

ACBL Charity Foundation  
Board of Trustees  
Online meeting via Zoom Webinar  
March 15, 2021

Present: Nancy Strohmer, President, Jim Sternberg, Vice President, Russ Jones Treasurer, Jackie Zayac and Cindy Shoemaker Trustees.

Also Present: Kelley Trejo, Secretary

President Nancy Strohmer called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. CDT on Monday, March 15, 2021.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the November 21, 2020 are approved.

Carried unanimously

**Treasurer's Report**

Russ Jones presented the Treasurer's report.

The Charity Fdn has received no additional revenue since March of 2020 and currently expect 2021 total revenue to be equal to the amount received from the Charity Week games currently scheduled in April. All grants, other than the normal NABC grant currently slated for Austin (if face to face bridge play), are frozen until a sustained revenue flow is reestablished. The income expected from Charity Week will hopefully return our assets back to pre-pandemic levels.

**Old Business**

Moved and seconded as of January 1, 2021, all grants (Trustees, BoD, NABC local, and other grants) will be suspended until further notice.

Carried unanimously

The Charity Fdn website redesign and logo are ready to go live within a week. The new website and logo need to be included in every issue of the Bridge Bulletin, on the ACBL website and in other communications. Nancy will work with Cindy to devise ways to increase traffic to our website. It was suggested that links are added to the website such as "Related Organizations", i.e. ABA, Education Foundation, etc. Also, Charity Foundation articles published in the Bridge Bulletin should be included on the website.

The Grant policy guidelines are received and will be discussed further at the next meeting.

- The purpose of the ACBL Charity Foundation (CF) is to assist 501c(3) organizations that are non-bridge related. This would preclude, for example, grants to the ACBL Educational Foundation, ACBL Districts/Units, and ACBL Clubs.
- The ACBL CF will establish a procedure for the submission, review, and awarding of grants that is consistent with their mission. Qualified organizations can apply directly or recommendations can be made from a Trustee of the CF, an ACBL Member, or any other individual.
- Grants will be reviewed and funds awarded at the two meetings of the ACBL CF Board of Trustees. Applications must be made prior to the established deadline and must follow the proper procedure.
- The Trustees of the ACBL CF can award up to 105% of the amount of funds received in the previous calendar year. The Treasurer of the ACBL CF will present a report at the November trustee meeting of each year which will indicate the total amount of revenue received and will determine the total amount to be awarded during the next calendar year. This does NOT preclude the trustees from suspending this rule in the event of a natural disaster, higher than expected rate of return from investments, or any emergency.
- If an organization has been awarded a grant in the past, consideration for additional grants will not be considered until after 36 months has passed since the awarding of the previous grant.
- The ACBL CF will provide a grant in the amount of \$5000 to a qualified organization at each NABC. The Chairperson of the NABC will designate the selected organization and provide necessary documentation of their qualification to receive the grant in advance of the award.
- Each trustee of the ACBL CF will be allowed to designate up to \$3000 annually to be granted to a qualified organization of their choice by November 15 of each year. If a trustee fails to make the selection known in a timely manner, the right to offer that grant in that current year will be forfeited.
- Each ACBL Board of Director's member is allowed to designate up to \$1,000 annually to be granted to a qualified organization of their choice by November 15 of each year. If a board member fails to make the selection known in a timely manner, the right to offer that grant in that current year will be forfeited.
- The ACBL CF will provide \$30,000 to each of the ACBL Districts on a rotating basis to be granted to a qualified organization of their choice. Approximately one-third of the districts will be allocated these funds annually based upon a rotation schedule determined by the ACBL CF trustees. The ACBL Board Member represented the particular district must make their choice known by November 15 of each year or the allocation will be forfeited.

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### **New Business**

Moved and seconded that the Charity Foundation will be giving the \$5,000 to the Austin NABC tournament's local charity providing it is face to face. In the event that the tournament is virtual, no grant will be given.

Carried unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 1:51 p.m. CDT.