



Bridge - The Game That Gives Back

ACBL CHARITY FOUNDATION

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

Call to Order:

The ACBLCF (CF) Board Meeting was called to order by Paul Cuneo at 5:01 PM ET. In attendance were Rebecca Brown, Stu Goodgold, Kathy Kimmerling, Cindy Shoemaker and Jamie Southerland. Absent: Mitch Dunitz and Doug Simson. Also present was Beth Dlutowski. A quorum was met.

Minutes:

The August 7, 2025 minutes were delivered by email for review and corrections. Minor corrections were made during the meeting.

Motion to accept: Brown/Goodgold

Motion carried

Treasurer Report:

Southerland: Reports were emailed prior to the meeting for review. Since the last report, \$6.6K in game revenue was received, bringing the total to \$120K for the year. In comparison, by August of last year, game revenue was at ~162.6K. The CF currently holds ~950K in investments and cash. The investment committee will look at rebalancing the holdings every 6 months, with January being the next evaluation.

Goodgold led a brief discussion on the fees paid back to ACBL on the monies received from charity club games. It was concluded that if these fees were low, currently 4%, that this was not an issue.

Motion to accept: Brown/Shoemaker

Motion carried

Nomination of Beth Dlutowski to the ACBL CF Board of Directors

Dlutowski introduced herself to the board. Brown and Shoemaker both agreed that with her credentials and experience, Dlutowski was a good fit for the CF Board.

Motion to approve: Shoemaker/Brown

Motion carried unanimously

Gold for Good

Cuneo: Discussions were held with Executive Director, Bronia Jenkins and Lynn Chapin on the format and timing of this event. It is run as an overlay on club, tournament and online games – restrictions apply. In 2026, it will be held the week of the Gatlinburg Regional – April 20-26.

In 2026, the monies received will not be designated for specific use, rather, they will go to the CF general fund. This will help to offset the loss of income due to the decrease in playing bridge online and the requirement for online clubs to opt in to these games during the online charity week.

Information about the event will be distributed by email by the ACBL and through the CF email database. The CF will be responsible for sending out the tax receipts/thank you to participants.

ACBL Charitable Recognition Award

Shoemaker: A proposal to the ACBL Board to relinquish the Charitable Recognition Award to the CF. As this is codified for the ACBL, it would require a motion to the ACBL Board of Directors. The award is a great fit with the CF Volunteer of the Year Award and would help to provide additional recognition to support the CF brand.

Recipients receive a congratulatory letter, a PIN and recognition in the Bridge Bulletin. This is a district president function, with the opportunity to pick one or two awardees and often gets blurred with the Goodwill nominees. If the award comes under the CF, the distinction between the two awards can be better established.

Shoemaker will follow through with the necessary motions necessary to be able to present this to the ACBL Board at the November 2025 meeting.

Motion to approve: Goodgold/Brown

Motion carried

Volunteer of the Year:

Shoemaker: Award to be presented at the Summer Goodwill Reception. There will be a write-up in an upcoming Bridge Bulletin to call for nominees.

District Grants Update:

Cuneo: Districts 24, 25, 3, 4 and 5. The districts have approached this differently, some quick to complete the requirements, while others slower. Cuneo is following through with the Districts to complete the new requirements to receive their grants. Considering the new requirements, it is important for the district to have a charity contact person (chair) to oversee this process.

Cuneo will collect all the publicity for the grants and forward to Kimmerling to post on the CF webpage. There will be a write-up in the Bridge Bulletin on the grant awards.

Closing Remarks:

Kimmerling: Review of the Charity Foundation Disaster Relief Policy as revised at the last meeting and the edits to the Conflict-of-Interest form, so that the ACBL Charity Foundation will be known as ACBLCF or CF, as sent to the trustees for review. To be posted to the CF webpage.

Conflict of Interest for to be done annually, due in January each year.

Next Board Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Zoom sometime after Thanksgiving.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by President Cuneo at 5:58 PM ET.

Respectfully Submitted -

Kathy Kimmerling
Secretary, ACBL Charity Foundation