

Board Minutes - ACBL Unit 380

Special Open Meeting re Corona Virus

Date: March 13, 2020

Time: 4:00pm

Place: Belton Bridge Center

Present: Julie Reiser (President), Molly Evetts (Vice President), Pat Calhoon, remote (Secretary), Allison Mann (Parliamentarian), Bob Kimball (Member at Large), Dr. Thomas Lowe, members of the Belton Bridge Center,

Not Present: Peg Kenny (Treasurer), Stephanie Morgan (Member at Large)

Corona Virus:

The special Board meeting was called to order by Julie Reiser followed by a presentation by Dr. Thomas Lowe, Assistant Surgeon General for President Clinton and President Bush and specializing in HIV. Dr. Lowe provided an overview of the current risks associated with the Corona virus including the following points:

- 1) The government is restricting groups of 100+ people, although he is recommending the group size ought to be 50+
- 2) Hand washing is imperative, although most do not wash properly (20 seconds with soap and water)
- 3) Churches are beginning to close, along with many other civic and social organizations
- 4) It is much better to be safe than sorry by not putting older people at risk
- 5) It is important to take a reasonable approach when managing risks
- 6) The Bridge Center has many objects that are touched: cards, bidding boxes, boards, tables, food
- 7) To be safe, everything that is touched by one person ought to be immediately disinfected because the virus is passed by touch
- 8) Persons need to stay a safe distance from one another
- 9) Any member who has traveled is at risk
- 10) Most who have the virus are asymptomatic

- 11) This virus is particularly challenging because these types of events are rare
- 12) The cases tend to be where interstates intersect
- 13) More guidance is forthcoming from the CDC

Dr. Lowe responded to questions for the members. He stated that responses to this virus should be based on the level of risks and added that it is better to be cautious. He added that sometimes we must give up a level of personal pleasure to potentially save lives and if we do this right, we will be accused of overreacting, but it's still the right thing to do. He emphasized that no one likes changing their behavior.

Molly made a motion and Pat seconded that the upcoming tournament be canceled and we suspend all games until April 1st. After a discussion concerning the game directors and how they own the game, a vote was taken and the motion was defeated. The directors in attendance stated that each player can assess their own situation and decide for themselves whether or not they can play and added that if one person in Las Cruces tests positive, they will consider canceling the game.

The current level of hand washing was discussed as many stated that some do not wash their hands after they use the toilet. A suggestion was made to post more hand washing reminders.

The limited supply of antibacterial lotion was discussed.

It was also discussed and agreed to stop providing food since it is a source of contamination.

Alison made a motion and seconded by Bob to make the decision regarding the March tournament on Monday, March 16th so we can base the decision on current conditions in the area. Motion passed.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm

Submitted,
Pat Calhoon, Secretary