



Bridge - The Game That Gives Back

**Special Meeting  
ACBL Charity Foundation  
January 31, 2024**

Present: Nancy Strohmer, President; Cindy Shoemaker, Board Liaison/Trustee; Jennifer O'Neill, Treasurer and Rebecca Brown, Secretary.

President Strohmer called the meeting to order at 8:52 am Central.

The agenda was approved as amended. Motion by JO; second CS.

The minutes of the 12/6 meeting were approved. (motion by JO; second CS).

CS moved to reconsider the minutes of the 6/21 meeting. Motion passed.

The minutes of the 6/21 meeting are amended as follows: Delete "Nancy Strohmer" on 3<sup>rd</sup> line from bottom, delete Region 1 from 2023 rotation.

At the request of the President, the Secretary reviewed the Bylaws as they relate to the Trustee vacancy created by the death of Georgia Heth. A majority of Trustees are entitled to vote for the replacement, which election shall be valid until the next meeting of the members.

NS nominated Stu Goodgold to fill the vacant position of Trustee, second by RB. Motion carried.

NS nominated RB to fill the vacant position of Vice President, seconded by JO. Motion carried.

NS gave an update on the use of Googledocs, being informed by CS that the BOD is using the platform, Sharepoint.

CS updated the Trustees about the article soon to be published in the Bridge Bulletin concerning the Foundation.

CS updated the Trustees about the Foundation's Website Design; CS is now working directly with the designer.

Bridgewinners: JO will monitor the site for questions/comments concerning the Foundation. CS also recommends that the Foundation develop a social media policy.

D&O insurance: JO offered to update the rate of \$1100 for annual premium.  
2024 District rotations: in Regions 7-13. NS will communicate with Regional Directors about the grants.

Bylaws: RB discussed revising the by-laws to streamline them and remove policy items, all with the goal of moving the Foundation to independence from the BOD. A robust discussion was held about : increasing the allowable number of Trustees to 9; exploring the roadblocks, if any, the Education Foundation faced in its spinoff; other sources of funds beyond Charity Games we might develop; what other costs/responsibilities would the Foundation face (e.g., marketing, administrative, etc.)? Nancy will share the SOPs being developed for Foundations and Committees by the BOD.

Next meeting: April 2 at 3 pm Central.

Meeting adjourned: 10:17 am.