

**ACBL Unit 479
Board Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2020**

Present: Directors: Bing Kibbey, John Wolf, Carole Schmitz, Dave Partridge, Carl Scheffler, Joyce Spence, Diane Bricker, Ali Amory, Betsy Ovitt. **Guests:** Don Marsh, Laurie Rowe, Jon Neimand, Martin Nice, Ellen McCumsey, Leigh Wells.

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

Officer Elections

The Board unanimously elected the following Officers:

President, John Wolf

Vice-President, Carl Scheffler

Treasurer, Carole Schmitz

Secretary, Betsy Ovitt

It was also unanimously that John Wolf be added as a signatory for the checking account with Carole Schmitz and Bing Kibbey be removed.

Minutes of January 12 and February 9, 2019, were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report – Carole

Carole sent out the Treasurer reports before the meeting, including copies of the January and February bank statements. She also sent the Income and Expense report for the Unit Party. The general report was approved as presented. This report showed a total bank balance of \$13,539.38

The Unit Party was briefly discussed as the subsidizing from the unit was \$33 per player, \$8 for food and then \$25 for the room and Director's fees. The charge for next year will be discussed when Unit Party plans are underway.

Action: Carole

Item: Informational

District 20 Board Meeting – Laurie

Laurie discussed the District's board meeting. The Board has worked to reduce expenses in order to be more financially stable. Some of the changes are: Pricing for the Regionals will go up from \$13 to \$15, hospitality will be reduced from \$5 to \$4, and a committee will review free plays. The Medford Regional will be changing to perhaps Redding. The game times in 2021 will be 10:30 and 3:30. The report from Dennis Harms will be posted.

Action: Betsy post the report

Item: Informational

Old Business

Review Free Plays– Bing

Unit Game free plays have been awarded to Jon Neimand (for building Board carriers), Sharron Lyons (for bringing cakes) and Mary Eggers (for hosting picnic). It was decided it was time that Jon's free plays expire this year. Mary's will continue. The question of whether Sharron still wanted to bake for the Unit Games was raised. Sharron is also paid \$10 for the cakes. Denise will find out.

Action: Denise

Item: Open to April

Annual Financial Review – Carole

Georgette Silber has agreed to review the financials. This is not an audit, just a review to be sure the books are in order.

Action: Carole and John to contact Georgette

Item: Open to April

Partnership Chair Online Potential –Dave

We are still trying to reconcile developing a unified email list that is updated and accurate. Betsy and Don reviewed the website and Google Groups. Betsy is working on the CSV document for updating names and email addresses for Google Groups. The question is whether ACBL can send a list of the Unit Members and their emails. Betsy will follow up with ACBL and send the updated CSV list to Dave as well as any list from ACBL.

Whether a group texting capability can happen is a question that was raised. But getting a unified email list first is the priority.

Action: Betsy and Dave

Item: Open to April

New Business

Sectional Fees – Martin

Martin Nice made a motion to increase the Sectional Fees to \$10. This was unanimously approved.

Action: Martin

Item: Closed

Unit Game Change–Betsy

The question of whether the Unit Game should be moved from Sunday to Friday was raised. The Unit Game attendance is very low. The Survey showed that the day of the week was the biggest problem. There has been good attendance for classes held on Friday mornings.

Betsy made a motion to pilot adding a second Unit Game for April and May for Friday mornings. After much discussion, this motion was defeated. It was moved and seconded to try to encourage participation in the Sunday game by sending out communications to 199ers (so there could be two games –Open and 199) and emphasizing benefits for attending. This was approved with a vote of 6 yeas, 2 abstaining, and 1 nay.

Action: Betsy and Ellen

Item: Open

Education and Beginning Bridge –Denise

Denise just got back from Tallahassee where they have classes twice a week to help recruit and teach newer bridge players. She suggested that we have an Education Committee to implement a player development process here. This was unanimously approved with Denise being in charge of the committee.

Action: Denise, Ellen, Laurie, Don, Diane

Item: Open to April

Good of Club

Don Marsh has changed his email address to donmarsh45@comcast.net

Unit Game Set-Up and Clean Up

The Board needs to address this ongoing issue. We need to come at 11:10 to help set up for the Unit Game. This will be discussed next month for a solution.

Action: John put on Agenda

Item: Open to April

Tabled Open Items from January Minutes:

Debrief after games – Carl

Action: John place on April Agenda

Item: Open to April

Meeting adjourned at 12:28.

Respectfully submitted
Betsy Ovitt, Secretary

Next Meetings

Board Meeting, April 12 , 2020 at 11:30