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**ACBL CHARITY FOUNDATION  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
June 6, 2023**

Present: President Jackie Zayac, Vice President Cindy Shoemaker, Trustees Nancy Strohmer and Jennifer O'Neill

Absent: Treasurer Russ Jones

President Jackie Zayac called the zoom meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. PDT on Tuesday, June 6, 2023. A quorum was present.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the November 26, 2022 and March 11, 2023 regular meetings were approved.

Carried

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Russ Jones submitted the Treasurer's report for the year ending December 31, 2022, as well as the financials for January through March, 2023.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The Charity Foundation received \$66,033 from F2F Clubs and \$29,206 from Virtual Clubs for a total of \$95,239 during the April 2023 Charity Month. Based on this information, the trustees decided to remove the grant freeze and review all the outstanding individual grant requests received from 2020 – present.

The grant requests below totaling \$21,300 were approved as follows:

- Meals on Wheels – NE Illinois - \$2,500
- Working Dogs for Vets – Tennessee - \$1,800
- Urban Dove – New York - \$5,000
- Candorful – Massachusetts/USA - \$10,000



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- World Affairs Council of Greater Houston - \$2,000

The grant requests below were denied:

- Broward Partnership – Florida
- Kid-Save Weekend Miracles – Houston
- Canine Companions – Florida

Carried

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The trustees discussed in length the future of the Charity Foundation post-pandemic. We are receiving less than half the revenue we received pre-pandemic. The following motion was approved.

- Provide \$25,000 grants to 5 of the 25 districts each year. One complete five year cycle through all the districts must be completed before changing the amount of the grants.
- Divert ACBL Board Member and Charity Foundation Trustee grants to a special fund for catastrophic event grants within the ACBL boundaries. In 2023, this will amount to \$26,000.
- Transfer \$24,000 from the Charity Foundation general fund to a special fund for catastrophic event grants within the ACBL boundaries.
- Provide \$5,000 to each of the three local NABC Tournament Committees to donate to a local charity.
- Pause acceptance of individual requests for grants.

Carried

Nancy Strohmer will use the former framework for responding to catastrophic events and develop criteria for an updated response to catastrophic events within the ACBL boundaries.



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Zoom meetings:

- The next Zoom meeting will be Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. PDT.
- We will meet via zoom in December rather than in person at the Atlanta NABC in November.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. PDT.