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Temporary Financial Assistance for Members

Financial Assistance for Members (FAM) - the Bridge Family Fund

Introduction

The TBA understands that sometimes members can encounter financial difficulties which may limit their ability to continue playing bridge. If a member drops out of playing bridge, there is the possibility that they may not rejoin because of lack of continuity. The TBA wants to support members to keep on playing bridge and staying a part of the bridge community.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to keep members engaged in bridge and the club should they encounter temporary financial hardship that means they are not able to afford to pay either membership fees or table money.

Scope

This policy applies to all TBA members.

Policy

- The TBA may provide financial assistance to members who identify as suffering from temporary financial hardship.
- The TBA will advise its members that there are some funds available should they need temporary financial assistance to allow them to continue playing bridge at the TBA.
- The assistance is only short term and will be made by discrete payments into the members ABF account.
- Allocations of either \$20, \$50 or \$100 may be approved. A maximum of \$1000 will be allocated per year for this fund.
- The TBA Committee will appoint two Committee members each year to review each application and determine if the request should be approved and to which level.
- The Committee members will retain a confidential record of who has received money and a brief statement regarding each application about why they have been approved or not and for what amount.
- Any approvals will be reported to the Committee at the next Committee meeting.

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