

ACBL Unit 479
Board Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2020

Present: Directors: Bing Kibbey, John Wolf, Carole Schmitz, Dave Partridge, Carl Scheffler, Joyce Spence, Diane Bricker, Denise Cox, Ali Amory, Betsy Ovitt. **Guests:** Don Marsh, Sherri Morgan, Martin Nice

ZOOM Meeting Called to Order at 11:31 by John Wolf.

Minutes of March 8, 2019, were approved with one attendance correction.

Sectional and Regional Tournaments – Martin Nice

There was a review of the Jeff Jacob's and Martin's letters concerning the Sectional and the Regional Tournaments. Don shared his concern with our Sectional conflicting with the Milwaukie Sectional. The Board voted to hold our sectional June 4-6, 2021.

Action: Martin to check with Bushnell University for availability of those dates as well as dates to sign the contract, when the deposit is needed, and cancellation policy. **Item: Open**

Board Meetings- John Wolf

The By-Laws indicate that the Unit is to have 10 Board meetings per year including the annual meeting. To date the Unit has had three in-person meetings, three email meetings and one ZOOM meeting. The Board agreed to meet second Sunday of Sept, Oct., Nov., and Dec. at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom in order to meet the requisite number of meetings.

Action: All members to schedule

Item: Closed

Treasurer's Report – Carole Schmitz

Carole emailed the Treasurer reports to the Board before the meeting. Total account balance is \$20,194 including checking, Money Market, CD and EBC. The Treasurers report was discussed and approved. There was discussion about what to do with the Save the Club Fund of \$6726. Ali reported that a donor had voiced concern about the status of their donation and perhaps wanted her donation returned. Don reported that the Club does not need financial assistance at this time, but may in the future.

It was decided to review the Save the Club fund each month at the Board meeting and to consider options.

It was decided that if members want to have their donation refunded on a pro-rated basis (as money from the funds has been spent) they can contact Carole Schmitz, Treasurer.

Action: Carole to write a report for **John** to send to all Unit members re: Save the Club Fund status and indicate how donations may be returned on a pro-rated basis.

Annual Meeting – Bing Kibbey

The Pandemic makes it unlikely that an in-person annual meeting will be held in February. The decision to cancel need to be made before January 13.

The question of what to do about Board elections was discussed. John, Carole, Denise and Dave are at the end of their second year and their terms expire. It was agreed that everyone's term should be extended by one year. This means that next year those four would not retire and the other 5 who would normally retire in 2021 would wait until 2022. An electronic annual meeting and vote could be held. A quorum, according to the By-laws is 30 members. Bing will write the proposal to amend the By-laws in order to accommodate this one-time change.

Action: Bing to write proposal for John to send in his member letter Item: Open to September

Old Business not covered this meeting

Review Free Plays– Bing

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

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

Partnership Chair Online Potential –Dave

Email list and texting capability

Action: Betsy and Dave Item: Open

Unit Game Change–Betsy

Consider piloting an additional Unit game on Fridays to increase attendance.

Action: Betsy and Ellen Item: Open

Education and Beginning Bridge –Denise

Denise will convene an Education Committee in the future.

Action: Denise, Ellen, Laurie, Don, Diane Item: Open

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.

Action: John Item: Open

Meeting adjourned at 11:59.

Respectfully submitted by Betsy Ovitt, Secretary

Next Meeting: September 13 , 2020 at 11:00