

The Bridge Business Meeting Minutes.

Date: August 04, 2024

Present: Paula S. Chairperson, Lisa, C. Vice Chair, Clare B. Secretary, Cindy A. Treasurer, Mary Jane L. VR/WSO Rep, Carol C. WhatsApp Mod, Ellen G. Service Coordinator, Jeff E. Web Team, Deborah E., Rosalie D., Julie C., Faye J.

Open: At 6:30 EST with the Serenity Prayer

Minutes Approved: July 7 and July 14, 2024

Treasurer's Report - received via email - Cindy Ahern
July 6, 2024 to August 3, 2024

Income:

Venmo: \$72.00 (15 contributions)

Paypal: \$15.00 (1 contribution)

Total contributions: \$87.00

Expenses:

Web Blue Host \$15 for domain (oabridge.org) privacy and protection

Starting balance: \$1,149.00

Contributions: \$87.00

Expenses: \$15.00

Ending balance: \$1,221.00

Prudent Reserve: \$1,000.00

Upcoming expense:

next year's zoom fee in March 2025 approx \$160; next year's WSBC in May 2025 approx \$400

Suggested Distribution twice per year in June and December.

70% to virtual region, 30% to WSO

Webmaster/Web Team Report: Jeff E.

Update on status of the web account and emails.

1. Jeff worked with Phil L. (Ellen L's husband), and everything is now in the Bridge group's name, not Ellen's anymore, email and access.
2. The proposal is made for an expenditure of \$9.99, which is a policy to ensure that the Bridge will retain its ownership of the current domain name (oabridge.org) for one year if for some reason there was no credit card available to pay for it at time of processing domain payment.

Motion: To approve the expenditure of \$9.99 for domain name insurance; 9 in favor/one opposed:

Motion Passed - Cindy opposes the vote as she is not in favor of this insurance.

WhatsApp Report: Carol C.

1. Carol reports there have been no problems.
2. States the website hosting info for posting in the chat is incomplete: needs to ask for the phone number to be submitted. Webmaster will correct this.

Virtual Region Report & World Service Organization Report: Mary Jane L.

1. November 2024 marks the Regional Business Assembly
2. There will be an upcoming worldwide 24 hour Virtual Event held December 12, 2024 which will be organized by the WSO Twelve Step Within Committee and the Virtual Region

Upcoming Events and Service Opportunities

1. There will be a new series of recovery panels presented by the Virtual Region and titled **“The Interview.”** The Bridge was chosen to host the first one which will take place August 25th from 1pm to 3pm EDT. The presenters for this first panel will be Paula S., Lisa C., and George T.
2. The **Virtual Region Newcomer Open House** is September 21 & 22, 2024. All positions are filled, though it would be good to have a back-up speaker. A slide is shown presenting other service opportunities available at the Open House.

Service Coordinator Report: Ellen G.

1. The Saturday meeting cannot continue without service commitments, but there is a core of members who want to attend this meeting.
2. Historically, this meeting was started to allow European members to attend a Bridge meeting.
3. Security is discussed as the reason to have a hosted meeting. The need to get out the word with multiple announcements that meeting continuing is in jeopardy.
4. Meantime, Paula volunteers to host on August 10th and Mary Jane offers to do the lead.

Motion: Let the meeting happen if it will while making the effort to get hosts and leaders; 7/2 **Motion Passed** Lisa opposed: not a clean, clear path to go forward; Clare opposed: no security.

There is further discussion of time limits and the specific objections. The point is made that if we had IGRs, we could be certain that the word would get back to the meetings for announcement each time. New motion set forward.

Motion: Let the meeting happen if it will, but strenuously announce that if the meeting does not get both a host and a leader, it will be closed and deregistered. The month of August is set as a time limit. Unanimous. **Motion Passed.**

1. An email will be sent to the Bridge group, and it will be posted on the Bridge WhatsApp.
2. This item will be added to next month's agenda.

Old Business:

Defining and differentiating: group business vs. intergroup business. Jeff E.

The Bridge minutes of February 2024 are displayed in which the following motion was made: *A motion was brought to the floor by Lisa C We would continue to conduct the Group Bridge Business meeting as we have been, with all present being able to vote on Group Business issues and to leave time at the end to conduct Intergroup business if needed. Intergroup Voting members: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer, World Service Representative. Intergroup Business would include: Changing Bylaws, electing officers, passing motions, selecting WSO and Virtual Region Reps etc. All Intergroup Business would be announced and put on the Agenda to give officers notice of an Intergroup Vote Motion passed 7 -1. No minority opinion, 1 member abstaining to vote.*

The Bylaws, Article V section describing intergroup meetings is displayed: *Intergroup meetings shall be held at least once per year for the election of officers, representatives to the Virtual Region Assembly, and delegates to the World Service Business Conference.*

1. The point is made that it has already been decided what differentiates group business from intergroup, but the argument is made that it is not clear.
2. The Chair proposes that the officers meet separately to determine what is group business and what will be defined as intergroup business.

The Chairperson, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and VR/WSO Representative will hold this special meeting at 6:30pm prior to the August 11th regularly scheduled Bridge meeting.

New Business: None

Chair calls for motion to adjourn; **Motion Passed.**

Meeting closed @ 7:47pm EST / 4:47pm PDT

Next Business meeting: Sunday September 8th, 2024 6:30 EDT

August Service Commitments:

- Sunday - Julie C Leader, Faye J. Zoom host
- Tuesday - Joy Leader, Clare Zoom host (Backup Zoom host - Carol 8/20)
- Thursday - George Leader, Kristen B Zoom host (Backup Zoom host - Deborah 8/22)
- Saturday – OPEN (with the exception of 8/10: Mary Jane L. Leader, Paula S. Zoom Host)

Addendum:

Saturday - As of August 14th:

- August 17th - Brenden M. Leader, Christine M. Zoom host
- August 24th - Ellen Leader, Christine M. Zoom host
- August 31st - Karen A. Leader, Christine M. Zoom host