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

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

Guests: Rebecca Brown and Georgia Heth

President Jackie Zayac called the zoom meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. PST on Wednesday, December 6, 2023. A quorum was present.

The trustees welcomed Rebecca Brown and Georgia Heth, who were elected to the Charity Foundation for a term of 2024-2027, to the meeting.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the E-mail vote of June, 2023 and the regular meetings of June 6, 2023 and August 22, 2023 were approved.

Carried

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Russ Jones submitted the Treasurer's report for the 12 month period ending October 31, 2023. The following issues were raised during a discussion of the financials:

- Why haven't all Ukraine funds been paid?
- By changing audit firms, we saved over \$4,250 in fees.
- Why are our bank fees so high (\$100/mo.)?
- ACBL takes a percentage of our funds for administrative fees. This is no longer done manually and we should ask ACBL to revisit the charge percentage.
- Why were we charged \$2,731 for duplicated hand analysis? It has always been charged to the clubs in the past.



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Since Russ Jones is terming out on the Charity Foundation Board of Trustees, Jennifer O'Neill will follow up with the ACBL to get the responses to these questions.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The Charity Foundation issued \$10,000 District rotational grants to all districts within Regions 1-6 with the exception of District 3 and District 24. Those two districts did not apply for grant funds.

The motion to issue grants only within the ACBL boundaries failed by a vote of 7-4-6. It needed a majority of the ACBL Board of Directors votes (9 out of 17) to pass.

A second week of ACBL Charity Foundation virtual games was added to the 2024 online calendar for the week of November 11-16, 2024.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A motion to limit the number of District rotational grants to five (5) per District passed by a vote of 5-0.

District grant rotations will continue at \$10,000 for each district in Regions 7-13, with the exception of the percentage for Canadian members in Region 13 in 2024.

Changes to the ACBL Codification, Chapter V – Charity Foundation to remove all references to non- Charity Foundation items were accepted as submitted.

A suggestion was made to have a Charity Foundation email address for the President and/or Secretary.

Elections for officers in 2024 were held with the following results:

President:	Nancy Strohmer
Vice-President	Georgia Heth
Secretary	Rebecca Brown
Treasurer	Jennifer O'Neill

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The trustees thanked Russ Jones for his 8 years of service and Jackie Zayac for her 4 years of service on the Charity Foundation Board of Trustees.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:46 p.m. PST.