

**ACBL Unit 479  
Board Meeting Minutes  
January 12, 2020**

**Present:** Directors: Bing Kibbey, John Wolf, Carole Schmitz, Dave Partridge, Carl Scheffler, Ellen McCumsey, Don Marsh, Betsy Ovitt. **Absent:** Denise Cox, Susie Leo **Guests:** Laurie Rowe, Dennis Harms, Carol Harms, Judy Nevell.

**Meeting Called to Order at 11:31 by Bing Kibbey.**

**Minutes** of December 8, 2019, were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report** - Carole

Carole sent out the Treasurer reports before the meeting, including copies of the December bank statement. The general report was approved as presented. This report showed a total bank balance of \$14,259.24

**Action: Carole**

**Item: Informational**

**Old Business**

2020 Unit Board Election -Bing

There are 5 openings for the Unit Board next year. People who are willing to be nominated are Carl Scheffler, Joyce Spence, Diane Bricker, Ali Amory and Betsy Ovitt. Betsy will bring ballots, Bing will call for nominations from the floor at the Annual Meeting. Bing will also highlight the Board accomplishments for the year.

**Action: Betsy**

**Item: Closed**

Unit Party – Betsy

Everything is pretty well set. We need volunteers to transport equipment and supplies. Don will make announcements about that and Betsy will send out sign-up and volunteer reminders. Kim and Jeanne are the Directors.

**Action: Betsy**

**Item: Open**

**New Business**

Unit Game Attendance –Betsy

A survey was sent to find out why Unit Game Attendance is low. Don stated that the Sunday games are small. Betsy discussed the results of the survey that was sent to 109 members of the Google Groups email list. There were 46 responses. Of those responses, 20 stated that day of the week was the reason they attend Hardly Ever or Sometimes. The question was raised about piloting a second game on a Friday Morning once a month. Betsy will send a second survey to see interest.

**Action: Betsy send survey**

**Item: Open**

### Review Free Plays – Bing

According to our new operational manual, Free Plays for Unit Games are to be reviewed every January. Currently, Mary Eggers gets it for hosting the picnic, Jon Neimand for making board carriers, and Sharon Lyons for baking. It was decided to maintain the free plays for Sharron and Mary and Bing will follow up with Jon as the thinking was that the free play compensation was for one year.

**Action: Bing**

**Item: Open to March**

### Annual Financial Review – Carole

Laurie Hunter has declined to review our financial processes and procedures. This is a review and not an audit. We think maybe Georgette could do this for us.

**Action: Don to check with Georgette re: be a back-up**

**Item: Open to Marc**

### Partnership Chair Online Potential –Dave

Dave is working with Leigh re: using the websites of the Unit and ACBL for getting partners for Sectionals. Leigh is willing to be the person at the partnership desk, and he will be. Dave will be the tech person to expedite the online ability to find partners. He is looking into the fact that players can post their convention card on the ACBL website which may help with partnering. Dave is now an administrator with Ralph for the Google Group email. Dave is also looking into how to do blast text messaging and integrating everything into the website.

**Action: Dave**

**Item: Open**

### Good of Club

#### Debrief after games – Carl

Carl wondered if having a quick -10-15 minute debrief after games to discuss hands might help folks with interest and learning more about the game. Don agreed to do this after the games where he doesn't have batting practice.

**Action: Don**

**Item: Open**

### In Memory

Laurie shared a story about her father who was also an expert bridge player and recently passed away. We express our condolences to her and our appreciation for him.

### **Next Meetings**

**Annual Meeting February 9 at Shadow Hills**

**Board Meeting, March 8, 2020 at 11:30**