

## Unit 441 Board of Directors' Meeting (ZOOM)

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

**Attendees:** Bill Julius, Alex Rajala, Henrietta Moore, Lynne Dearing, Vicki Hamende, Kathi McKay

Absent: Demeter Manning (no electricity), Gary Griesmeyer, Steve Brown

Unit Members (guest): Nan Hittmeier

The meeting was called to order by President, Vicki Hamende at 7:02 PM. We have a quorum with six of the nine directors.

### **Order of Business:**

**Monthly Payment to Olympia Club:** Primary purpose of meeting is to discuss and decide about the Unit's \$300 monthly payment to the Olympia Bridge Club.

Motion: Lynne moved that we suspend the monthly payment while the facility is closed.

Discussion: Alex says there are other options. We could pay a partial amount.

Vote: 5 Aye, 1 Nay, 3 Absent

### **Virtual Club Games for Unit:**

Kathi reported on findings for our Unit to offer a Virtual Club game on Bridge Base online (BBO) for our Unit 441. Information was emailed to all Board members prior to this meeting. See attachment (page 3).

In summary:

- We can join under Eastside Bridge Center (EBC) for our Unit games.
- We simply send a list of our players' BBO names.
- Price: We set the price. Paulette with the EBC said they charge \$6-7 depending on the game.
- Director: Paulette can assign an EBC director. Their fee is \$75. She says BBO requires training if one of our Unit directors wants to do that. Kathi recommended that we have Paulette assign one of the EBC experienced directors for our first few games and then we revisit after two or more games or interest shown by a director.

Two other items for Virtual Club games:

1. We can divide the online game into two groups: Open and 499ers (Forgot to discuss and decide.)
2. Do we want to allow the players in the EBC database to join our Unit?  
Discussion led to allow this at this time. This will increase the number of players. We usually have 8-12 tables at a Unit game. The number will likely be less with online game so more non-Unit players, will increase our numbers. We can restrict later. Anyone not a Unit member who our members want to partner need to send Vicki the BBO name.

Motion: Let's offer a Unit game through EBC and allow non-Unit members to play, including the players on EBC's list of players. The first one will be on Sunday, February 14 at 1:00 PM. Thereafter, we will offer the online game the first Sunday of each month until we can play in person.

Vote: 6 Aye; 0 Nay; 3 Absent

Action: Vicki will email Unit members of this option to play our Unit game on BBO. Vicki will request players to submit their BBO names to her and compile the list. Kathi will submit the compiled list to the EBC coordinator.

**Other items:**

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Lynne moved to approve.

Any other business? None.

Vicki seconded. In Favor: 6; Opposed: 0.

Adjourned: 7:29 PM

January 11, 2021

Paulette Hauck, Eastside Bridge Center (EBC) in Redmond, WA

Telecon to discuss Bridge Base Online (BBO). Very informative and helpful.

- Does Unit 441 have a BBO club number?
- Paulette will check with BBO or ACBL to be sure she can add us to her club. (She also accommodates other clubs: Nick in Seattle; Vashon; Everett, ... even in other states)
- Are we all right with all players in Paulette's EBC database to play in our Unit game?
  - Pros: 1. Adds players to our pool of players. 2. More income generated. 3. Might add enough players to have an Open game and a 499er or 299er game.
  - Cons: 1. We do not know players. 2. Takes away from Unit game feel.
- If this is how we want to proceed, Paulette will put every player into BBO under her club. She needs a list of all players' BBO identification names, e.g., KathiMcK, Lynne Dear, tybulldog, etc. from us. She would like the list in Excel. She does not need names or ACBL #, only BBO ID name.
- Price: We set. Their games are \$6 and Silver Lining games \$7
- \$1 to ACBL per person. BBO takes a %age (convoluted equation) so about \$4.45 per person to club \* Need to pay the director from Unit or Club game proceeds
- Director: EBC pays \$75 for a Director. If we do not have anyone to step up, she can recruit one of her directors. The director must be trained in BBO methods. Some aspects easier because no one can bid or play out of turn or have an insufficient bid.
- Do you we want open, stratified? Open and 499ers sounds good. We could do 299ers. (Paulette says with Virtual Club games ACBL is awarding double points so many novice players are accumulating points much more quickly than the standard in-person games. This means some novices are over 300 points but not really gaining much more expertise.
- Number of Boards: Paulette says 21 boards is their typical number. Could be 24+/- boards. If 24 or more boards, give a 5-minute break midway in the game.
- Time: They opted for 7 min/board. They tried 8 min/board and too much time; they tried 6 min/board and people screamed it was too little time. We can set it at 5 minutes per board or 14 minutes for every 3 boards, similar to Speedball. Our choice.
- Kibbitz: We can set that as 'on' but Paulette suggests to not allow Kibbitzing.
- Cheating: ACBL takes this VERY seriously. They have an algorithm to mete out the cheaters. If we suspect someone of cheating, we can refer the issue to ACBL to run the algorithm. One strike and a player is 'out'. The player(s) receive a letter from ACBL and are sanctioned. No more BBO. Paulette labels them as "Enemy" on her club list.

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