

## **Durango Bridge Club, Inc. Board Meeting Minutes – 5/22/21**

A special meeting of the Durango Bridge Club, Inc. (DBC) board of directors was convened by President Don Squires at approximately 10:05 am on 5/22/21 at Michelle Harlow's home in Durango. Present in person were Don, Michelle, and Jana Goldstein. Jonathan Mullins appeared by Zoom. Mark Zempel & Wayne Caplan participated by phone. Cara-Lyn Lappen is traveling in Greece and was not present. Don declared a quorum (6 of 7 present) for the meeting.

Minutes of the March meeting were previously approved by unanimous email vote of the 6 directors who participated in that meeting.

**All actions shown hereunder were taken by motions duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, unless otherwise noted.**

**1. Proxy Voting by Board Members:**

Jonathan stated that he was carrying a proxy for Cara-Lyn. The DBC Bylaws do not mention anything about proxies for directors. Michelle presented an article from a law journal which explained that proxy voting by directors of Colorado nonprofits is not allowed unless the bylaws expressly permit such. The issue of proxy voting by board members was tabled.

**2. Resumption of Face to Face Play:**

Michelle and Don reported on the status of the games at Pat & Jermane's home on Saturday afternoons at 3:00 pm. The first game was played with 3 tables. The second game was cancelled because only 2 tables signed up. The 3 pm start time on Saturday is difficult for many players. About 30 people have submitted their vaccination cards, and expressed a desire to play in person, but a number of these members are not available until June. The 3 pm start is dictated by Jermane's job. Michelle agreed to check with Karl about his willingness to continue directing these games. If he agrees, the game will be offered weekly, but cancelled on Friday at noon if we don't have 3 tables of reservations.

The Board then discussed the question of renting space for a game beginning about the middle of June on a temporary basis. The senior center anticipates opening for some activities in June, but not card play. The rent at the VFW is \$100 per session. Our table fees of \$3.00 per person will not cover the rent. If table fees remain the same, the club would have to subsidize the cost of the temporary venue. Pros and cons were discussed. The VFW has a closet to lock up our computer and small supplies. Chairs are available, and we can leave tables there week to week. Michelle and Jana asked for direction on what would be acceptable to the board to make a meeting with the VFW more productive. **The board agreed in principle to subsidize face to face play for up to 10 games on a Tues, Thursday, Friday or Saturday afternoon subject to board approval of a specific proposal.** The subsidy was approved to encourage players to return to face to face play and to assess the demand. The most likely day seems to be Thursday as we have 2 possible game directors (Karl Hasz and Jean Walter), many

club members are accustomed to playing on Thursdays, and the VFW may be more available than Friday & Saturday when large events are reserved. Michelle, Jana and Wayne are going to meet with the VFW manager next week. Thereafter, Michelle will present a specific proposal to the board. Among other things, we will inquire about whether we would be allowed to cancel without charge if we don't get enough players for a particular game. Another potential venue is the Elk's Lodge on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, but we will explore the VFW first as we are planning to have our tournament there next summer. The cost at the 2 venues is similar.

**3. Longest Day Charity Event:**

The club is scheduling 3 online games for Saturday 6/19. Susan Westerwick is in charge of the event. If we are able to get a venue for face to face play, a game during the week of June 14<sup>th</sup> will be included in the charity event. The table fees for the Longest Day games will be \$5.00 per player, and we will be soliciting additional donations.

**4. Board of Director's Election 2021:**

The positions currently held by Don, Mark, Michelle, and Cara-Lyn are up for election this year. Don has agreed to run for reelection. Michelle would like to hear from Mark and Cara-Lyn regarding whether they plan to run for reelection. Of course, all of these positions will be open for other members to run if they so desire. The ballot will be prepared in early June. **Members interested in serving on the board should contact Michelle Harlow at [harlowshell@icloud.com](mailto:harlowshell@icloud.com) or 970-946-9989.**

**5. New Business:**

Wayne asked the board to get a Zoom business account for board meetings when Cara-Lyn's company account is not available. Jana said the cost is \$14.99 per month. The board agreed to open such an account for a month each time we need it.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:10 am and minutes were prepared by Michelle Harlow.