

00:06:53 Kevin: anyone know where I can find Management report to BoD and Advisory Council presented at Phoenix NABC meetings?

00:06:55 Marilyn Goldstein: please adjust screen

00:07:04 Marilyn Goldstein: can only see top of head

00:07:10 Marilyn Goldstein: ok now

00:07:38 Wendy Egeland: why

00:08:36 Robert Whiting: cant everyone afford 10 cents?

00:09:15 Kevin: will BBO Bridge Club be paying the \$1.10 per table as well, or does their contract protect them from such increases?

00:09:45 Vickie Vallone: ACBL has made a small fortune in last couple years! Just plain greed!

00:09:49 Ray Yuenger: Most hands have been up since before the meeting started.

00:10:12 Debbie Thornton: Am I right in reading this to say that every virtual club game will be charged \$4.00

00:10:17 Jim Ricker: Please state the current state of the ACBL budget

00:11:22 Wendy Egeland: why is it necessary

00:12:21 Larry Hays: This assumes we pass the cost on the players.

00:12:44 Susan Mazzei: BBO increase should be \$4 per table, since they don't have F2F tables

00:12:49 Larry Hays: Where is Greg tonight?

00:13:15 Susan Mazzei: Yes, please explain what happened to Greg.

00:13:31 Jim Ricker: Greg no longer works for ACBL

00:13:40 Marcia McCalden: If anyone knows of a Bridgemate controller that our club could use Jan - Mar, please contact me at marciamccalden@yahoo.com. Willing to pay rent and /or postage.

00:13:53 Ronald Schoenau: who is talking?

00:14:06 Vickie Vallone: Hahaha

00:14:19 Ray Yuenger: Paul Cuneo is the speaker.

00:14:23 Donna: We are now crushing the online revenue in a misguided attempt to force players back to play in face 2 face.

00:14:25 Staci Christian: Greg is gone? Dear Lord.

00:14:38 Donna: The same directors when laid off worked on bbo.

00:14:44 Jim Ricker: Paul is replacing Joe and Greg

00:15:04 Jim Ricker: at least interim

00:15:18 Kevin: Paul Cuneo, interim Exec Director, should introduce himself to all of us -- none have seen him before

00:15:20 Wendy Egeland: not good without Greg

00:15:59 Staci Christian: Gonna miss Greg!

00:16:09 Marcia McCalden: yes, a server with its cord ...we are taking ours on a cruise and want to leave one with the club

00:16:15 Bonnie Stettler: Is Greg still with ACBL?

00:16:20 Jim Ricker: no

00:16:23 Debra Freisleben: ACBL's IT dept is going to have fun reprogramming all these changes for Accounting!

00:16:34 suemanning: There is a thread on bridge winners about management changes

00:16:43 Debbie Thornton: That is the death knell for online bridge!

00:16:59 Jim Ricker: joe jones and greg coles are both gone.

00:17:02 Staci Christian: Thank you, Sue.

00:17:09 Michael Gooden: We're running a national meeting with a handheld shaky cell phone?

00:17:23 Susan Mazzei: We need a thread on Bridgewinners to discuss these new fees. Should be interesting.

00:18:11 shirl: Joe and Greg are no longer with ACBL?

00:18:17 Susan Mazzei: Why is there a rebate for 1st 50 tables? Why not just say the first 50 tables are \$1.10 and after that an extra \$4.00?

00:18:24 Jim Ricker: correct shirl\

00:18:43 T29 Chris Wiegand: 49

00:19:26 Debbie Thornton: First 50 tables in what time period?

00:19:28 Lynn Chapin: @Michael, Paul's computer was not working on the wifi where he is, so he was able to start our meeting on his phone. :)

00:19:36 T29 Chris Wiegand: this is on a per month basis

00:19:37 Lynn Chapin: @debbie - first 50 in the MONTH

00:19:45 david reiter: This guy is just a mouthpiece for the ACBL and they don't care at all about the F2F clubs. It is do frustrating for me as a F2F owner Do they purposely make everything so complicated that no one can understand it

00:19:58 Ray Yuenger: Thanks, Lynn.

00:20:13 Marilyn Goldstein: yes David Reiter

00:20:59 Marilyn Goldstein: need further explanation.....

