



Annual General Meeting Minutes 2020-12-01

1. The Zoom meeting was called to order by President Judy Stirling at 4:10pm. 52 LBC members and 3 visitors were registered with 39 in attendance.

2. Welcoming Remarks: Judy Stirling

3. Approval of the Agenda

4. Motion to Accept the Minutes for the AGM on September 21, 2019.
Motion by Sue Edwards, seconded by Mary Howe. Motion carried.

5. President's Report: Judy Stirling

- * LBC is now 5 years old with 456 members
- * ACBL ranks LBC in the top 100 out of 2724 clubs
- * We are the 12th largest club in Canada
- * Our table count had increased over previous years (prior to COVID)
- * LBC joined with BBO in late March to provide both open and limited point games online which provide both income for the club and comradery with our fellow members. There are now 6 virtual games per week.
- * Our library is growing and a thank you goes out to Roger and Judy Jolliffe
- * ACBL Live has been added by Bruce
- * An IMP league was started by Dwight with great success
- * A new larger tv monitor has been added as well as headsets in the teaching room and an equipment upgrade to the sound system
- * Prior to COVID, Bridge education was active with Patti Lee seminar, several courses, Saturday & Tuesday practice and play and 5th chair. Since COVID there has been 1 online course and several 5th chair games.

6. Financial Report: Tom Jolliffe

The Financial statements are posted on the website. Tom explained that Game Fees were down by \$46,000, offset by \$25,000 in BBO Commissions, \$11,000 reduction in director fees and \$13,000 reduction in rent. Net income was \$8,835.

Tom Jolliffe opened the meeting for questions regarding the Financial Report

6.1 Question: (email) Does the club show restricted donations separately on the Balance Sheet?

Answer: (Tom) At this time, there are no such donations, but this could be something for discussion at a Board meeting.

6.2 Question: (John Stoffman) Should game directors be receiving payment for the time spent directing games instead of pro bono?

Answer: (Tom) This has been discussed at length at the Board meetings and may change in the future.

6.3 Question: (Marie Wiley) Will we need to pay back shortfall money to the landlord?

Answer: (Tom & Al) This was a government program whereby the waived money is not required to be paid back. As well there is a new program in place which offers similar rent subsidies.

6.4 Question: (Ann Lapchinski) How is the BBO commission divided between the other participating clubs ie, St Thomas, Tillsonburg etc?

Answer: (Al) The commission for all virtual games that LBC hosts stays with LBC. The commission for Support your Club games is divided among the clubs where players played in 2019 and 2020.

6.5 Question: (Barb O'Brien) When are dues needed to be paid?

Answer: (Al) No plans yet. Possibly when the club re-opens.

Motion to accept the Financial Statements for the year ending July 31st, 2020 by Tom Jolliffe. Seconded by Marie Wiley....carried.

Motion that Gary Westfall be appointed as auditor to review the financial statements ending July 31st, 2021 by Tom Jolliffe. Seconded by Mary Howe. .. carried.

7. Board of Directors Members: Judy Stirling

- 7.1 Board Members whose terms are completed: Dwight Bender, Judi Carter, Jackie Potters, Adele Wolfe
- 7.2 Special recognition was given to Dwight Bender, who was the driving force in LBC's founding, on the completion of his term.
- 7.3 Nomination of new members: Janine Higgins, Gayle George, Rick Jordan, Les Wroblewski

Motion to accept the nomination of the new members for a 3 year term by Al Edwards. Seconded by Dwight Bender. Carried

Nominations closed and the nominees declared elected members of the Board of Directors.

The meeting was open for questions.

With no questions, President Judy Stirling gave some closing remarks thanking the members for their continued support and the Board of Directors for their time and work on the board.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mary Howe carried.

Judy Stirling declared the meeting adjourned.