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**ACBL CHARITY FOUNDATION  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
HYBRID MEETING  
NOVEMBER 27, 2021**

Present: President Nancy Strohmer, Treasurer Russ Jones, Trustees Cindy Shoemaker and Jackie Zayac (via Zoom).

Also Present: Sabrina Goley, Secretary

President Nancy Strohmer called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m. CT on Saturday, November 27, 2021. A quorum was present.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the March 15 and September 29, 2021 were approved.

Carried

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Russ Jones presented the Treasurer's report in Attachment A.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Russ reported that the organization handling the website updates has not been timely in processing the submitted requests due to understaffing. However, the most recent updates were better, and he expects this to be the case for future updates.

As a reminder, Nancy reported that grants were put on hold at the end of 2020 with the exception of the local grants for the NABC in Austin. Central Texas Food Bank and Texas Parent to Parent were the local charities in Austin that were provided \$2,500.00 each.

Nancy updated the committee on the Charity Foundation donation received from Charlie McCracken. At the November 29, 2021 Special Meeting a motion passed to donate the \$2,500.00



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received from McCracken to the Alzheimer's Association in memory of a Mary Oshlag as he originally intended. The transfer of the donation in her memory is complete.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Grants**

The Grant Policy has been updated to conform with the ACBL Board of Directors transition from District Directors to Regional Directors. Following is the amendment:

- Each ACBL **Regional Director** ~~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 **District President** ~~ACBL Board Member~~ **from each of the districts in the current rotation** must make their choice known by November 15 of each year or the allocation will be forfeited.

Carried

Moved and seconded that the grant freeze remain in effect until further discussion at the next meeting in March 2022.

Carried

### **Bylaws**

Jackie proposed amendments to the Bylaws (see Attachment B). She also reported that the additional amendments will be needed in the future to conform with the ACBL Board of Directors transition from District Directors to Regional Directors. These would not be necessary



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until the transition is complete. The proposed amendments were accepted by the Trustees. Russ requested that a Special Meeting be scheduled during the ACBL Board of Directors meetings in March for the members to vote on the amendments.

In accordance with the Bylaws, amendments shall be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the members. Russ suggested that Sabrina notify the ACBL Board of Directors that a Charity Foundation meeting is requested during the March 2022 meetings.

Article XII, 1. By Trustees. The Board of Trustees may recommend the alteration, amendment and repeal of the Bylaws of the corporation by affirmative vote of a majority of the Board. Such recommended Bylaw, alteration, amendment and repeal shall be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the members, and if adopted by affirmative vote of a majority of all the members, shall become effective as though the procedures contained in Article XII (2) had been followed, provided further that the proposed action is inserted in the notice of such membership meeting.

### **Election of Officers**

Moved and seconded that Nancy Strohmer is reelected as the President for a one-year term beginning January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

Carried

Moved and seconded that Jackie Zayac is elected as the Vice President for a one-year term beginning January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022

Carried

Moved and seconded that Russ Jones is reelected as the Treasurer for a one-year term beginning January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

Carried

### **Bridge Bulletin Semi-Annual Charity Foundation Article**

Nancy provided the proposed article to Paul Cuneo for review.



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## **Miscellaneous**

Cindy reported that the Charity Committee appointments submitted each year by the District Directors are currently being sent a congratulations letter from the Charity Foundation. The Charity Committee is not a committee recognized by the Charity Foundation. She proposed that the Charity Foundation letterhead be used only for Charity Foundation business. She will also review the Codification language and submit an amendment to provide clarification that the Charity Committee does not fall under the Charity Foundation organization.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 a.m. CT.