00:21:07 Wendy Egeland: I agree we just get to pay more!

00:21:25 Robert Whiting: come on people

00:21:35 david reiter: I have been a club owner for 12 years and I have written to the ACBL and to the executive director and to the President about working with the F2F clubs and the on line clubs and have gotten nowhere.

00:21:52 Jan: How does the volume rebate get paid? Our F2F is larger than Virtual

00:22:03 Vickie Vallone: This is ridiculous!

00:22:13 duran: if everyone would put their hands down and raise at the appropriate time it would be easier to address your question.

00:22:41 Wendy Egeland: I don't care. What's important is the special games for next year.

00:23:06 Ray Yuenger: People have learned from prior meetings to raise hands early to get queue priority.

00:23:10 david reiter: This man speaks in a language that is not understandable to a normal person

00:23:13 Susan Miguel: OMG! Are we actually trying to create more MEGA games

00:23:22 Cindy Stewart: what happens to current pooling relationships?

00:23:25 Elly: small virtual clubs running F2F should not be affected

00:23:52 Lynn Chapin: @Cindy, nothing happens to pooling. It remains as is.

00:23:54 Jim Ricker: this makes no discussion regarding pooling... IMHO

00:24:26 David Heron: I don't understand what happens if you are virtual only

00:24:51 Jim Ricker: timing

00:24:55 Joe Grill: If you're virtual only, you pay an extra \$4 per table.

00:24:56 Jamie Newman: Where can we read more? Very confusing.

00:25:14 Susan Miguel: He just said small VACB clubs should close their games and pool with larger games so those games can increase their rebate

00:25:23 Wendy Egeland: Greg always gave us info at the beginning so then we could go on with our life.

00:25:29 heather.harmeyer: If we are virtual only, we will still get the credit for the first 50 tables, correct?

00:25:42 Debbie Thornton: Those of us running very small online games only will be gone within weeks!

00:25:49 suemanning: correct

00:25:50 Marilyn Goldstein: if we get a rebate, why pay the \$4 in the first place?

00:25:56 Lynn Chapin: A master chooses two of its EXISTING F2F secondary clubs as partners, so long as those clubs are in the same district as the master.

00:26:01 Staci Christian: \$5.10

00:26:04 Jim Ricker: Sadly, you need to accept the fact that Greg doesn't live here anymore

00:26:05 Susan Mazzei: I think there are tax implications to you charging me the money and then rebating it.

00:26:26 Dennis Harms: WHY are we doing this? What does it accomplish?

00:26:40 Jim Ricker: raise revenue for ACBL

00:26:43 Susan Miguel: That's the best question of the night.

00:26:44 Jamie Newman: Paul needs to dial it back. He's bordering on being rude.

00:26:49 Terry: so a \$6 virtual club pays 5.10 to acbl

00:26:54 Susan Miguel: Deserves a plain English answer

00:26:56 Susan Mazzei: Not even a month. Should have been at least a 30 day notice

00:26:58 Staci Christian: And kill the virtual clubs

00:27:09 shirl: did Greg move back to Canada?

00:27:10 Dianne Barton-Paine: This means that I'm going to have to raise my entry fee, because I only run one online game a week and am lucky to get 30 tables in a month, so there's no way that I'll ever get any rebate. If I raise my entry fee -- JUST TO STAY EVEN, I guarantee that I'll lose some players and my online income will shrink to almost nothing. This idea is ridiculous.

00:27:29 Susan Beals: I agree he is also bordering on condescending

00:27:37 Jan: Our board does not meet again until after Jan 14

00:27:45 Jim Ricker: Paul is fine, the news is harsh

00:27:54 suemanning: Online clubs get 50 table/mop rebate so should be ok for small clubs?

00:28:29 david reiter: This will not work. Anyone who thinks that it will is dreaming. if simple things don't work well, how is something this complicate going to work

00:28:42 Susan Mazzei: He just said we have to pay the \$5.10 per table and then wait for the rebate. There are tax implications to this.

