



Bridge - The Game That Gives Back

**ACBL CHARITY FOUNDATION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HYBRID MEETING
MARCH 12, 2022**

Present: President Nancy Strohmer, Trustees Cindy Shoemaker, Jackie Zayac and Jim Sternberg (via Zoom).

Also Present: Sabrina Goley, Secretary

President Nancy Strohmer called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. PT on Saturday, March 12, 2022. A quorum was present.

MINUTES

The minutes of the November 27, 2021 were approved.

Carried unanimously

TREASURER'S REPORT

Nancy presented the Treasurer's report in Attachment A. The report was accepted.

OLD BUSINESS

Grant Freeze: According to Charity Foundation Treasurer the Trustees could consider providing \$45,000 in grants for 2022 and still be financially responsible. All were in agreement to distribute the funds as follows:

Local grants of \$5,000 per NABC (total of \$15,000)

District Director grants of \$1,000 each (total of \$19,000)

Trustees get \$2,000 each (total of \$10,000). Cindy is counted in Trustee amount not the District Director amount.

Carried unanimously



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Charity Foundation Special Meeting/Bylaws Amendment: Jackie reported that the Board of Directors unanimously approved the Charity Foundation Bylaws on March 11, 2022. See Attachment B.

Promoting the Charity Foundation: Nancy recommended that the Trustees consider placing an article in the Bridge Bulletin on a monthly basis. Cindy suggested that a publicity plan be established, and it be discussed further in a future meeting along with the expense before a determination was made. Cindy will coordinate the meeting. Nancy will speak to Paul Linxwiler to ask him to consider dedicating his Bridge Bulletin column to the Charity Foundation to spotlight the organization.

National Charity Committee Appointments: Cindy reported that the ACBL Board of Directors passed a motion co-authored by her and Georgia Heth to eliminate the ACBL Charity Committee and replace it with the ACBL Charitable Recognition Award. The District Presidents are going to have the responsibility of making the appointments. New pins will be designed and ordered for the new appointments.

Grant Policy: Jackie proposed that the Grant Policy guidelines be revised to reflect a 10- year minimum waiting period before the organization is reconsidered for another grant. The following revision is effective immediately:

If an organization has been awarded a grant in the past, consideration for additional grants will not be considered until ~~after 36 months~~ **ten years have** passed since the awarding of the previous grant.

Carried unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Website Expense: The Trustees reviewed the annual expense of \$2,433 (\$825/year for hosting; \$134/month for maintenance). It was decided to obtain bids from other vendors. Cindy volunteered to manage the project of reviewing the current contract and obtaining bids. She recommended choosing a vendor that will provide access and training to a designated Trustee(s) so minor updates can be handled by that person.



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Donations: The Trustees were asked to consider providing a donation to help with the Ukraine crisis. It was suggested that each District Director that would like to support Ukraine could direct their \$1,000 to a 501(c)(3) organization that is collecting donations for the cause they support.

Online Charity Foundation Week: Nancy reported that the Online Charity Foundation Week is scheduled for April 4 – April 10. Cindy has been working with Marketing regarding the branding and timeline. All agreed with the plan to mirror what the Educational Foundation is doing as far as timeline. Cindy proposed having a post-mortem with Marketing to discuss what was effective.

Name Tags: Cindy suggested that the Charity Foundation consider purchasing name tags for the Trustees. All agreed to move forward with a design and cost. Sabrina will obtain design and cost information for the Trustees to consider.

Google Docs: Sabrina will begin posting all Charity Foundation docs on the Google Drive.

Thank you: Nancy congratulated Jackie on coordinating a successful NABC and thanked all Charity Foundation Trustees for their hard work.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m. PT.