



Bridge - The Game That Gives Back

**ACBL CHARITY FOUNDATION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JANUARY 27, 2025 ZOOM MEETING**

Call to Order:

The ACBLCF Board Meeting was called to order by Rebecca Brown at 4:30 PM ET. In attendance were: Paul Cuneo, Mitch Dunitz, Stu Goodgold, Kathy Kimmerling and Cindy Shoemaker. Absent: Jamie Southerland and Doug Simson. A quorum was met

The newest Trustee, Kathy Kimmerling was introduced; she is replacing Athena Gordon who resigned. Kimmerling was brought to the board's attention by Bob and Barbara Heller and their knowledge of the work she has done in District 7.

Minutes:

The minutes for the December 2, 2024 board meeting were delivered by email for review and corrections. Motion to accept: Goodgold/Shoemaker Motion carried

Ratification of Email Vote:

Kimmerling to replace Gordon as Trustee and Secretary.
Motion to accept: Cuneo/Goodgold Motion carried

Election of Board President:

Nomination of Cuneo to the position of Board President
Motion: Brown/Shoemaker Motion carried

At this point, Brown turns the meeting over to Cuneo.

Treasurer Report:

Ratification of Treasurer: Southerland to replace Jennifer O'Neill who resigned.
Motion: Cuneo/Dunitz Motion carried

Brown presented the report in Southerland's absence.

The Foundation is in the process of restructuring its financial holdings. Plans are underway to establish an account at Frost Bank and then consolidate funds from Bank of America, Wells Fargo and ACBL holdings. Funds will still be held with USB. In all, the Foundation holds approximately \$800K.

2024 ACBL Gold for Good: Week 1: Dec 9-14 • Week 2: Dec 16-21

The Foundation received \$56K from this promotion. There are an additional 5% in credit card fees not yet transferred from ACBL.

The funds were earmarked for the World Central Kitchen and Direct Relief for the victims of Hurricane Helene and the Florida Hurricanes and for other disasters. The Foundation will award \$30K to both WCK and Direct Relief and another \$10K to the Los Angeles Fire Relief Fund.

Goodgold noted that there needs to be an official treasurer's report for 2024.

Website:

Shoemaker has been working on the website, bringing it up to speed and Kimmerling will work with the website developer to manage website content updates.

Charity Foundation Volunteer of the Year:

Nominations were presented by the trustees:

Southerland – Bill Gates

Simson – Bob Hamman or Mike Levine

Brown – Georgia Heth

A discussion followed on each of the nominees.

Goodgold asked the board to consider what guidelines were for the award – support of bridge and/or support in other areas? Dunitz noted that the CF is asking for donations to redirect these donations to others. Due to the fact the CF receives the bulk of its funding from the ACBL and its programs, the CF needs to create a higher, more visible profile to attract legacy donors. It needs to demonstrate that it can be responsible steward when it comes to awarding donations. Shoemaker agreed with the need for the CF to have a higher profile to attract more donations. Brown added that there is a need for the awardee to show philanthropy beyond the bridge.

Motion for Mike Levine as the 2024 recipient: Dunitz/Brown

Motion carried

The suggestion was made for Patty Tucker to present the award to Levine because of his generous support of her 'Jump Start Bridge' youth program. It was learned that she was not available; Dunitz will present the award.

Further discussion followed on the mechanics of the award: presentation (Memphis NABC), covered awardee expenses, notification, plaque? Dunitz, Shoemaker and Cuneo will follow up.

Charity for Memphis NABC:

The Sunshine and Daisy Mobile Food Pantry was presented for this award and will receive \$5K.

A discussion followed on going forward, if there should be a change in the historical donation of \$5K and the conditions for eligibility for the award.

ACBL Charity Month:

Cuneo reported that for the 2024 Charity Week on BBO, the VACB clubs will need to 'opt in' to participate. A comparison of this year to last will show if this option had any effect on the number of charity games held. The funds from these games will not be available until June.

Charity Rating:

Goodgold stated the need for additional policies.

The CF has a rating of 73% from Charity Navigator (www.charitynavigator.org) and needs to improve this rating to 90%+. Charity Navigator focuses on the tax return and 3 specific policies:

Whistleblower, Conflict of interest and Records Retention and Destruction. The CF has the conflicts policy in place but needs to publish the whistleblower and records policies. Goodgold presented a version of the two documents to the board for consideration.

Motion to accept Whistleblower policy: Shoemaker/Goodgold Motion carried

Discussion on the records retention and destruction policy reviewed emails, formal meeting notes, etc. It was suggested to destroy notes after 10 years.

Motion to adopt the Records policy as discussed: Goodgold/Shoemaker Motion carried

Cloud Storage/Zoom:

Shoemaker addressed the need for centralized cloud storage, including maintenance and access permissions. The CF website currently contains minutes, polices and financials.

A discussion followed on two platforms: Microsoft OneDrive vs Google Drive.

Brown will renew her Zoom account to host meetings.

Closing Remarks:

Newly elected President Cuneo plans to hold one on one conversations with the trustees.

Next Board Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Zoom after the Spring NABC, date and time TBA.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by President Cuneo at 5:30 PM ET.

Respectfully Submitted -

Kathy Kimmerling
Secretary, ACBL Charity Foundation