00:29:04 Jim Ricker: tax implications are positive... lower revenue

00:29:13 Susan Miguel: Any of course BBO games will be paying close to \$5

00:29:45 Sharon Ohsfeldt: what kind of report will be receive to indicate how the \$ were calculated? Need info to be able to divide \$ among the virtual club

00:29:47 Lynn Chapin: EMAIL LYNN

VACB@acbl.org

00:30:00 Mark Cohen: Don't listen. Don't think. Just complain. It's the thing to do...

00:30:29 Susan Miguel: Need to treat BBO game the same.

00:30:47 Jan: So, if we have 250 F2F tables, we get \$1000 more per month??

00:30:57 Jim Ricker: BBO is under contract until 3/2025

00:30:58 Joe Grill: No. lol

00:31:06 MObridge: how do I put up my hand?

00:31:10 Susan Miguel: I uses VACB \$ to support F2F and now you are threatening that

00:31:10 Sharon Ohsfeldt: 10 cents raise is difficult to collect. Higher raise would have been better. Who plans to collect the extra dime?

00:31:17 NCBridge Pal: Where is Greg?

00:31:37 Ray Yuenger: Raise hand under "reactions" at bottom of the screen.

00:32:27 MObridge: Thanks

00:32:30 Matthew Dyer: My reading of this is no effect on small clubs (all of the additional cost is rebated, but will essentially charge an extra buck a player for mega-clubs. Am I missing something? Sounds small-club friendly to me

00:32:31 Michael Kruley: I assume BBO is still taking its cut from virtual games above the \$5.10 per table to ACBL

00:32:56 Ray Yuenger: Matt, that's also how I read it.

00:33:12 Marilyn Goldstein: did Mathew summarize this correctly?

00:33:21 Karen Walker: It sounds BBO-friendly to me. VACB clubs will have to keep their entry fees so high that it will drive more players to the cheaper BBO ACBL games.

00:33:21 ann caparros: Will the results of the rebate, non rebate be audited. When and by whom.

00:33:25 Bill Brewer: this is an odd meeting...no introductitotns of Joe even though we had an email and the use of technology is shakey and best..happy to help for enxt meeting having run tons of zoom webinars

00:33:28 suemanning: Yes up to 50 tables per month

00:33:28 John Nothdurft:Is BBO the only ones with a separate contract?

00:33:29 David Heron: Do you need an accounting degree to follow this?

00:33:31 Matthew Dyer: Lynn? Did I get it right?

00:33:38 Rising Tide Toastmasters: Yes, Matt that's what I think too.If the rebates are timely should be OK for cash flow.

00:33:55 Susan Miguel: The point is someone needs to admit why?

00:34:06 suemanning: That is not Joe, it is Paul Cuneo

00:34:29 Debbie Thornton: Many, many players are already abandoning the Virtual Clubs for the BBO ACBL online games

00:34:39 Marilyn Goldstein: Did Matthew get it right, no impact to small clubs?

00:34:58 Joe Grill: More or less Marilyn.

00:35:15 Matthew Dyer: 10c more per table.

00:35:29 Susan Mazzei: You have to already be pooled with them. Correct?

00:35:31 Elly: BBO CONTRACT is 20%... ACBL can't change their contract with BBO BUT BBO can increase fees????

00:35:42 Jane Houston Jones: Jane Houston Jones, representing my hubby Mojo Morris Jones who is unpacking chairs at his new bridge club

00:35:48 Susan Miguel: Here we go again. Why are we talking small clubs joining big ones

00:35:49 Peter Marcus: For those who haven't heard, in the last 2 weeks, Joe Jones (Executive Director), Mary Straton (Director of Marketing) and Greg Coles (Dirrerctor of Operations) no longer work for ACBL.

00:35:54 Georgette: anxious to hear view of joe grill--voice of reason

00:36:03 Joe Grill: LOL.

00:36:06 Lynn Chapin: @Matthew, any club that holds fewer than 50 virtual tables is exempt from this -- ultimately exempt, that is. You will be refunded \$4/table for up to 50 tables every month.

00:37:09 Susan Miguel: OMG!

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00:37:11 Joe Grill: You can charge more or absorb the cost. It's a business decision.

00:37:20 Marilyn Goldstein: Lynn, what happens if you have more than 50 tables per month?

00:37:21 Rising Tide Toastmasters: LOL in 1972

00:37:28 Dennis Harms: They are going after big virtual clubs without F2F associated with them.

