

“Minutes” of Unit Board discussions month of May 2021

1. Face to Face bridge times are currently in transition as there are some players who prefer the morning start times while others prefer the afternoon start times. May start times have been 9:30 am. The start times for June games will be Noon. Players will be polled to determine which start times will be used going forward.

The Board decided to continue the “no-food” policy. Special events will allow food to be served, however, regularly scheduled games will not have food provided. Players may bring personal snacks or lunch as needed.

2. The Fairyland Duplicate Bridge Club has requested they be able to rent the Chattanooga Bridge Center as they have lost access to the room they’ve been using. The Board decided to allow the Fairyland Club to rent our facility 4 times for a \$25 fee each time as they continue to look for a more permanent location.
3. Richard Spangler, as Tournament Chair, suggested a range of dates in both March and October in 2022 for future tournaments. The Board approved these dates. He also proposed holding a Non-Life Master Tournament either in the early Fall of 2021 or early Spring of 2022. Further research will be done to decide which option is preferable.

Richard provided a flyer for the Fall Sectional to be held at the East Ridge Community Center on October 8-10, 2021. The flyer was approved by the Board. The Community Center and the Hotel are booked for this event.

4. Ambassadors who have played on BBO during the Pandemic will be compensated with a personal check. As records of how many times each Ambassador has played are not readily available, the Ambassador Chairperson, Ann Keown, will come up with an estimate for each person serving as Ambassador. The payment will be \$5 for each time an Ambassador served. The final amount for each Ambassador has not been determined at this time.
5. The Board will recommend to The Membership Chair that a Committee be formed to look for ways to encourage new players to the game of Bridge.

6. Michel Holmes presented his plan for bridge instruction to begin in September, 2021. These initial lessons will focus on the basics in order to encourage beginners to improve their skills by developing better playing and bidding techniques in order to encourage their more active and continued participation at the Bridge Center.
7. The Longest Day event this year is Chaired by Mary Robertson. There will be envelopes to contain donations at the Bridge Center and a box for collection. Both June 15 and June 18 are Face to Face games at the Bridge Center and snacks will be provided to honor this event.