

Minutes of Durango Bridge Club, Inc. Board Email Vote – 7/5/21

The Durango Bridge Club, Inc. (DBC) board of directors decided to reconsider the question of whether COVID vaccination would be required to play in the club's face to face games. The club bylaws allow the Board to take action without a meeting if a majority of Board members consent by email which consent was given.

The reconsideration was precipitated by club members who contacted the board and objected to dropping the vaccination requirement. Don Squires surveyed members who played at the VFW games. This revealed that a number of players were unwilling to play with unvaccinated persons or just felt safer playing if all were vaccinated. Don also contacted three club members who have come forward to reveal they are unvaccinated but interested in playing face to face.

Michelle Harlow researched ACBL's vaccination requirement to play at upcoming face to face tournaments which are scheduled to resume in August. She also researched the practices of various corporations and institutions with a vaccination mandate, and the practices at other bridge clubs.

Based on all of the above, Michelle made the following proposal which was discussed and then voted upon by the Board using email:

All players at DBC games must be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 and provide proof of such prior to playing. The club secretary will maintain a database of vaccinated players which will be made available to the game directors and DBC Board members. Exceptions may be made to the vaccination mandate due to qualifying medical conditions. These exceptions will be determined by the DBC Board on a case-by-case basis, and accommodations may be made if they do not create an undue hardship for the club and/or pose a threat to other players.

The Board voted 5-1 to pass the proposal, and one Board member abstained.

Don Squires, President agreed to notify the membership and asked Michelle Harlow, Secretary to write minutes reflecting the email action of the Board which Cara-Lyn Lappen will publish to our website.