00:37:37 Karen Walker: ACBL's IT director, Suzie Cordell, also left abruptly.

00:37:46 Matthew Dyer: IT's \$1 a player, not \$4 a table

00:37:48 Susan Miguel: No one charges \$8 can someone brief him before he speaks

00:37:59 Dianne Barton-Paine: Paul obviously never had to pay \$400 a day rent -- which I would have to pay if I went back to f2f

00:38:54 Marilyn Goldstein: Lynn, Is the extra cost \$5.00 or \$5.10 per table for virtual club game??

00:39:00 Susan Miguel: It's worse. We are paying the debts incurred by poor management decisions

00:39:27 Susan Beals: Susan.. what he told me is it is \$5.10 for virtual games, I asked that specifically

00:40:21 heather.harmeyer: Is the goal to just kill Virtual clubs?

00:40:31 Mary Stuart: Strangling virtual clubs?

00:40:35 Susan Miguel: This is to cover hundreds of thousands of authorized expenditures on bad tech

00:40:43 heather.harmeyer: As a young player, this is going to spell the demise of the game of bridge and ACBL

00:40:48 Mary Stuart: Jim Ricker makes an excellent point

00:40:51 Kevin Wilson: it appears like that me

00:40:58 heather.harmeyer: This is 2022 and the world is online

00:41:00 Susan Miguel: I'd feel better is someone just admitted that with clear numbers

00:41:21 Jamie Newman: The ACBL needs to treat both F2F and VACB clubs the same. No matter what the BOD believes, BBO is here to stay.

00:41:35 Dennis Harms: It is shorted sighted for ACBL to penalize Virtual Clubs attempting to push F2F.

00:41:37 Ray Yuenger: Can people try not to speak over Paul?

00:41:52 Mary Stuart: Do we get to see the revenue and expenses for 2022?

00:42:07 Pramod Khanna: Agreed - Virtual Clubs should be treated with respect!

00:42:13 Mary Stuart: Arranging deck chairs on the Titanic?

00:42:14 Susan Miguel: TRANSPARENCY

00:42:16 Lynn Chapin: @Marilyn, if you hold face-to-face games as well as your virtual ones, you will be rebated \$4/table for 3 x the total face-to-face tables (up to the number of virtual games you held).

00:43:09 Marilyn Goldstein: thanks Lynn, we only have a virtual game, no Face to Face game.

00:43:36 Jan: Lynn, does up to the number of virtual games held include total virtual or total virtual minus the 50 table rebate

00:43:38 Kathy: We have no F2F games either. Only Virtual

00:43:53 Kathy: So how does that affect Marilyn and mine

00:44:10 Joe Grill: ... then you'll pay \$5.10 per table....

00:44:24 Brenda: We have no virtual, so do we not get the rebate?

00:44:41 Joe Grill: ... and your first 50 tables of virtual clubs (\$4 per) get rebated.

00:44:59 Ray Yuenger: If you don't have a virtual club, you won't be charged \$4 per table, so what rebate do you expect?

00:45:00 Marilyn Goldstein: thanks Joe, then we get a rebate at the end of the month for what we paid extra?

00:45:28 Pramod Khanna: But the clubs pay fees up front but the rebate comes in BBO \$ - That seems odd!

00:45:30 Joe Grill: The first 50 tables online you get the \$4 rebated.

00:45:48 Cindy Stewart: How many club championship were given in 2020 and 2021.

00:46:00 Cindy Stewart: I mean 2021 and 2022.

00:46:01 heather.harmeyer: These are only for F2F, right?

00:46:04 Elly: will extra fees provide better ACBL service??

00:46:06 heather.harmeyer: the special games, that is

00:46:29 Brenda: what were the numbers for CC and enhanced CC?

00:46:29 Staci Christian: Is that true Pramond?

00:46:48 T29 Chris Wiegand: 8 weeks of regular CC and 2 of upgraded CC for 2023.

00:47:01 Debra Freisleben: 8 CCs and 2 UCCs. Same as for 2022

00:47:04 shirl: How do we find out how many we've used if we didn't keep CC and UGCC records?

00:47:07 Pramod Khanna: Staci - I am trying to get clarification on that.

