a zoom meeting after. Finalize details in the next few days. Tentatively Saturday October 30th. Make it a fundraiser with money going to House of Hope with money matched by the unit. The motion to match

Open Committee Chairs: Hospitality, Tournaments will be held for a future meeting.

Newsletter

Cindy said that she had the following topics for the next newsletter:

- President's Message
- Bridge in RI--both virtual and in-person
- District Report--Lois
- Longest Day Report--from either Sue or Marshall
- New and Rank-Achievement Members Maureen
- Unit 145 membership totals as of Jul 31; deceased Unit members Maureen
- Article regarding the opening of Narragansett Paula Najarian

New Business:

District Director Election

An email will go out to all board members with directions on how to vote and it will come out August 15. Joe mentioned that the number of directors is being reduced so it is important that the director come from New England.

Nominating Committee will not be needed as the executive board was elected for two years.

Schedule of Upcoming Board Meetings:

- Future meetings will be held :
Annual Meeting October 30th to be confirmed
October 23rd at 10:15 Zoom Meeting
January 8th tentative meeting in person at 10:00 at Bob's

Meeting adjourned at 11:00