00:47:18 Lynn Chapin: THIS is the same package ACBL has awarded F2F clubs in 2021 and 2022.

00:47:26 Lynn Chapin: HOW TO FIGURE OUT WHAT YOU HAVE RUN:

00:47:26 Staci Christian: I doubt it would come from BBO

00:47:46 Susan Miguel: If anyone wants to organize a resistance for taking back our league, vikingbridgeclub@cox.net

00:47:53 T29 Chris Wiegand: These were the same numbers from 2021 and 2022. If you have leftovers from those years, you may redeem those leftovers in 2023 as well as the new ones.

00:47:54 Lynn Chapin: Go to your club results
<https://my.acbl.org/club-results/245043> ← change to your club number.

00:48:07 Lynn Chapin: THEN click the little arrow to the right of the word RATING

00:48:12 Susan Miguel: Our future obviously depends on iy

00:48:20 Karen: is that 8 club championships in addition to the 1 per quarter?

00:48:31 T29 Chris Wiegand: Correct. In addition to the usual one per quarter

00:49:00 Karen: TC thank you

00:49:24 Brenda:so it is actually 12. Why don't they just say that

00:49:51 Staci Christian: I would think the Unit board would have to request that. Not just anyone.

00:50:39 Coach Diana: Are there minutes from ACBL board meeting

00:50:50 Diane Dillman: Sorry but I have no clue about the "importance" of a 9 number.

00:50:57 Lynn Chapin: <https://my.acbl.org/club-results/245043> -- that is how to display your club games by rating :)

00:51:20 Lynn Chapin: @Diane, you only need the "9 number" if you are a Unit running virtual games.

00:51:33 Marilyn Goldstein: ??????

00:51:57 Diane Dillman: Thank you

00:52:56 RoberT9 Maier: Half table in STaC can be filled with robots

00:53:50 RoberT9 Maier: anyone can ask question in chat, we can answer them while the talking go on at the same time

00:53:54 Marilyn Wells: Yes true but during a STaC the club's pay for that 1/2 table

00:54:01 Robert: our STAC doc says that you pay for the robots If your use them. It may differ by district?

00:54:08 RoberT9 Maier: everyone pays

00:54:23 RoberT9 Maier: fee is per table, robot half table costs the same

00:54:31 Kevin Wilson: can an acbl employee answer this: If we run a robot tournament where we have one human and three robots at a table, is there any reduced table fee or recalculation since there are only 25% paying customers?

00:54:44 Dennis Harms: How do you do robots with F2F? and are Stac games only F2F?

00:56:06 Susan Fronapfel: Questions: For special games on BBO, e.g. Junior Fund games in January, what will be the fee structure?

00:56:35 Debra Freisleben: 11 AM CST or EST?

00:57:30 Staci Christian: EST

00:57:47 Susan Beals: Why are we running a meeting for F2F games at 11:00AM when a lot of us are at our club setting up for our game or are running a game? We can't attend

00:58:04 Ray Yuenger: Susan, what time is good for your for a meeting?

00:58:11 Wes Powers: no, it's 3:00 Central, 4:00 Eastern

00:58:13 Susan Beals: Evening

00:58:23 Ray Yuenger: PST, EST?

00:58:30 Susan Beals: No F2F meetings in the evening

00:58:36 Wes Powers: the 11:30 meeting is for teachers

00:58:41 Bill Brewer: what time Wed...

00:58:44 Bill Brewer: ok 11 CST

00:58:59 Jan: Didn't get the email about Wed meeting

00:59:03 Staci Christian: That's for teachers, I think.

00:59:04 Bill Brewer: what time is it 11 or 4

00:59:15 Bill Brewer: which is which

00:59:31 Karen Walker: I didn't get either email.

00:59:46 Wes Powers: they're recording the meetings

00:59:53 Wes Powers: no time is good for everyone.

00:59:54 Joe Grill: No time is going to be acceptable to every person.

01:00:43 Lynn Chapin: Teacher at 12:30 PM ET and Managers' 4 PM ET WEDNESDAY

01:00:47 Sharon Smith: Evening meetings at 7pm ET have worked better historically

01:01:13 Sharon Smith: Thank You for sharing information and being available for questions